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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



Happy Holidays to all of you. Hope all is well & good with you as we celebrate this special time of year. Of course, our thoughts and prayers go out to the current 22nd Infantry Brothers defending our right to these freedoms around the world. You will likely remember a time when you were the one away from home doing exactly the same thing.

It being December already means that we are heading into the homestretch before the next greatest reunion ever in May 2008. It's time to make those final decisions about reservations, travel mode, and financial plans for Washington D.C. in the spring. Looks like we have another great hotel as host, and I'm sure that the location of this reunion will make it one of the most memorable for all attending.

Dan has included a picture of one of the new Company guidons we have purchased, and I can tell you they are fantastic. The mental picture of all of the Companies of Triple Deuce ap-

proaching the Vietnam Wall in May with all our colors flying sure stirs me up. I want to be sure that those of you who have bought your own personal unit guidons know that you are welcome to bring them and fly them with the rest. There's no way we can have too many company colors flying at this event. We also have to decide between now and then who will carry the five Company guidons that day. Please send any suggestions to the group mail site or the web site guest book to help us make this big call. The address for the group mail is VN22Mz@yahogroups.com or you can sign in to the guestbook at the Vietnam Triple Deuce.org website to make your suggestions.

If you are among those who are still trying to decide whether to go to this reunion or not, I have this message--- PLEASE contact one of the guys you know who has been to a joint reunion of Vietnam Triple Deuce and the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society in the past few years. Ask him your questions about making this big decision, and give it a try. Our goals remain the same as they have always been-to find our Brothers who shared the Vietnam experience, and help them realize the huge benefits of again meeting and getting to know the guys they walked the walk with so long ago. The healing, closure, and bonding experiences of this activity cannot be described or measured accurately by anyone. You have to experience it yourself. But you have to do it to gain the benefit, so again, please look into it, Brother. My phone number is 3 0 9 5 3 7 3 5 3 6 , e v e n i n g s . Merry Christmas,

Dick Nash
A Co. & HHC,69

Editor's Comments

What a busy season. The Veteran's Day parade in Beloit was the largest ever. I got a new Harley. Thirty family members gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving. The community choir is preparing for the annual Christmas program. Pheasant and deer hunting were successful.

The political debates are heating up. The grand-kids are anxious for Santa.

What do these things have in common (other than the ramblings of my old mind)? They represent to me the freedoms for which we fought. Many paid the ultimate price. Others bear physical and emotional scars. But because there were/are men and women willing to fight and die the freedoms of this great country continue.

When we served in Vietnam working together helped us survive. Now, the unity of our organization binds us together. Please plan now to enjoy that unity and find answers to those lingering questions by attending the Reunion in Washington DC on May 1-4. You owe it to yourself to spend time with your Brothers. . . . anyway, that's how it seems to me.

Dan Streit
D Co. 69

DUES REMINDER

Please check the mailing address on this Newsletter's envelope. There is a number after your name. If that number is 07, then your 2008 Dues are due. Don't put this aside to deal with later because you will forget all about it. Forgetting is what many of us do best these days. If you stop and make out the Membership Renewal Form and your check now, there will be one less thing to deal with later on. And, you'll save VN 222 the expense of buying and mailing Dues Reminder post cards.

Also, when you are completing the Renewal Form, please write down the names of those you would like to find or contact and if you are willing to help with the locating of our not yet found Brothers. Dick Nash is planning another BIG locating push so any help you are able to provide will be appreciated.

Jim May

Art Show Features Vietnam Era



Ival Lawhon Jr., left, St. Joseph, Mo. and Jim Nelson, right, Jewell, Kan. The two photographs behind Lawhon were taken at FSB Burt. The top one the day after the mass attack and the other the day before the mass attack on January 1, 1968

More than 75 people attended the opening night of the "We Were There" art show at the Muchnic Gallery on Friday November 2, 2007. The show featured paintings of Vietnam by James D. Nelson and period Vietnam photography by Ival Lawhon Jr. Both are members of the Vietnam Triple Deuce and the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society.

Both were 2/22 in 1967-68. Nelson was in a line platoon with Charlie Company and Lawhon was on a mortar track with Alpha Company. A unique aspect of the show is that both participants went on to successful careers as a painter and a photographer.

The show features 28 paintings by Nelson that accurately depict life in Vietnam. Mixed in among the paintings are 24 photographs taken by Lawhon with his first 35 mm camera. Gloria Davis, gallery director notes that the overall reaction to the show has been very positive.

Sharon Nelson and Renee Lawhon assisted in hanging the show and at the opening reception. 22 IRS members attending the opening night were Martin Oelklaus, 1/22; John "Mick"

Pohlman, 2/33. Rod Heffley 1/22 and Dan Streit 2/22 and other Vietnam veterans.

The show will be at the art museum through December 30, 2007. The Muchnic Gallery, 704 North 4th Street, Atchison, Kansas is open on weekends and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Among those attending the grand opening of the art show were other members of the 22nd Infan-



try Regimental Society, from the left, Jim Nelson, Rod Heffley, John "Mick" Pohlman, Martin Oelklaus, Ival Lawhon Jr., and Dan Streit.

Won't Ship to APO's.

Thought you'd like to know that one of Brookstone Catalog's suppliers will not ship to APO's. On Dec 4 I ordered a Christmas Wreath to be shipped to LTC Dennis Sullivan, 2/22 10th Mtn. Today I received snail mail informing me that there was a problem with the order. I called Brookstone and was told that the company that supplies them with the Christmas Wreaths will NOT ship to an APO. Shipping to an APO is no different than shipping to any other domestic address. I asked if there was some technical reason for this and was told that the supplier just won't ship to APO's. My conclusion is that the supplier doesn't like American Service men and women and/or their mission. I told the Brookstone people to remove my name from their mailing list. It might be a good idea to call Brookstone and voice your opinion on the subject. Their number is 800-846-3000. It might also be a good idea to pass this on to others who might not like Brookstone's policy. **Jim May**

Here for You **A COUSIN'S QUERY**

As usual, when a Brother has a question, another Brother(s) has an answer to offer. The following is a reprint of one of those online discussions.

Carlos Cain's contacted **Dean Springer** about the circumstances surrounding the death of his cousin, **Carl Dennis Cain**. His only knowledge was that there were 7 men KIA on 6 Mar. 69. Carl was one. He asked simply "Does anyone remember the circumstances of that day?" Dean sent the inquiry out for group discussion

Bill Noyes responded

I will check but it sounds like the night that I just checked and it is the night that B company sent out a rescue force of second platoon and some others to help a Wolfhound ambush that had been attacked. The force was ambushed as they neared, Though I believe the original ambush was extracted but with heavy casualties. Lovett, the Co's driver was killed by an RPG. **Tom Becker** was blown up, run over and shot dead but earned a silver star in the process. **Bill Sabel** was a driver on Becker's track. Tom Becker's sister inquired about her brother some years back and I may still have her email. It was a long night!!!

Dean Springer insights were shared

Below is what happened on March 6, 1969. Unlike Generals and Politicians, you won't find us "tidying" up the language about war. Perhaps if war stories were more graphic there would be fewer wars. The other men who died were Thomas Alexander Becker, **Lowell Roger Groves**, **William Edmond Lee Hart**, **Jerry Johnson**, **David Glen Lovitt**, and **Clinton Lee Wheeler**. I would suggest you look at the Vietnam Wall site and see if any of their relatives left messages where you could connect with them. Many physical wounds have long healed but for all of us and many families, the mental wounds will always remain. I am attempting to contact Bill Sabel to see what he recalls and will let you know.

Jim May added

I can only echo Dean's words. We are not in the business of covering anyone's @#!. We understand that TRUTH is what sets us free. I would hope that you and any of Carl's relatives would consider meeting Carl's Triple Deuce Buddies at any of our reunions. There are growing numbers of family members of our KIA's coming to reunions for the closure they have sought for all these years. The next reunion will be held on May 1-4, 2008 in Washington, DC. If you would like details, please let us know.

Carlos expressed his thanks.

That sounds like what we were told. RPG - not much left to send home from what I remember. Thanks for the e mail. Maybe we could make a reunion. That would be nice. Seems odd, I'm 50 now, they were all so young. Just like these kids in Iraq. My heart really goes out to the families. I wish you guys the best.

Editor's Comment: Time and time again we see this to be true. Survivors do not want flowery accolades---they want the truth. It is shameful that it has taken so many years for some to reach closure. Vietnam 2/22 remains ready and willing to help all Brothers and their survivors along that path.

A Nephew Inquires

Brad Holobaugh posted his inquiry on the 2/22 website looking for information.

Brad's Comments

I hope I'm not intruding on your site but Thomas Beeb Chambers (KIA 12-16-67 in Tay Ninh province) was my uncle. He was killed before I was born so I've only known him through my Mom's stories about her brother and the letters and pictures he sent home from Vietnam. I wish I could have met him and would love to hear from any of you who served with him to learn more. Thanks for any help.

Jim May responded

Thanks for posting the message. Your message will also be posted in our Newsletter. Many of our Members do not use the computer, so I ask

that you please send some contact information.. I didn't know your uncle, I was there after he was KIA. However, there are many Alpha Company Members who were in Vietnam in December of 1967 and some must have known your uncle and will probably respond.

Please tell your Mother that we have not forgotten her Brother. Our upcoming reunion in May of 2008 will be held in Washington, DC. We will be going to The Wall to place miniature Regimental Flags, along with the names of each KIA, at the foot of the panel bearing the names of those we have lost. Let me know if I can be of any assistance.

And Brad was appreciative

Thanks for responding so quickly. It's great to have a resource like your website for people like me to be able to communicate with an organization that has the potential to provide answers to questions that have lingered in our family for so long. I would love to be able to fill in the gaps for my Mom and give her a little more closure. If anyone would like to contact me, my mailing address is:

Brad Holobaugh
6909 Wooden Rail Lane
Summerfield, NC 27358

Brotherhood Appreciated

First, let me apologize for not being in touch with all of you since my prostate cancer surgery. I'm doing fine and the prognosis is very good. I'm writing to you today to let you know about my experience yesterday during a Veteran's Day parade I was in with my VFW. It was the first parade we've had in St. Cloud, Mn in over 30 years and it was very emotional for a lot of 'Nam vets. The people lined the streets near our VA hospital and we had over 50 units in the parade. It was made up of area VFW, Legion, VVA, Marine corp league, units from all over central Minnesota. You can't believe how nice it

was to be applauded after all these years. It really helped me get over having to hide my identity when I came back from Nam. They even interviewed my wife Carol and she told them how my life has changed since I have been reunited with my unit from 'Nam. If you care to read the article and see the pictures feel free to go to sctimes.com for the Nov 12 issue. I always wear my 22nd infantry pin wherever I go and yesterday I ran into a "Wolfhound" who thanked me for getting his butt out of a jam in 1969. He didn't know which unit it was, all he knew is the 22nd came in and got them out. I think about all of you a lot and I truly look forward to May 2008 when we can bring it all together again. That's about it for now, take care and remember.

"Deeds not words"
(Lumpy) **Kenneth Schulte**
A/69-70

Taps

Clifford Moorhouse

Buffalo, NY
B Co. 2/22, 1968
(per his wife he died several years ago.)

William Cunningham

B Co. 2/22 1968
Died at age 39

Alton J. Jordan

B/2/22
Died 2006 (per his daughter)

Harvey Shannon

B.2.22
Died Dec. 21, 2001 (per his wife)

All above submitted by **Dean Springer**

DoD Identifies Army Casualty

*The Department of Defense announced today the death of a soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pvt. **Nathan Z. Thacker**, 18, of Greenbrier, Ark., died Oct. 12 in Kirkuk, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 2nd Bat-*

talion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Submitted by **Peter Gaworecki**
C/1/22/4 67-68
Webmaster 22nd Inf Reg Soc

Bruce Brakeslee informed me of **Joe Catapano's** passing from an Agent orange related cancer. He died peacefully Thanksgiving Morning. Joe was drafted with the LI, New York guys in A/2/22 on Pearl Harbor day 12/7/65. Joe was living in Centerport, LI when drafted and was a rarity in the US Army. His parents owned a Brooklyn Deli which he worked in pre-Army. So the US Army goofed and did not make him a truck driver, rifelemen or typist but a COOK. And he could cook!!! He was the best cook in the entire 3rd Brigade. He was retired and living in Vero Beach, Florida with his wife "Maren".

Bruce attended Joe's memorial service on Monday Nov 26,2007. Thank you Bruce for representing us all.

Those that wish may send a note and sympathy card to Mrs. **Maren Catapano**, 144 Freeport Cay, Vero Beach, FL 32966 Phone 772-567-3620. Those that knew Joe well can call Maren if they so desire.

GARY HARTT A/2/22(65-67)
503-632-6955

Guest Books Hits

Name: **Larry S. Watson**
Email: watson-222@hotmail.com
Date: 9-11-07
Phone: 270-378-4501

Comments: My heart has been very heavy today. To all who lost someone or was injured 6 years ago today our prayers go out to you. To the HEROS who worked so hard to save all I say thanks. And to the troops who are fighting the terrorist, GIVE EM HELL. Wish I could be there.

Name: **Chuck Weidner**
Email: weidner@slac.stanford.edu
Date: 9-27-07
Phone: 510-537-2732

Comments: Trying to reach Mark Zetter, he left a message on the tropic lightning web site.

Name: **Peter Gaworecki**
Email: regulars@tweny.rr.com
Date: 9-27-07
Phone: 315-727-0861

Comments: Just checking in. Got a message on the main site that this guestbook is not working. Last I heard, the troops were preparing to move north from Kuwait. Good luck men.

Name: **Gilbert Lilly**
Email: glilly1234@yahoo.com
Date: 9-29-07
Phone: 864-225-4228

Comments: Please check out the National Trust for Historic Preservation website. Go to the update on "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". The Trust is campaigning to prevent the Superintendent of Memorials from destroying the marble headstone and replacing it with another stone. The current stone is cracked and can be repaired the same as other marble memorials have been in the past. This is the only memorial to the WWI veterans. This headstone should be repaired. Destroying it would be a desecration.

Name: **Melvin Joseph Gurney** (Gunner)
Email: melgurney@verizon.net
Date: 10-20-2007
phone: (813) 855-2256

Comments: I entered Vietnam on 8Nov1968 and attached to Bravo Company Triple Deuce in the 1st Platoon. After a while I became RTO for the Lt. and about June I was the RTO for the Captain of Bravo Co. until leaving on 8 Nov 1969.

Name: **Dennis Di Bon**
Email: nonnopata@verizon.net
Date: 11/07/2007

Comments: After all these years I finally went back to research our old unit and what we did. It brought back some wonderful and not so wonderful memories. The battle of Suoi Tre at Fire-base Gold and finding a soldier drafted with some of us so grateful we came to the aid of the fire base.

I had to click on the memorial page after contemplating for some time. Though some of the names escape me at times their faces never. They will always be in my thoughts. Once again this year a group of veterans gathered at a Sportsman lodge in the hills of Central Pennsylvania for Veterans Day, men from different branches of the military to pay respect to those who served especially those who are no longer with us. The service at 11am on Nov 11 is wonderful and very moving. Thank you for providing the information Dennis Di Bon Co. B 2 22 3rd Brigade 3rd plt

Name: **Ronald Dennis**
Email: ronstrans@aol.com
Date: 11/07/2007

Comments: Just checking in to see if anyone is out there from 3 March 69 to 25 Nov.69 C co. 2 22 25.

Name: **William B. McCormick** 68/69
Email: wmccormi@edd.ca.gov
Date: 11/07/2007
Phone: 916-487-5725

Comments: John Nelson and I grew up together and I served as Military Escort at his funeral. I think of him often and the fun times we had in high school. I have made a point of keeping memories of him alive and letting him and everyone know that he is not forgotten.

Name: **Larry S. Watson** B67/69
Email: watson-222@hotmail.com

Date: 11/07/07
Phone: 270-378-4501

Comments: Veterans Day will soon be here and my mind goes into overdrive. Thanks to my Triple Deuce Brothers my fuzzy memory is being re-stored one story at a time. .My thoughts go back to VN 67-68 and remember the faces or names of those who were there.

To all who read this do this old white headed, crazy, disabled VN vet a big favor please. On 11-11-07 contact a vet, service person, relative and thank them for their service to our country. Also pray for success in the quest to find every Viet Nam 2-22 Veteran living and relatives of those who passed before us. Your help would be appreciated. Stay Safe, Alert.

B Co 2-22 VN 67-68

Name: **Joe Spado (Spadoman)**
Email: spado@mac.com
Date: 11/08/2007
Phone: 715- 209-0241

Comments: Larry Nuckolls of B Co. and I are visiting together this weekend. We will attend a Veterans Day Honoring Veterans Pow Wow on Sunday. Anybody want to call us or e-mail us, we'd love to hear from you. I served in B Company from Feb 69 to Feb 70. Larry was with Bravo Company from Nov 69 to Nov 70.

A great Veterans Day to all Triple Deucers

Name: **Lynn Dalpez**
Email: dalpezc222@yahoo.com
Date: 11/12/2007

Comments: Happy Veterans Day to all my Triple Deuce Brothers.

Name: **Joe Spado (Spadoman)**
Email: spado@mac.com
Date: 11/14/2007
Phone: 715- 209-0241

Comments: I had a great visit with Larry Nuckolls. Both of us were in B Company, he in late 1969, me for most of 1969. Our tours overlapped. We are mortarmen. We visited for a few days and

had a great time. We talked with another Veteran friend we both had in common, Steve Sinn, over the phone. We attended a Veterans Day ceremony where we were honored as Veterans, together, and it was an honor to be with someone who was there with me.

I am leaving today from my home town in Northern Wisconsin to travel to Clarks Hill, South Carolina. In Clarks Hill, I will attend another Veterans ceremony on Saturday, November 17, 2007, at the Bethany Baptist Church. This is the home community for Frazier Dixon, KIA December 3, 1969. This is where he lived before the war, this is where he is buried. Someone contacted me after all these years, it's a long story, but I will go return his Spirit to his Friends, Family and Community. You see, Steve Sinn and I were with Dixon when he passed. I'll say hello to his family from all of us.

Name: **Judie Ann Evans**
Email: juju52246yahoo.com
Date: 11/14/2007
Phone: 503-622-3275

Comments; Thank you to all the wonderful guys of Co.C 2-22 who gave me information about Ronnie Lewis. Thanks Moe, Steve, Lynn ,Doc, Arnie and all the rest for the lunch and privilege of meeting all of you.

Name: **Brad Cleveland**
Email: bcleve71@yahoo.com

Comments: Looking for anyone who knew my uncle Sgt. Robert Cleveland C Co. 2Bat 22 Infantry in 67 68. any information would be appreciated.

Name: **Larry S. Watson**
Email: watson-222@hotmail.com
Date: 11/22/07
Phone: 270-378-4501

Comments: HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all service personnel. Thank you for your service.

Name: **Dean Springer**
Email: desprin@hotmail.com
Date: 11/22/07
Phone: 912-754-9395

Comments: 40 years ago the 1st Platoon, B Co. Triple Deuce walked into the base camp know as the Trapezoid. We had 5 men seriously wounded. On Nov. 25th Charlie Company went into it and 4 men died. These were **Dennis Estes, John Gibson, Robert Van Patten, and Robert Mlynarski**. On 28 Nov. **Doc Meek** was KIA (**Skip Fahel's** Platoon). Several more were wounded there over that week. It will never leave my memory.

Name: **Bill Schwindt**
Email: c322locate@aol.com
Date: 11/23/2007
Phone: 503-342-6355

Comments: Hi guys, always great to talk with you. I'm looking for a 2/22 guy named DJ Caldwell, for a friend Larry Hamilton.. DJ became a correspondent for the "flashes" in early 69. Anyone got him on a roster? Need full legal name. Service number too if possible. Or, does anyone have a good memory of him? Please email me with anything.

Name: **Bill**

(**"Willy"**) **Cromwell**
Email: cromwell@hctc.com
Date: 12/09/2007

Comments: I drove track C32 in 1966-67. I was just contacted by some guys in my unit that go to the annual reunions in Washington State.

New Finds

Name: **Norman L. Pickens**
605 N. Main St.
Gould, AR 71643
Phone: 870-263-4582
Email: npickens@centurytel.net
B Co. 25th ID, Nov. 67 to Nov. 68

Comments: Norman writes: "I was so glad to hear from Dean Springer on Oct. 13, 2007. I had just got home from the hospital after having heart bypass surgery. It really made my day. He sent me names & addresses of some old buddies we were with. Also to see the pictures was great. Thanks a lots. God willing me & my wife will see you at the reunion in May in Washington, DC."

Name: **Garry P. Pierce**
398286 W. 4100 Rd.
Collinsville, OK 74021
Phone: 918-371-1970
Email: pierce@fullnet.net
B Co. 25th ID, Dec. 66 to Jan 68 4th Platoon

Name: **Roger Borgheiinck**
16334 90th St.
Oak Park, MN 56357
Phone: 320-294-5948
C Co.,4th ID, Dec. 65 to Sep.67

Name: **Neil T. Buff**
3437 Divot Drive
Maiden, NC 28650
Phone: 828-428-2426
B Co. 25th ID, Sept. 68 to Aug. 69

Name: **Denis M. Florio**
5185 Berkeley Drive
Naples, FL 34112
Phone: 860-921-7738
B Co.25th ID, Aug. 68 to Aug.69

Name: **Grover C. Henderson**
1295 Niles Court
The Villages, FL 32162
Phone: 352-874-8434
Email: gchenderson@comcast.net
C Co. 4th ID, Jan 66 to Aug 67

Comments: Grover writes: "I'm glad someone was able to get in touch with me. It was good to talk to all of you, even if I can't put a face with everyone I talked to and the faces that I did put with then wouldn't match now anyway. Again, it was nice to talk to the guys & hear about some of the others. Tell the guys that might remember

that I said Hello to all of them.

Name: **Virgil Doyle Miller**
56 NW 57th Lane
lantha, MO 64759
Phone: 417-682-5921
C Co. 4th ID, Sep. 66 to Feb.67

Comments: Virgil writes: "Glad you got in touch with me. I often wondered what happened to the guys in the unit."

Name: **Donald J. Mullin**
B Co, 25th ID, 1968 to 69

Comments: Donald writes: "Thanks for getting in touch with me!"

Triple Deucer Looses Home in Flood

Some of you may be aware that the Pacific Northwest has been inundated with flooding. One of our own has been evacuated from their home and currently living with his sister nearby. **Nick and Pam Docsanses** were taken out of their home in Centralia at midnight because of the flooding. We just got a call from Nick a few minutes ago that they have lost everything!

Many of you were at their home last July for the C/2/22 Reunion and know they had a lovely home and that Nick loved to restore old cars. The water got into the garage about 30 inches and into their home about 12 inches. The new deck disengaged from the house and was pushed up into Pam's shed.

Nick and Pam are having a hard time with this and are not able to talk about it on the phone. (They do not have a cell phone). Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

This is the most recent message available:

We started packing up everything yesterday, today we have to start tearing out the wood walls

and cut the sheet rock up to where it is not wet. Sounds like fun to me ! Nick is out in the garage again looking at everything and now is realizing everything is going to rust. I haven't gotten out to my shop yet but have seen pictures and have to get rid of A LOT. Boy, God is mad at the world , we need to start listen to what is going on in the world...this truly is a wake up call for everyone.

Everyone has gone home now , we are on our own today. Did get an RV to sleep in yesterday, it is really nice but, really damp because it hasn't had heat in about two years. Our house was warmer than it was. Think the humidify needs to dry up before we should sleep in there again. Hope it does dry up fast. ???

Please tell everyone thanks for thinking of us and tell them we are hanging in there. Would rather have lost it all than to have to see all the damage and know that we are in a contaminated house. It is very hard to know everything you touch is really a danger to us. We wash our hands all the time and wear gloves most of the time too. I want to run away, don't care if I EVER see this place again !! Is that terrible or what?

Gotta go...Pam

To The Membership:

Members of the Board have been in contact with Nick and Pam Docsanes and have expressed the good wishes and concerns of the Members. Nick and Pam have been asked to let us know how we can help.

We do not want to portray Nick and Pam as destitute charity cases. Like the rest of us they are proud people who have worked all their lives and will struggle through the terrible loss of their home without complaint.

However, we know that they will need help. We don't yet know the specifics of what they will need, but we recognize the need. In light of this we have devised a method where

those who wish to provide financial assistance can do so and may qualify for a tax deduction. As you know, donations to The Vietnam Triple Deuce may qualify for a tax deduction. (We use the word "may" because we can not speak to every tax situation. However, in general, they do qualify.) Therefore, we ask that you make your contribution to The Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc. In the notation section of your check, write Relief Fund. Send your checks to Jim May, P.O. Box 665, Norridgewock, ME 04957.

Jim will provide Nick and Pam a list of those who contributed to the Relief Fund.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at nash222@frontiernet.net or 309-537-3536.

Dick Nash,
President

Another Option

For all of you who wanted to be able to do something we've set up an account called the DOCSANES FAMILY FLOOD ACCOUNT at Bank of America. If anyone would like to donate money please go down to your local branch (Bank of America). Let them know it is for Nick & Pam Docsanes. There are many families in Washington State who have accounts set up from this bank. If your local branch has trouble locating the account please contact:

CLAUDIA BALDWIN at Bank of America
Silverdale Towne Center
9981 Silverdale Way NW
Silverdale, WA 98383
360 692-4445 x 4

Or you can contact us at 360 692-5640 (hm) or 360 981-4914 (cell). .Nick has promised for all those that live close that he'll notify us when he is able to use the able-bodied to help. Wil and I are planning to go down to visit them sometime this week. Hopefully, Nick will know more then. Thank you for all your help!

Wil & Cheryl Dahlke
C Co. 4th ID, 65-67

The Inside Track

By: The Kool-Aid Kid

Hats off to Charlie Boat Original **Larry Mason**, of Portland Oregon, for finding so many Charlie guys lately. Larry has been on the phone spreading the word that, "We're gett'n the unit back together again." Larry is finding many Charlie guys that are darn happy that he found them. Larry, like many others that have tried to find their buddies, has found a great deal of help from **Bill Schwindt**, C/3/22, of Portland Oregon. Bill is a Charlie Boat Guy too, but from our sister unit, the 3rd of the 22nd Infantry Reg. So, when you see all the new Charlie Co. finds on our New Finds list, you'll know who has taken the lead in finding all those guys.

Welcome home to our long lost Charlie Brothers and, hopefully, new members of The Vietnam Triple Duce, Inc. I hope to see you all soon... except the ones that short sheeted me in Fort Lewis back in 66. Hahahaha!

Excellent job Larry. It does not surprise me that you are a man of "Deeds, not Words". You always were, and still are.

Old K.A.K. got a little press in the Oregonian newspaper, Portland Oregon, for the Triple Duce and the 25th Infantry Division—all Combat Veterans really. Our local 25th Inf. Div. Veteran's group marched in the Veteran's Day Parade, Nov. 11th, 2007, in the Hollywood District of Portland Oregon. A reporter interviewed me and their photographer took my picture along with **Jim Kessi**, A/2/22 of Scappoose Oregon, and two other guys from different units, **Karl Karlgaard**, B/2/27, and **Joe Burdick**, B/1/5. The picture made the front page of the Oregonian and was the largest picture on the front page. It also made The Oregonians 'Picture of the day'. I about flipped when I saw it the next day and yes, The Order of the Red Ant was shinning (I Brasso'd mine.) brightly for all to see. I was actually quoted correctly in the Metro Section of the paper as well. Imagine that, a reporter that got it right.

Other Triple Deucers that marched in the parade were **Larry Mason**, C/2/22, a Charlie Boat Original as well as **Rich Miller** also of C/2/22, both of Portland Oregon, except that Rich drove his cool Willys Jeep—the one that does 45 m.p.h. with a wind at his tail, and **Gary Hartt**, A/2/22, an Alpha Boat Original, Mulino Oregon. And yes, Gary marched all nine blocks of the parade even if his Alpha Co. buddies do not believe me. Hey! I saw it with my own eyes. In fact, Gary was up for another nine blocks—sort of.

Our local chapter of the 25th Inf. Div. Veteran's Association is mostly all Vietnam Veterans, but there are a couple of Korean War Veterans in our group as well. Our website is www.the25thdivisionveterans.com. We get together every Memorial Day, and Veterans Day to join in local veterans events, as well as a summer picnic arranged by Gary Hartt at a very special location near his home in rural Oregon.

Holy cow! It's only six months until the Washington DC 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunion. I better get my dues paid and my registration in ASAP. I got the hotel nailed down, and my roomy, **Steve Cowlthorp**, C/2/22 Charlie Boat Original, got the airplane tickets nailed down, so we are about ready to rock and roll. Steve and I room together because our snoring blends well together—many people have commented about that. Some even pound on the wall in the middle of the night to let us know how impressed they are.

Boy, don't miss this event you guys. This will probably be the trip of a lifetime for most of us. I understand that some are concerned, especially those that have never attended a reunion before, about seeing The Wall and all the Brothers that we know on that wall, and the bad memories that may be brought back by visiting The Wall. I'll ask you this, have those bad memories ever gone away? You think about them anyway, everyday, don't you? Then why not go to The Wall with those that you served with and honor our fallen Brothers as only we can. It's true what

therapists say about doing something like this. It's healing. If you are worried that none of the actual guys that you served with will be there with you then come see it with me. Anybody that knows even one name on that wall is a Brother of mine and I would be honored to stand with you and meet your fallen Brother. Everybody else in the society feels the same way that I do. We are family my friend. Some may have been Colonels, and some were Privates, but now we are all Vietnam Triple Deucers of equal stature in each others eyes.

Now don't go thinking that this will be some somber event. Uh-uh no way. You first time reunion attendees will remember these words as I have, "You will never have laughed so hard in your life until you come and party with us in DC." I didn't believe it when I first heard it, but I was very wrong. So please come join us as we want so very badly to see you, hear your story, and party hardy!

For those of you short of bucks, let us know—either directly to the officers and Directors of the Triple Deuce, or through a pal of yours. We have set aside funds to pay for your plane fare and hotel, as well as the reunion fees. If we did not want you to come and join us we would not have done this. Furthermore, as with myself again, members of the association can help fight through all the VA red tape to enable you to get the compensation that you deserve--financial help, as well as medical help. That's the only way that I can afford to go to DC. Like many of you out there I was broke, pissed off at the world, and my marriage was failing four years ago. After joining the Triple Deuce and attending the reunions, I now only hate half the world, get a nice check, tax free, every month from the VA, and medical help as well. We know the ropes through the red tape, and would love to help you too Brother. This isn't some charity thing at all. We feel that we owe it to you for being there--walking the walk with us across the pond. So please contact us if you need help. We all really need to do some good for our Brothers.

Well that's about it this time. I think of you guys

all the time and how very lucky I am to have you all as Brothers. I couldn't have made it without you. I hope to see you all in DC next May...can't wait!

Deeds, not Words.

Lynn Dalpez

VP, The Triple Deuce Inc.

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No Excuses! Reunion Attendance is Mandatory

Reunion Loan Program

Here's an outline of how the **Program** will work:

1. Funds will be available for lodging, reunion registration, and 22 IRS Reunion activities including tours, 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.

The Board has allocated funds for the DC Reunion. Enough funds are available so that anyone who wishes to attend this most important reunion should be able to do so. 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 Washington, DC Reunion and make the trip up to **The Wall** where we will honor our fallen Brothers.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the **Reunion Loan Program** should contact me.

*The Board has removed all restrictions on the number of Members who wish to take advantage of the **Reunion Loan Program**. This decision was based on the importance of making attendance possible to as many Members who wish to attend this most important Reunion.

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PACKAGES TO TRIPLE DEUCE IN IRAQ

There are several e-mail messages floating around the Internet urging supporters of our troops to send mail addressed to "A Wounded Soldier" etc. This information is not correct. You must have the grade and name of a soldier for the parcel to be delivered.

Several of my neighbors have asked me about the possibility of mailing some packages to our troops in Iraq. LTC Dennis Sullivan, Commander of the Triple Deuce now in Iraq, has provided us with a specific individual who would receive the mail and distribute it throughout the battalion for the troops. Captain Eichelberger is the Battalion Chaplain. The address is:

Captain Miller Eichelberger
HHC 2/22 IN
FOB WARRIOR
APO AE 09338

This show of support is not limited to the holidays. I suggest that it be an ongoing project during their tour in Iraq. You might want to include a letter with your packet to introduce yourself and express your support.

This came about after some of my neighbors requested a proper address to send some items for the troops. I'm also including the information in my Homeowner's Association newsletter. Probably too late to get anything to Iraq by Christmas.....so hope it will be an ongoing activity.

Wishing you all the very best for the holiday season. Merry Christmas to all. Awb

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Reunion Sequence of Events

Wednesday April 30, 2008
Set Up and Early Registration
Thursday May 1, 2008
Registration
Golf Tournament
Friday May 2, 2008
Business Meeting
Ladies Breakfast
Memorial Service
The Vietnam Wall
Bus transportation to be provided
Hemingway Turkey
Italian Buffet Supper
DMOR/HMOR. Presentation
Saturday May 3, 2008
Banquet
Sunday May 4, 2008
Memorial Service