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 SPRING 2013

Some of our Charlie CBO's, including yours truly, went to Ventura CA to attend a memorial service for our former CO, **George C. White III**. The family, led by **George's wonderful wife Pattie**, threw a great party after the service just the way George would have wanted it. We actually gathered at San Buenaventura, the seaside resort area of Ventura, in The Piedmont Inn, which is on the CA registry for Historic hotels and buildings. It was originally built in 1908, in a craftsman style, and upgraded over the years. Very cool place.

On Thursday, Mar. 7th, Edd Murrell, Rich Miller, Larry Mason, Arnie Freeman, and me, piled into Edd's beautiful Ford truck and headed south to sunny CA. ...well, mostly sunny. After passing through Bakersfield CA, we cut over to the coast on a famous road nicknamed The Grapevine, where we ran smack dab into a white-out snow storm that closed the road just after we passed through-due to Edd having tons of snow driving experience and a lead foot. We did rag on AI Gore and global warming the rest of the way, having seen no such snow storm in Portland OR like it this winter, and Arnie hadn't seen anything like it in Othello WA either. Hey! This is southern California! Isn't there some kind of guarantee against this type of weather down here? Then we remembered that we are Triple Deucers and we never have uneventful trips that go smooth as silk. But, as Triple Deucers do, we do get there in the end, when it counts.

The memorial service, and party afterwards gave the family, and the CBO's a different slant on this amazing man. The family was very interested and grateful to hear about our feelings for George and our experiences with him--what he was like as a top notch combat infantry leader during extremely tough times. We CBO's got to hear about George's personal life including many antidotes about him that we would never guess. Like his love of birds, and, quite naturally, the lack of fondness for cats. We were not surprised to learn that others saw what we CBO's saw in George. For us, he is the benchmark for leadership under duress, as well as training and preparation for the unknown. George walked the walk of a true Combat Infantry leader in our lives, and a loving father, grandfather, and friend—like a dozen or so of his neighbors that attended, and spoke of his positive influence on their neighborhood, and the resulting friendship of George and Pattie.

The service was beautiful, and many people spoke about their being influenced by George in a very positive, loving way. It was emotional, to say the least, but not in a hurtful way, because, after all, we did get to know him, where so many others did not. We all agreed that we were lucky indeed to know this man that stood always for, Deeds, not Words.

You will notice that some changes have been made to our website recently, thanks to Steve Irvine and Harold Metcalf. We have some great plans for improving it more and more. Both Harold and Steve are learning a lot about programs that will help, along with the combined requests, of members, and the creative ability of members, we will take our site to a higher level in regards to appearance, ease of use (Old fart proof?) We need before and after pics of you guys for the site, articles of your tour in Nam for Dan Streit to get in the NL, and your dues paid on time. Hmmm. I better get a check off to **Jim** May myself. Yep, the old Prez. has to dibby-up too. I gotta talk to May about that. The corporate car just isn't enough.

Changes to my work are happening very soon, which will give me more time to get involved with the day-to-day issues of the VN222, Inc. Heck, I'll probably get back on the email roundhouse again. I will still work some, part time—total cold turkey retirement is not on my menu right yet, but the pressures of management will be behind me. I will also have more time for my family, most especially my ailing 93 year old mother who wants to see her son more. Best of all, my paint brush will be back in hand. Maybe I'll study nudes this time. ...strictly for artistic reasons you understand.

Many of you have shown concern over my health. Rest assured, I am healed and healthy. You will notice that I am at least 3 ounces heavier than when you saw me last. Seriously, thank you for your concern, but I am in pretty darn good shape per the Doc, but like you, he thinks I should live at Dairy Queen for a year or so.

That's it for now. I'm always thinking about you guys and gals, and how lucky I am to have you for friends and Combat Brothers.

Deeds, not Words!

Lynn W. Dalpez, DMOR

EDITOR'S COMMENT

It has often been said that necessity is the mother of invention. Having been raised on a farm I am well aware that anything can be fixed with duct tape, bailing wire and pliers. That being said please allow me to share some history of the newsletter with you.

When it became my honor to edit it, I established a very large pile on the dining room table. Circulation is now between 450 and 500. That is a large pile as my old arthritic wrists soon verified. (notice that the VN 2-22 Newsletter arrives folded in half) So. . .I confiscated my fine wife's pizza roller (it is a little hand held rolling pin) Well, so far I have ruined one and started on her new one. . . .(and to say she is not happy would be an understatement).

With my life at risk, I decided there must be a better way. Witness the picture of the latest in the technology of paper folding. There are skeptics but so far it is working well. If in case you are too young to know about the wringer washer...it came out usually once a week---on



Pictured above with the latest redneck technology is Dan Streit and his assistant Oscar.

Mondays. Adjacent to it were two wash tubs (one for rinsing and one for bluing). This fine machine was purchased locally for the mere sum of \$8.

Once again it seems to me there are parallels with our organization. When our traditional approaches of locating and serving our Brothers do not work, we try in other ways. We know the end justifies the means; anyway that's how it seems to this old soldier.

Dan Streit, D/69

VIETNAM TRIPLE DEUCE FALLING BEHIND

The numbers of KIA pictures being sent to the various company locators by the membership of Vietnam Triple Deuce are very low, and a black eye for the organization. The project is at a standstill until the members decide to participate. This situation can be readily corrected by each and every one of the members checking their albums, stacks of pictures or other locations of personal treasure of their time in Vietnam for any

picture of one of our Brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom so long ago. It's that simple guys. And it's an obligation to those who fell to be enshrined on our web site with a picture of them right alongside the information of their fate. As the DI's used to say (and hopefully still do) MOVE IT SOLDIER!!! Contact your company locator right away with your contribution

Dick Nash A Co.& HHC1969

RESPONSE TO OCTOBER NEWSLETTER STORY

I read the article about **Sergeant Warner** and the 6 x 6 foxhole. I was in B Company 2/22 the whole time I was in the service. While in Vietnam First Sergeant Warner caught me and a few others at the laundry getting fresh clean uniforms. Instead of walking we drove our truck. While we were getting our uniforms Sergeant Warner came in and took the 50 Cal and IM 60 machine guns. We filled sandbags the rest of the night. We called Warner the Destroyer because he was very strict; he also saved our lives many times while in Vietnam.

> Darrell Harris B Co. 25&4th 66 to 67 Sulphur Springs Texas.

45 YEARS AGO TODAY

Today is February 5, 2013. I celebrate the day every year! 45 years ago today I was inducted...kicking and screaming like a little girl (not really)...drafted into the United States Army. 45 years ago seems like yesterday and turned out to be one of the best days of my life. How can that be? Well as I look back on what would become a 23 year career...that day was really a long term blessing for me. It made a difference in my life and hopefully many around me. The day started just fine as my draft notice instructed, I reported bright and early to the Military Entrance and Examining Processing Station in downtown Dallas, Texas. I was surprised to find three other guys I had known from high school. Each had been high school athletes and I figured if I passed my physical I would at least "downrange" with some guys I be going knew. After a long day of physical exams, testing and wearing very few clothes I was led into a room where others were sitting as clueless as myself. I looked around for my high school friends but they were nowhere in sight. (I later found out they all flunked physical exams with former football injuries...right???) Into the room enters a Army captain who tells us we have been "selected by our fellow citizens" to enter into the service of the United States Army. (Is this ringing a bell with any of you?) We take the enlistment oath, step back and the look in everyone's eyes ranged from bewilderment to panic. It wasn't long until a Sergeant came in with a bunch of manila envelopes with our information. Of course we were not trusted to handle our own...that duty was given to a PFC heading back to Ft Polk from emergency leave....visions of things to come in the coming weeks of Basic Training at wonderful Fort Polk Louisiana. They herded us onto a bus just before dark for the four hour bus ride to Ft. Polk. The bus was VERY QUITE all the way down with most of us catching forty winks. That was a smart thing to do since sleep over next couple of days came was almost nonexistent. Bus arrived at Fort Polk Reception Station just before 10 p.m. A Sergeant in Smokey Bear hat came on board and of course in a soft and calm voice invited us to get off the bus and line up on the basketball court next to administration building. Once we were in single file lines the Sergeant stepped outside again and said he understood some of us had to leave in a hurry and may not have been able to make a last minute call. He went on to ask if anyone wanted to call their mother? Of course several hands, including mine, went up. He said to meet him around the side of the administration building. We did and on his instructions over the next

hour the six of called at the top of lungs "MOTHER...MOTHER...MOTHER, etc." Next came the visit to the barber shop and it was so funny...after we went back outside no one knew who the hell the guy next to him was...funny how people look so different bald! (Same thing happens when new guys join us at reunions right??) No hair, no clothes, no identity, no problem! After that I knew for sure I was in the Army now! 45 years ago wasn't so long ago!

LON OAKLEY JR

President 22nd Infantry Regiment Co. A 2/22nd Inf. 25th Inf. Div. 11B40 Vietnam 1969



NASHVILLE MINI-REUNION! June 26th to June 30th, 2013

"Come on Down"...!

This is an "in-between", mini reunion and everyone is welcome...family and friends too! Even if you have never thought about coming to a reunion, now is the time to consider! It's a great summer get-away, reconnect with everyone and meet new friends! Nashville offers lots of attractions, shows, shopping, golf and great "country food"!

To reserve a room, please call the Comfort Inn and Suites at (615)391-5959, ask to book with the group of "FRIENDS FOREVER/ MILITARY". The rate is \$85.00,plus tax, and is good for 3 days prior and post to the above dates. There is a complimentary hot breakfast, airport shuttle, pools and we have a "Hospitality Room" for gathering and snacks. Restaurants are within a short walk.

For more information or any questions, please call Betty Brenneman at (941)697-5985 or (941) 468-9918(cell)or Dwight (941)716-0558. *Hope to see y'all there!*

Betty Brenneman, HMOR

LON REMEMBERS Gen.Norman Schwarzkopf

General H Norman Schwarzkopf was laid to rest at West Point. I had the honor to serve my last tour of duty on his staff during Dessert Storm and the few times I got to spend with him were always special. As a senior major and combat vet public affairs officer, he always hounded me to come up with the right words to say on a topic and yet make it where privates to generals, plus the American public could "get it" to use his term. He used to tell me you know what combat is all about. . . You can never explain it to people who have not been there but you have to find the words to give people the sense of how troops go through days and weeks of boredom sprinkled in with short hours of chaos and terror. Ithink he may have been the first person I ever heard say May our military continue to "getter done". groom and develop young officers to be as bold and fearless as Gen. Schwarzkopf was. He will be missed an may God gless his family. His family will remain in Tampa and the first 22 IRS coin I get will go to them from the society. Our nation has lost a truly great person, soldier, and leader RIP

Lon Oakley A/69 Pres. 22nd IRS.



MEMORIAL FOR GEORGE WHITE

Capt. **George C White III** Memorial was held in Ventura, Ca. March 8th. George was Company Commander for Charlie Company, 2/22 Inf, 4th & 25 Div. He had 3 tours in VN. Later, after leaving Charlie Company, he was Liaison Officer between our military and the Saigon Police on his 2nd tour, and was Deputy Chief of Security at the American Embassy in Saigon for his last tour of 5 years.. In 1973, he & 6 Marines were the last to leave the Rooftop in the last evacuation in Saigon. (George was the very last to leave VN). He received the Presidential Unit Citation, 2 Bronze Stars, 3 Air Medals, and a Purple Heart.

George led us into numerous battles, the "Hell Hole" Iron Triangle, and the Battle of LZ Gold to mention a few. He was a "Born Leader" and there isn't a soul in Charlie Company WHO wouldn't have followed him into battle again today. He loved his men and we loved and admired him. Anyone that knew him or heard of him also admired him for his leadership. He will be missed deeply. The Memorial for Capt. White was fitting for a Leader and Hero such as George. He leaves behind, his wife Pattie, daughter, Wendy White-Baxter, daughters by marriage, Jennie Ziegler and Elizabeth Sager. a son George (Skip), numerous grandchildren and the Men of Charlie Company. The Memorial was attend by a large number friends, relatives and Charlie Company members including

Lt. Roger Frydrychowski (Later our Company Commander), Rich Miller, Larry Mason, Lynn Dalpez, John Layman, Roy & Patty Harbour, Moe Johnanson, Arnie Freeman, Edd Murrell, George Dahl, Larry Chornyak, Jim and Della Neeley, and Magnet (Norm) and Linda Nishikubo..

George & Pattie became OUR family (Charlie Company) after he attended one of our reunions about 8 years ago and we all became part of his family. He was a Great Man, leader, Hero, and most of all, a great Friend...May you rest in Peace George, and we all will be back together again someday...Save us a spot!

> Jim Neeley C Co.& 4th ID, 65 to 67

BRANSON 2014

The next best reunion ever is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in April 2014 at Westgate Briarwood Resort. I will soon be meeting with organizational planners and Betty Brenneman to survey the facilities and finalize the date. If you have questions, let me know and I will find the answers.

> LON D. OAKLEY JR. President 22nd Infantry Regiment Society <u>lon@22ndinfantry.org</u> or LDO82288@hotmail.com

HELLOES & COMMENTS

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Thomas Canfield

Phone: 360-574-1882 E-Mail: <u>cantomsell@aol.com</u> C Co. 4th & 25th ID, Sep.66 to Sep. 67

David A. Reese

Phone: 215-350-5847 E-Mail: <u>dave.reese9@gmail.com</u> HHC, Recon Plt. 25th ID, Aug.67 to Aug.68

Thomas J. Taluzek Phone: 630-985-1397 B Co. 4th & 25th ID, Sep. 66 to Sep.67

Dennis D. Abraham 612-722-5705 stubness1@hotmail.com HHC, 25th ID, Sep. 69 to Aug. 70

Comments: "I was the mail clerk from Sept 69 to Aug 70 and know a lot of guys by name, also by faces."

Harless W.Belcher

276-930-2321 harlessbelcher@yahoo.com C Co. 25th ID, Sep. 68 to Jun.69

Comments: " I wish I could get every member involved in our new project of putting a photo with the names of all our fallen brothers. If anyone has any unidentified photos, please contact the locator for that era and/or bring the photos to the next reunion." Harless would like to locate **Kenneth Chinn** and **Sonny Brown**

Larry W. Benson 638-274-7121 larben@netzero.net B Co. 25th ID, 69

George M. Carter 301-279-8760

<u>sokidz1@verizon.net</u> A Co. 4th & 25th ID, Mar.67 to Mar.68

Comments: "Great Newsletter! I look forward to it every time it comes. I just wish I could remember names." Note: I e-mail George and told him that if he came to a reunion, he'd begin to remember names and more. Jim May

Robin Harrington

806-274-3847 <u>robmar11@att.net</u> C Co. 25th ID., 1967

Comments: Robin would like to locate **Paul Cross**.

J. Bradley Hull

440-871-8975 <u>bradhull@juno.com</u> A Co. 25th ID, July 69 to June 70

Comments: "Great to have A 2-22 CO's **Mike Kush and Bill Lechner** at the reunion along with my squad leaders **Phil Dennis** and **Chuck Allison** and numerous squad mates and FO and PL's from my tour, 69-70."

David W. McCall 282-862-8855 B Co. 25th ID, Sep.68 to Sep. 69

Comments: David would like to locate **John Hester**, **Sgt Becker (Decker?**). "I very much enjoy the Triple Deuce Newsletter, even though it puts me through changes, if you know what I mean."

Donald S. Stoffel

920-533-8237 hoseman@charter.net C Co. 4th ID, 65 to 67

Comments: "God Bless **George White**. Pleased I got to meet him back home."

Donald H. Bailey Associate Member 1410 N. Dudney Magnolia, AR 71753

Comments: "Hope to see you again next year in Branson. We really enjoyed the reunion in Tyson Corner and meeting all my brother's friends. My brother made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country but I do appreciate his group remembering him. Thanks."

Larry J. Boles

C Co. 25th ID, Dec 67 to Dec 68

Comments: "I read the newsletter as soon as I get it. Keep up the hard work. Thanks."

Willie L. Brown Jr.

B Co. 25th ID, 1969

Comments: Willie's Membership has been paid for by **Emil J. Marr**, B Co. 25th ID, Aug 69 to Dec 69 who writes, "Jim this is the person I e-mailed you about. I would like to pay his 1st year as he was the one who got me to the medics after I was shot in the head in Nam. If it wasn't for his fast action, I probably would have died."

Richard H. Goldsmith

rhgoldsmith@gmail.com C, HHC / 2/22, 25th ID, Sep 69 to Jun 70

Comments: "Since there never was a HQ of a 22d Inf Regiment, while we were in VN, my way, the proper abbreviation of Triple Deuce is 2-22 Inf rather than the common but wrong, 2/22. F.Y. I. Great job with the newsletters!"

Vance Gustafson

vgus@pacifier.com B Co. 25th ID, July 70 to Dec 70

Comments: "Bravo Company medic, 'till unit was deactivated."

James J. Papczynski pappy.jj@comcast.net B Co. & HHC, 4th & 25tj ID, Dec 65 to Dec 67

Comments: "Vietnam Triple Deuce is a much needed organization to perpetuate the history of our unit."

Kenneth J. Zipp

845-781-2625 kenzipp@yahoo.com C Co. 25th ID, Jan 69 to April 69

Dennis G. Coffey

423-335-1443 <u>dgcoffeypot@embargmail.com</u> A Co. 25th ID, Mar 70 to Aug 70

Comments: "It's great being able to read my Triple deuce stories, keep 'em coming!"

Robert L. Godwin

601-276-7618 B Co. 25th ID, 66 to 67

Danny H. Spurill

252-793-2329 B Co. 4th & 25th ID, Dec 65 to Dec 67

Comments: "Remember the day B Co., 2/22 got wiped out by Bees? I got stung about 22 times myself. LT had to be flown out - allergy. Remember the day after we had eaten our C's started up the trail and I saw a VC. Called up squad leader Rodregus but he could not see him, then a black powder mine went BOOM. There was a VC hospital. It's good I stopped when I did, otherwise I would have been blown away and others too."

Karl T. Bergeron

263 Rochester Rd. Northwood, NH 03261 603-942-8941 B & HQ 4th & 25th ID, Sep. 66 to Jun 67

Comments: Karl would like to locate **Joe Walls**, **Lt. Pryor** and **Dan Hollister**.

Karl Bergeron wrote, "Deeds Not Words - Keep Up the Good work. Tell Mad Doc he's still an anal canal."

Mad Doc replied, "Tell Karl, I remember the Love Canal, the Suez Canal, the Panama Canal and the Erie Canal; but I can't recall in what part of the world the "Anal Canal" is located. Sounds like it might be in Vietnam?"

William E. Noyes

408-374-1541 <u>Billn61@yahoo.com</u> B Co. 25th ID, Sep 68 to Sep 69

Comments: Bill would like to locate Shorty, Frog and all other he served with.

David Korenman

781-872-6133 <u>misterk914@aol.com</u> B Co. 4th ID, Dec 65 to Dec 67

Comments: Dan, I enjoy receiving and reading my Triple Deuce newsletter, you are doing a fine job....I would like to share with all my brothers, my **John Brocato** story...John and I left Nam early,7 Aug 67,and both had report to Fort Knox.....some time, while in Ft Lewis, John had gone AWOL for 9 days" no surprise".....these day's were added to his E.T.S.....we had a 14 Dec E.T.S...around 6 Dec 67, I saw John, with duffel bag waiting for a bus....John, were you going....operation Santa Claus, because of his 21 Dec E.T.S.. early out...g-d bless America.

Deeds Not Words

GUEST BOOK HITS

Name: Nick Dragon

Location: C/3/22 Email: ndragon344@aol.com Phone: 248-398-3941 or 248-217-2016

Hi all I am hoping to be at your next reunion. Posted on: Saturday - Feb 2, 2013

Name: **Tom Whipple** Location: Bagram Afghanistan Email: <u>ragtopman75@live.com</u>

Thank you. My brother was with the Triple Deuce, 15 December 1967. It feels good to know that you have honored all the veterans with this site. Would anyone have info on the '19th Nervous Breakdown'? I believe it was the nickname of his APC? I used to have a photo but did not survive a house fire. Posted on: Wednesday - Feb 6, 2013

Name: Bruce Fielding Location: New London Wi Email: <u>brewster30@mail.com</u> Phone: 920 250 1367

I just wanted to inform you all that one of your own has passed away On Feb. 12th 2013. **John P Hintzke** of New London WI. He was the father of my best friend, and I had the extreme honor of being pallbearer. I believe he would have been in Vietnam on or around 1967 and 1968. Posted on: Tuesday - Feb 19, 2013

Name: Dennis Coffey

Location: Kingsport Tn Email: <u>dgcoffeypot@embarqmail.com</u> Phone: 423- 335-1443

Order Jim Ross' Book Outside the wire.....riding with the triple deuce.....will report to newsletter after reading Posted on: Monday - Feb 18, 2013

Name: Dennis Coffey

Email: dgcoffeypot@embarqmail.com Phone: 423- 335- 1443

Here's the link to Jim Ross's bookhttp:// www.amazo n.com/Outside-Wire-R iding-Triple-Vietnam /dp/0811712222/ref=s r_1_1? s=books&ie=UTF 8&qid=1359578525&sr= 1-1&keywords=outside +the+wire+ross Posted on: Thursday - Feb 21, 2013

Name: **Jim Ross** Location: Oklahoma Email: <u>pathfinder66@earthlink.net</u>

Glad to be part of Vietnam Triple Deuce after all these years. I'm an Alpha '70 grunt, member of 1st Platoon, 4th Squad (1-4 track). Got there 1st of March until the 25th redeployed in November, then went to 1st Cav. Posted on: Tuesday - Feb 26, 2013

Name: **Dale V. Martin** Location: Birmingham AL Email: <u>vonmazur@aol.com</u> Phone: 205-841-6101 Hi! I was **LTC Julians's** Pilot at Soui Tre. I remember that fight very well. I was a 19 year old Army Aviator at the time. The two FAC's killed were my Buds..**Capt. Tony**

England and 1LT Terry Forbes

Posted on: Tuesday - Mar 19, 2013

Name: Debbra Ault

Location: Jacksonville, Florida Email: brewski45@aol.com Phone: 904-483-7016 My mother never remarried. **David K. Ditch** KIA March 13th 1968. Does anyone have any photo's you can email me? Thank you Posted on: Saturday - Mar 23, 2013

Name: James C. FennellEmail: : fennellmichael17@gmail.com

Date: Thu, Feb 28, 2013 Subject: 2 22 25. My uncle was in the 2/22,25th 68 to 70 and I was hoping to find out a little about what he did there and maybe some pics. He died in 2007 of Agent Orange. Any help that you could give would be greatly appreciated. His name was **James C. Fennell** thank you.

Name: Phil Guiffre

Location: Alpha Triple Deuce Email: <u>falcon1of5@aol.com</u> Phone: 347-432-0485

Happy Easter guys, dear Lynn you didn't miss anything at Soui Tre. God bless my buds both 2/22 & 3/22 that didn't make it or aren't here today. **Rip Waddington**, was next to him when he caught his purple heart. Always been lucky, was right in front of Gary Hartt when he caught his. God bless you guys.

Posted on: Sunday - Mar 31, 2013

NEW FINDS

James I. Ross 13100 E. Old Hyw. 66 Arcadia, OK 73007 405-396-2166 A Co. 25th ID, Feb. 70 to Nov. 70

Comments: , "Meant to do this sooner, but it's been a busy couple of years. My Vietnam memoir, 'Outside the wire: Riding with the Triple Deuce in Vietnam, 1970,' has just been published by Stackpole Books, and I want to make other Triple Deuce vets aware of it. I would also like to locate a few guys I haven't been able to find."

Roger C. Schultz

7505 B Walton Ln Annandale, VA22103 703-785-1308 <u>schultzrch@gmail.com</u> A Co. 25th ID, Mar 69 to Dec 69 Comments: Roger would like to contact LTC Bruce Williams and Sgt Eddie Maloney.

Billy E. Stonaker

P.O. Box 93898 Southlake, TX 76092 C Co. 25th ID, 1969

Ed Reeve

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Robert I Loesch

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William E. Stonaker

P.O. Box 93898 Southlake, TX 76092 817-791-7301 wes@wilson-stonaker.com C Co. 25th ID, Feb 68 to Jan 69

Joseph V. Yarashas

805 E. Meadow Dr. Bound Brock, NJ 08805 732-469-7086 A Co. 25th ID, Feb. 70 to Nov. 70

Comments: Joseph would like to contact **John Alchus** and **Buckey May.** Glad to be back in the family.

TAPS

It is with great sadness I have to report the passing of **Lynn Carter**. Lynn was an active member of our NW 25th ID group. He lived in Vancouver close to the Vancouver Barracks and VA Clinic. For at least the past 5 years he volunteered every Thursday to drive a golf cart ferrying disabled veterans from the parking lot to the Vancouver VA Clinic entrance for their medical appointments. While Lynn did not like to drive into Portland for our Oregon functions, he never missed a Vancouver Veterans Day Parade. Because of his heart problems, his doctor nixed his attendance at 22nd Inf. reunions. Lynn was a great friend and I always rode with him in the back of the 3/4 ton army pickup in the Vancouver parade. Some years we really got wet. I was sick for this past Vancouver parade and so did not see him but had talked to him around early November

Gary Hartt A/2/22 Mech(12/65-9/67

LYNN R. CARTER March 3, 1949 ~ February 2, 2013

Lynn R. Carter a resident of Vancouver, WA passed at his home surrounded by family and friends on Saturday February 2, 2013. Lynn died peacefully after a long battle with congestive heart failure.

He was born March 3, 1949 in Portland, Oregon the son of Ralph Carter, Sr. (deceased) and Doris (Carter) Johnson. After attending Roosevelt High School Lynn joined the U.S. <u>Army</u> in 1967. Lynn served nine years in the Army including a tour in the <u>Vietnam War</u> during 1968-69. Lynn was awarded four <u>bronze stars</u> and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for his heroism in combat while in the Vietnam War.

Lynn is survived by his wife of 28 years, Shelley; children, Byron Carter (deceased), Mandy Carter, Tawnya Ford, Adam Morrison; and four grandchildren. Adding to his loving family are his brothers, Mark Carter and Ralph Carter, Jr.

The family asks that in lieu of gifts please make donations to the Disabled American Veterans at <u>www.dav.org</u> or 1-877-426-2838 ext 1340. Please sign his Guest Book at <u>www.columbian.com/obits</u>. **Published in The Columbian on February 7, 2013**

CAPT. GEORGE WHITE

Last night we lost a good friend to us all. George White, our friend and Company "C" 2/22 Commander. George passed away January 9, at 10 PM with his wife Patti at his side. He died peacefully. May he Rest in Peace. You may send Condolence cards to: Patti White & Family, 155 Timber Rd., Newbury Park, Ca. 91320. . George will be sorely missed. It won't quite be the same God be with you George

Jim Neeley, C Co.& 4th ID, 65 to 67

JOHN P. HINTZKE

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Bruce Fielding

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2-22 Newsletter Plea

The Triple Deuce is your organization. From an outsider's point of view you are an amazing group of (mostly) guys. During the turbulent times of the 1960s while many were living a free lifestyle experimenting and experiencing all that the culture had to offer (not all of it good), you answered Uncle Sam's call. You went to the other side of the world. You left all you were familiar with, all you loved at home. Those reading this returned alive but mourn the Brothers who did not. You returned to a nation that neither appreciated what you had done nor the sacrifices you had made. You are no longer the boys who went. You became men in the midst of battle. Over the years you have dealt with those experi-Some have presented themselves as ences. demons some as fond memories. Each and every one of you had experiences and they were all different because of the personal insight you brought to them.

In the 1960s you answered the call. Once again I am asking you to answer this call. The Triple Deuce Newsletter is only as good as the stories, anecdotes, pictures etc. you are willing to share. You have a right to be heard but more than that you have an obligation to pass on the piece of history that is uniquely yours. The big picture is incomplete without your input.

From taking a few phone calls when Dan was not available, I can tell you how meaningful your contributions are to your Brothers. The ones who call make comments like. . . "I remember that incident", "I know that guy", "I was there" These conversations always touch my heart. I was busy with college in the 60s. My brother is a Vietnam Vet so I was not oblivious to the war. But it was different then (not the immediate access to all events via Internet or news casts). I learn so much from talking with those who call or those I meet at the reunions.

I am asking, I am almost begging you to send your story. You don't have to be a writer (those who know Dan know he certainly isn't). It is the content of what you have to say that is important. Indeed, we prefer to have an electronic submission, BUT, if you write legibly (I am a nurse I have read doctor's handwriting for years so legible is a very loose definition) I will be glad to word process what you submit. If you so indicate, I will be glad to do a little editing. The main thing is that the stories are shared before it is too late.

Please consider this request. Remember those of us who were teenagers during the 60s are now the "nearly old". The time left to pass on our memories to each other and the next generation grows shorter each day.

Thank you.

Vera Streit wife of Dan D/69 a grateful citizen