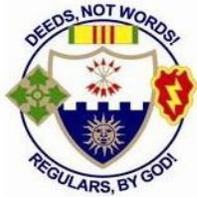


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2015 to all Members, Associate Members, and your wonderful families, who not only put up with the challenges of living with Vietnam Triple Deucers, but help us in more ways than I can write about in limited space. Many of you I have had the pleasure of meeting and seeing first-hand how fortunate my Brother is to have your love and support. So, I am not simply writing about my own personal experience with my wonderfully supporting family. Those of you that have not as yet joined us at reunions, or signed up to become an Associate Member, please do so—bring the whole family. One thing you will learn is what we Veterans have learned—that yes, each man is different, yet the same in dealing with his past combat experiences as best he can. We all have triggers, but they vary from man to man in how he deals, or doesn't deal with them. We are Brothers, and can get tough on each other from time to time, but only on a very few occasions in the history of our organization has this caused a falling out. We are quick to forgive each other, as you family members do for us. We know it's not easy, because we try to do the same thing for each other, sometimes failing, but almost always trying again to be that Brother. I guess that's all any of us can do. I know that I speak for my Brothers when I ask you all to join us as Associate Members—making you Triple Deucers too. You would not have voting rights, but your influence in our decision making process is huge, as it has been in the past, and hopefully, many more New Years to come. Thank you for your support, and love. 2015 will be the Fort Drum NY year for me. It is the current home of the active duty Triple Deucers who, as far as I can tell from the ones I met, are every bit the rascals that we were in our day (Yes, and today.), which is not a good thing... for the enemies of our country. I sure hope we can get them to join us too. After all, it's their unit now, and our legacy will be in their hands soon, along with the 22nd IRS of course. I will probably make a pest out of myself, but I plan on hitting up every single one of them myself to join us. Even the Colonel now that I have no fear of Colonels—except Colonel Russell. If he can find Saddam in a hole in the middle of Iraq, then I have no place to hide. In fact, I might just waltz into the Commanding General's office and get him to order them to join us. Hey! I am a President. Right? What's the problem? He used to be a Colonel. Right? I haven't asked you Members, or my fellow Directors yet. But maybe we can bribe them with the Order of the Red Ant. Hmmmm... I did think up a medal for them. The Camel Spider Corps Medal. Type in Camel Spider in Google. Those things are gross, and yes, they bite. They sure aren't pleasant to draw. Perfect! Neither was the Red Ant. I felt like I had them crawling all over me during each sketch. At least I never had, and hopefully never will have them on my little body. No sir. I'll pass on that one. I'm done with National Geographic type bugs. I'll end with my new chant for the rest of the year. "See you in September!" Deeds, not words.

Lynn W. Dalpez, DMOR, C/65-67

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Read any good books lately? Watched any TV? Gone to the movies? Seems it is all around us. The excitement and glamour of the military life as portrayed in the media is not exactly as I remember it. Regardless of rank or assignment each and every Brother faced situations he would rather not have, sacrificed more than he ever thought possible and grew closer to his Brothers than he ever imagined. Those supporting him at home tolerated more than humanly possible. Every achievement and each gain was possible because of the intangible measure of courage.

Courage is the ability and willingness to confront fear, pain, danger, uncertainty or intimidation. Physical courage is courage in the face of physical pain, hardship, death or threat of death, while moral courage is the ability to act rightly in the face of popular opposition, shame, scandal, or discouragement.

We were there. We know. Some of us find it hard to put words to the experiences. Some of us have tried to deny the feelings for a very long time. But it helps to share those memories with Brothers who know the reality of what happened so long ago.

Whether you choose to share around a campfire, at the local pub, at the reunions, through long phone conversations or in the newsletter of your organization, get on with the sharing while we still have time and ability. Work with your locators to find other Brothers. Together then, together again. . . in this togetherness we have the courage to share our stories and heal. Anyway, that's how it seems to this old soldier.

Dan Streit, D/69

FROM THE 22ND IRS PRESIDENT

As the new year of 2015 begins I can only trust you all had a most Blessed Merry Christmas and getting the New Year off with a bang! It has been a most rewarding year for the Regiment Society. We had a highly successful 22nd Infantry Memorial Monument campaign and hats off to all of you who have already contributed. (See story inside newsletter for more great news on this topic) We are moving forward!

Sadly, we saw the 1/22 Battalion deactivated at Ft Carson (so many of us will long remember the great reunion with them in 2012.) A this juncture only the 2/22 Battalion remains active and thus one of the chief reason we selected our 2015 Reunion in Syracuse to visit with them at Ft Drum, NY. (more details on that later this Spring)

Time is now to make your reservations for the 9-13 September 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion at the Embassy Suites Hotel in East Syracuse, New York (registration form and contact information in back of this newsletter).

This past year several of us joined our upcoming reunion host **Pete Gaworecki** to visit the reunion hotel. We also made the short trip up to Ft Drum and joined Triple Deuce Bn Cdr LTC **Rob Schexnayder** and the troops to celebrate the 239th Army Birthday in June and followed that up with a September visit to the 2/22 "Courage Battalion Ball" at Bonnie Castle, Alexandria Bay, NY. It was a time to not only meet the troops but also their spouses at the Dinning Out. I know you will enjoy meeting this fine group.

Speaking of the reunion once again Pam Brown from Gatherings Plus military reunions group will assist us in the reunion. She will put an agenda on line much like we had in Branson to show our daily agenda. Hotel has 205 rooms and we hope to sell them out for Friday and Saturday night. Hope you can join us. Also Pete and Pam will build a list of optional events and places of interests for side trips while you are there. Remember hotel rate is good for three days before and three days after our reunion dates. Watch for more reunion details later this Spring in the Newsletter.

Lon Oakley Jr.
President 22nd Infantry Regiment Society

WIDOW NEEDS HELP

The following letter was sent to LTC Schexnayder, CO, 2BN, 22IR, 10th Mtn and forwarded to us. Mrs. Rhoda Fegan, widow of **John Fegan**, 2nd BN (MECH), 22IR has asked for help. Her contact info is: 918 Alburn Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207 or cell 614-914-0293.

The Facebook page my daughter keeps is Mustard Seed Faith. I am not a Facebook user, although during my husband's illness our daughter kept a page for us. My husband passed away this May and I am trying to get the Purple Heart included on his military grave marker. His records were lost on his return from Vietnam in 1970. I have proof of his getting the Army Commendation medal from a general order, but it would appear he was never put in for the Purple Heart, or it was lost like his records.

Apparently, eye witness documentation will help me achieve this recognition for him. His name is John T. Fegan (Jr.). He was a part of the 2nd Bat, 22nd Inf, 25th Inf, Hdqts Division in Vietnam in 1969 through early 1970. A newspaper picture and caption said he was awarded the commendation medal on 9/29/69 by a Lt. Col, Bruce F. Williams near Tay Ninh. I know he was wounded

in 2/69 and 5/69 and was reported MIA/POW that summer. I am trying to reach out to other veterans who might have known John and who could provide information on his wounding or MIA/POW status. John would never speak about any of this to me, and I only learned about his being MIA/POW after his death. If you can reach out to his unit and fellow veterans through your social media, I would appreciate the help.

If anyone remembers John Fegan, Mrs. Fegan would like to hear from you.

Jim May
Prov. Co. 68

LONG TIME COMING

The end of October I got a call from **Dean Springer**. He said he and his wife were coming through here in early October. When they arrived at the Gettysburg Hotel, I got a call. We met the next morning at the hotel for breakfast. A wonderful meal, we dined on the sidewalk in front. Dean is the first soldier I served with that I've seen since coming home in '68. What a wonderful feeling and Dean and Karen are great people.

I've been told by some older vets that I was one of the first replacements to the Triple Deuce. When I got there I was 26 years old, could read a map well also a compass. I've been told by many I had good common sense, a plus I thought.

When I got to Nam I was assigned to 1st squad 1st Platoon B/Co. There I met **Dennis McCourt** who was running the squad; I learned a lot from him.

As time passed the old vets were returning home. Things were a little heated at the time. No Sgts., No 2nd Lts. But everything worked out.

I'm not sure when; this occurred but when we changed over to the 25th divi. I carried the 4th Division colors to Cu-Chi. All I remember is **Jim Bristol** was C/O of bravo Co. To me he was one hell of a good C/O better than Jim Bialkowski whom he replaced.

After the change to the 25th things just didn't seem the same. Seems we got everything the 25th didn't want in Cu-Chi. We were at the end of the line in Day-Tieng. Really didn't matter, we did a hell of a job with what we had.

I'm proud to say I served with the best of the Triple Deuce. May God Bless all of you. I'll try to make it to Syracuse.

Harold Baltzley
B/67/68

APPRECIATED THE POOL AT DAU-TIENG

It has been over forty-five years since I arrived in South Vietnam to serve as an II Bravo with company B, 2/22 Infantry (M). I sometimes reflect on those times of long ago and remember brotherhood and bad experiences. One of my most fond memories is that of the French built swimming pool at Dau Tieng. In a land heavy with dust and dirt, flies and mosquitoes, it was a dream destination filled with crystal clean chlorinated water that could cool the skin and clear the mind. If only temporarily, the pool worked wonders in getting the red clay dirt out of skin pores and relaxing tired muscles.

Back then, it didn't take much imagination to picture French citizens enjoying the luxury of the swimming pool only a few years prior to my visit. I'll bet they had large beach towels and cool drinks served to fight off the dust and ever present heat. The pool may have served as a reward to the French for hard work done on the rubber plantation and in the rice paddies. I definitely considered the pool a real prize after experiencing the Crescent, the Michelin, and the BenCui rubber Plantations, the HoBo and Boloi Woods.

Outside of the pool area was a snack stand where one could find a ham and cheese sandwich and wash it down with a grape kool aid. After swimming and eating, I almost felt human and clean again. My memory does not recall if those snacks were free or if we had to pay via MPC.

I believe that I was only able to enjoy swimming in the pool three times prior to our rear area being reassigned to Tay Ninh but I shall always retain the fond memories. Many thanks are due to the guys in the rear that repaired the pool and made it such a joy.

Bill Cobb B/69-70

CHALLENGE COIN FOUND

We have been contacted by a Ms Sherman of Tenafly, NJ. It seems that Ms Sherman found a VN 222 Challenge Coin in the parking lot of the Post Office in Tenafly. She found the coin about two years ago and has been trying to locate the owner ever since. Her investigative journey brought her first to 1/22 at Ft Carson and after not hearing back from anyone, she found that 1/22 had been deactivated. Next she found Michael Belis at 1/22 and Michael sent her on to us. So, if you lost your Challenge Coin about two years ago and happened to be at the Post Office in Tenafly, please contact Ms Sherman at isherman@tenafly.net or 201-871-3008 Remember to bring her some flowers for being so persistent in returning the coin to its rightful owner.

Jim May Prov. 1968

MEMORIAL SEEKS PHOTOS

The VVMF's (Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund) has campaigned to collect photographs for each of the 58,300 men and women whose names are inscribed on THE WALL. They have collected over 38,000 to date.

We recently sent out an email, requesting anyone who might have a photo of a loved one or fellow Veteran whose name is on The Wall, to please forward to us, and we will mail them to the VVMF. This was an attempt to make sure that everyone (those who aren't members of the VVMF as well) would participate and make sure that all of the 22nd Regiment's lost Brothers photos are represented. You can mail them to us at: 9193 Spring Valley Road, Englewood, Florida 34224. If you do have a photo and prefer, you can visit: <www.vvmf.org/how-to-submit or call 202-393-0090.

"While The Wall shows the names of those soldiers who died in the war, veterans who suffered from medical issues cause by their service in Vietnam (such as exposure to defoliant spray and psychological wounds) are absent from The Wall. The VVMF believes that all those who served should be honored. Applications are being accepted now for inclusion in the "IN MEMORY" program for 2015. Again, you can contact VVMF at the same number or visit the website for details and to download the "IN MEMORY" application www.vvmf.org/InMemoryProgram The deadline is April 6th, 2015 for the 2015 ceremony. The "IN MEMORY" ceremony is where thousands gather to honor their fallen loved ones. The names are read aloud and a photo tribute is laid at The Wall. The tributes that were left at the sixteenth annual ceremony became part of the permanent collection of items left at The Wall.

In July, the Education Center at The Wall received the final design approval and it is the final step of building. The site location will be on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial and will honor those who served by educating future generations about the Vietnam War along with acknowledging today's generation of veterans. It will honor those who gave their lives in more recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, until a memorial is built in their honor. As with The Wall, this is being done with private funds. Thank you for your help,

Dwight L. Brenneman
A/65-67

FREE FISHING TRIP OFFERED

Free Deep Sea Trips for Vets in Mid-Atlantic Region
Check the Website for Details

www.thehulltruth.com/sportfishing-charters-forum/637986-free-giant-bluefin-trips-any-all-military-vets.html

REMEMBERING TOGETHER

Today, Perry and I had the pleasure of getting together with Dean and Karen Springer. We met for lunch as they traveled through Connecticut on their no schedule, no hurry tour.

It was a great fall day filled with a lot of catching up, warm hugs and reminiscing about Lt. Ski. As much as it stirred up many heavy, sad memories for me, I was able to finally meet Dean and fill in some blanks about what happened the day we lost "Ski". It especially did my heart good to finally attach a name to a face of someone who knew him while in Vietnam.

What wonderful people they are and needless to say, the experience felt like one of getting together with family. I felt like we've known each other for many years. My only regret was how quickly the time passed. Thank you Dean and Karen for taking the time to make the trip to our neck of the woods and for having so much room in your hearts for me (and Perry too).

Ana Pederson (former fiancée of Lt. Robert L. Mlynarski, KIA 11/25/67)

2/77 SOUI TRE VETERANS NOTIFIED

I am Joe Engles. I served as gunner on # 3 A Battery, and I was at LZ GOLD. I was able to find 6 of our guys some years back and for the last five years, we have gotten together every March 21st and pay tribute to our Brothers lost in the Battle and to the 14 lost on the 19th when we went into Gold.

This year I called the 77th just returning from Afghanistan to their home at Ft, Carson Colorado. After I identified myself as one of the guys who put that Streamer on top of their Battalion Flag, I was put thru to the Battalion S-3 He was excited over the Idea of having our annual memorial there. We have had several conversations-and in one of them, he told me that 2/12 infantry resided on the floor beneath them. I than spoke to the S-3 of 2/12, and they were equally excited. That gave me the Idea of not only having our Memorial there, but why not have a full tilt, one-time Soui Tre Reunion. I then told the S-3 that there was one condition: he said "What is it?", I told him that "US SOUI TRE Guys Still like to Blow Things Up"--He said that can be arranged, and that's when everything took off and the SOUI TRE VETERANS REUNION was on. Here is the itinerary so far. Arrive in Ft. Carson Colorado on March 19th and stay till the 25th or 26th.

On the 19th, we will ALL meet at a location (to be determined) and get reacquainted. On the 20th, we will finalize

all other events. (keep in mind that I'm not a cruise director, but we will have a great time) Between now, and as March approaches, I'll have plenty of conversations with the 2/77 and 2/12 to come up with some great Ideas so that we won't have much down time. On the 24th, there will be Battalion formations and Tre streamer raised to the top of their Battalion Flags. One or two representatives from each unit who fought will be allowed to speak to the formation about the Battle. I will be opening this event up with a brief overview-and If any of you wish to speak--just let me know. Now here is the fun part. Following the address to the formations, the 2/77th and 2/12th on the 24th, we have been invited to go into the field with them for a little weapons fun on that morning and the following, the 25th. (wives can't go on that one.)

So far, here are the Units who have Soui Tre veteran Members who will be at Ft. Carson. A/3/22 and B/3/22 who fought with us inside the wire. 2/12 Infantry who shot their way into Gold to relieve us. C/2/22 the guys in the APCs who came in to relieve us, 2/34 Armor who followed 2/2/22 to Gold and brought their Firepower to bear, The 68th and 118th Air Groups who flew the Choppers and If that's not enough, yesterday I hooked up one of the two pilots who flew the F-104s who strafed the crap out of the NVA that morning at Gold.

So here is what I am asking: If you are a 2/77 Soui Tre Veteran, and receive this invitation, This is a one-time event. So, think about how tough you were that morning--circle your calendar and if necessary, cancel future plans. This Is A One-time deal, and wives are invited. So Fly into Colorado Springs, Colorado on March 19th, and out on the 25th or 26th. I am currently developing Hotel discounts for the 4th

ID. I'll let you know in the future.

WE WERE THERE FOR EACH OTHER THEN--- SO LET'S BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER NOW !!!!

Your Brother,
JOE ENGLESA/2/77
951-696-9565 [1]
jcengles@twc.com

RECON PLATOON SOUI TRE VETS NEED TO MAKE CONTACT

Roger Frydrychowski plans on attending this reunion and would like all Recon Platoon Soui Tre Vets to contact him. Roger graypros@aol.com

MINI REUNION PLANNED FOR 2015

Calling Attention to all "C" Company personal, or any personnel, including BasicTraining "C" Company personnel. There is a gathering planned for all brothers in arms.

Place..... Paynesville American Legion. Paynesville, MN 56362

Date.....May 02, 2015

Barracks.....Paynesville Inn and Suits, 700 West Highway 23, Paynesville, MN 56362

A block of rooms have been set aside from April 30 to May 03. Reservations begin 4 weeks prior. The reason why April 30 and May 3 are included in this block is so that if you arrive Thursday and want to rest up for this mission, or if you are exhausted and wish to wait until Monday before departing.

We have all day Saturday May 2 at the Legion. We may also be able to gain some access Friday evening. There is a spaghetti feed there that evening. Sunday we will have a farewell breakfast at the Hilltop Cafe.

Room rates are \$99.00 plus tax for Friday and Saturday nights. Rates for Sunday and Thursday are \$90.00 plus tax. We have the hospitality room Friday evening at the motel. We may bring our own snacks and beverages. The motel offers Continental Breakfast and there is a swimming pool and hot tub.

The phone number for Paynesville Inn is 877-243-4146. Mention Vietnam reunion.

New attendees, the Legion and motel are next to each other.

Hope we can have a great turnout.

John Mersinger
original "C" Co.
4th plt. 3rd squad 1965 – 1967.
320-968-7756

ELK HUNTING, 2014 adventures shared

Below are two stories about an elk hunt that a number of us were on back in October. John Layman, C/2/22 67-68 and Jim Neeley, C/2/22 66-67, do a fine job of explaining about all the coffee we drank, the food we ate and the good time we had visiting. What they didn't mention was the flavored moon shine and the Jack Daniels. Neither was in Vietnam with us, but they were more than welcomed at hunting camp.

Jim Neeley made me pose with the shovel in front of the poop tent. He plans on holding a Board of Inquisition at the next CBO Reunion, to look into why Roger Frydrychowski, their LT, didn't dig latrines in Nam. I'm sure that Roger will have a well thought out defense ready. Pay attention to what **John Layman** has to say about getting together with your Army Buddies. You can get together in pursuit of any common interest you have or just to sit around a camp fire and enjoy one another's company. The time spent is rewarding.

Jimmy May
Prov. 1968

PS. It is not a problem for me to called Jimmy, especially when others named Jim are present. The guys I grew up with call me JimmyMay, yes, one word. So, don't hesitate to call me Jimmy at reunions or when speaking with me on the phone. You'd be surprised to know how many VN 222 Members already do so.



ELK HUNTER MAKES COMMENTS

Well John has pretty much told our story, and we're sticking to it! I do want to say, I have never, never seen an officer do Latrine Duty...that is until this hunting trip! Jimmy May made me proud, he did a great job digging and we didn't have to reprimand him once! Jimmy did KP also! It was a great time with friends and something you'll never forget! Dan Landa forced me to Gain 11 pounds! What a

cook, he should start a restaurant! I know we all put on pounds, I think I ate better there than at home! Please, nobody tell my wife! We all had stories, and we never had to tell the same ones over. Great ti and looking forward to doing this again next year with **Rich Miller, Dan Landa, John Layman, Jimmy May** and **Steve Cowlthorp!**

Jim Neeley
C/2/22 VN Class of 66'-67'

HUNTING WITH THE OLD GUYS



This hunting story is intended to encourage all of you to get tighter in smaller groups for support and friendship that we have and maintain through the years.

Well, it was a late day in October that I pulled up in front of **Richard Millers** house in Cove Oregon, after a drive of about 18-20 hrs from Scottsdale Arizona (two day drive). I got out of the truck and looked up at the towering mountains behind his house and the wheat field that spread out towards La Grand Oregon, what a sight to start the hunting trip. Richard and Chris, Richard's wife, welcomed me into their house, and then Richard took me around the house, and the outside man cave/workshop area. I know why Richard moved from Portland now, the view from his house and room to expand and wide open spaces. Well we waited around for **Jim Neeley** and Jim May to get there from Portland (**Jimmy May** flew in from Maine and Jim Neeley drove down from Washington to pick up

Jimmy and drove out to Richards house together). Now I should mention this that the drive from Portland to La Grand is probably one of the best scenic drives in Oregon. You go through the Columbia Gorge and up through the flat lands to Pendleton then climb high into the hills and drop down into La Grande to the short drive to Cove. Chris and Richard cooked dinner for us (they could start a restaurant). We went to bed in the new motor home, got up in the morning and started loading the flat trailer with the quad and razor, gas, generators, string light, poop tent, tents (for cooking and storage), chairs, stoves and a lot more, we were going light (does this remind you of going someplace in 1966-72).

We meet up with Dan Landa who lives down the road about 3/4 of mile and is a good friend to Richard. Dan, an Army Veteran who served in Kosovo is also disabled. Dan is younger than we are but made of the same stuff, and I might add a world class mechanic who rebuilds quads and almost anything else. So we were loaded up and ready to go, we traveled about 60 miles into hills and found a place called the telephone pole camp or something like that, anyway it was the only place for a long way around you could get cell service on some phones (as long as it was Verizon). We started setting up camp (did I mention the crapper tent that Jim May dug the hole for), after we were settled in camp we sat around the fire and had a few adult beverages and then weaved our way into the sleeping quarters. The next morning we were up and at 'em. I had not been up in this area before but close (I had lived in Oregon all my life until 6 years ago), so I had done some hunting close by.

I suppose I should mention we were hunting for elk, not just any elk but for spikes. A spike is a male elk that has one horn on each side of the head not to be confused with a branch antler bull or a cow which is a female elk. I say this so you will not be confused later in this story. I had a little help getting my Quad off the back of the truck and we were ready to go. Richard showed me around and so did Dan, we would go to a spot and sit and look over this grand canyon that went on forever. We would be out there for about 3-5 hours in the morning, come back to camp and Dan who was the camp cook would be cooking breakfast and lots of coffee. We would sit around the campfire talking and telling stories, drink more coffee (we pee'd a lot, we are old guys after all) and maybe grab a little sandwich before going out in the late afternoon and spend about 3-4 hours or until dark and come back to Dan cooking dinner. Dan is the kind of cook that thinks we should all eat like it is our last meal; I think I gained about 10 lbs. His cooking was great, there was some K P involved, pots pans, and we all washed our own plates in the fire though.

After K P duty we would sit around the fire, this was our time to talk to each other about family and friends, here

and some past away. We toasted Captain White more than once, and also to all of the guys that did not make it back. To some this may sound like a bunch of old guys reliving the past, and that was just what it was. We all live in the past to some extent. That's how we deal with the future, and try not to make the same mistakes we did in the past. Let it be said, this is the time I treasure the most while sitting around a fire out hunting, or any other campfires. This was our routine for the day. I think the second day of hunting we got a call from **Steve Cowlthorp** saying he was having car trouble getting to hunting camp. It seems his car decided to quit on him half way between Portland and hunting camp. He had to find someone who could repair the car and get him a rental so he could continue on (never give up on hunting). He limped in on a loner later that day. We all had a great time at camp, as for the elk; well I saw eight whitetail deer and a cow elk while we were driving to the hot springs one night after a hard day's work in the field. I think some of the guys saw a branch antler bull being driven out in a truck, not sure if he was alive or dead. Jimmy saw a cow elk. No one saw a spike, so at the end of the hunt we all decided to look for a new spot to hunt next year, but is it really about the hunt or the campfire.

I hope all of you get together in small groups once in awhile. Anyone know where to find elk? Good Hunting!

John A Layman
C/2/22 VN

HMOR NEEDS IMMEDIATE HELP

Many of you met Gold Star Mother Dawn Esposito at our Branson reunion. Her son, SGT Michael Esposito was KIA 18MAR04. Since that time Dawn has been a regimental supporter. She has organized parties for the entire battalion and their families yearly. She has held single soldier parties around the holidays. No one person has ever done so much for our deployed troops, sending care packages to make their lives a bit better. All of this with great expense to herself. She has taken Betty's responsibilities for the upcoming reunion in Syracuse. Last year, she was honored as the Mountain Woman of the Year by the 10th Mountain Division

Things have changed drastically in the past month. She is now homeless and needs our financial help. Many of your Brothers heard of the situation and have made donations to support her. I am the point man for this fund raiser. I am asking you to send what you can to get her back on her feet

Send donation to me via PayPal to (315)727-0861. You do not need to be a PayPal member to donate just go to <https://paypal.com> and click on SEND at the top of the page, insert my phone number and amount and click next.

It is totally secure and your CC is protected or mail checks to me at:

Peter Gaworecki
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PayPal donations are available immediately for use and is the preferred funding as it provides an instant record.

Thanks for your help.
Pete Gaworecki, DMOR

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ATTRACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

For those that plan on attending the 2015 reunion, you may want to extend your stay to visit some popular upstate and central New York attractions

I will list several in no particular order.

In Cooperstown, NY you will find the Baseball Hall of Fame. If you're a baseball fan, this is your chance to see America's monument to baseball. It will take a whole day to see everything at the Baseball Hall of Fame. Cooperstown is also home to The Farmer's Museum, the Fenimore Art Museum, the Glimmerglass Opera and home to the New York State Historical Association. I advise taking the scenic route through the country rather than the interstate. It is only an additional 30 minutes but well worth the countryside rather than highway. It is about a 90 minute ride from Embassy Suites, the reunion headquarters.

The Thousand Islands Area is a great area to explore. Boat tours are available in Alexandria Bay to view the 1000 Islands and the castles and mansions built on them. Also in Alexandria Bay is a monument overlooking the St. Lawrence River in honor of PFC Jack T. Sweet, D/2/22, KIA 2/8/08 Iraq. Well worth the 2 hr. ride.

Nearby the 1000 Islands is Sacketts Harbor, a War of 1812 battleground and barracks. A little north is Clayton.

There you can take a car ferry to Canada to a tourist area. Don't forget your passport or enhanced license! Less than 90 minutes from the hotel.

The above is on Lake Ontario. For fishermen in the crowd, this is one of the best salmon, lake trout, brown trout fisheries in the world. Get a couple other guys and take a fishing charter out for a half or whole day of fishing you will never forget! For those that don't fish, a tour of the NYS Salmon Hatchery is fun and educational. Both about 30 minutes from the hotel

New York State is the nation's second largest producer of wine. New York's Finger Lakes region boasts some of the finest vineyards and climate for growing and producing fine wines. New York is home to 962 vineyards. The Finger Lakes is a great scenic area to explore and visit the wineries and restaurants. Go to <http://newyorkwinerytours.com/> for more information. You can spend a few hours or a few days in the area. There is also a winery less than 5 minutes from the hotel!

A little farther west is Niagara Falls. Enough said. About 2 1/2 hours.

A little closer is the Turning Stone Casino and Resort with 3 world class golf courses including a par 3 course which is beautiful. About a 30 minute ride

15 minutes from the hotel is Destiny USA. There is too much there to list here. 300 stores, shops outlets, restaurants from PFChangs and the Cheesecake Factory to TGI-Fridays. Realistic indoor golf and go cart racing for those with a good heart. <http://www.destinyusa.com/>

And finally for those that never have been there ... The Big Apple ... New York City! It's about a 4 1/2 hr. drive.

Peter Gaworecki, DMOR
C/1/22 67-68

TAPS

John Ellis Walters C Co. 25th ID, 67-68

John was 71, of Cicero, IN died June 4, 2013 at Riverview Hospital at Noblesville, IN. He was born March 20, 1942 at Pittsburgh, PA to Howard Lewis and Emeline Marie (Jaquins) Walters. His parents preceded him in death.

John was a 20 year career military veteran, serving his country in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam War. He was a member of the Cicero American Legion and VFW. He married Janis Elizabeth (McMurtrie) Walters on November 19, 2005. She preceded him in death July 4,

2009. Survivors include a step-daughter: Elizabeth Starr Miller of Brunswick, GA, brother Howard Lewis Walters, Jr., Sisters: Shirley Hoover of Apollo, Pa and Barbara Walters of Pittsburgh, PA, also special friends, Corey and Renee Edwards. Burial was at the Cicero Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society

Douglas Rocco Stanard, B Co. 4th Plat, Mortars, 1968

Douglas was 66, of Freeport, IL passed away Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Stephenson Nursing Center in Freeport, IL. He was born July 9, 1948 in Villa Park, IL. The son of the late Logan and Mildred (Williams) Stanard. He married Diane Gegenhuber in 1999 in Florida. He worked as a shipping clerk for Dura Barr in Woodstock. He was an Army Vet serving during Vietnam and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife Diane Stanard of Poplar Grove, IL, step-daughters, Rebecca (James) Phannenstill and Jennifer (Daniel) Marsh, grandchildren, Mikayla and Corissa Phannenstill, Judy, Abigail and Anna Marsh. He is preceded in death by his parents and son Douglas Stanard. Interment was in Belvidere Cemetery in Belvidere, IL. A memorial fund has been established in the family's name.

Editor comment Doug is a NF

Pete Rock, B Co. 4th Plat. Mortars



Pete Rock on Left
"Duke" Doug Stanard Center
Jim Franklin Right
All were B Co. 4th Platoon, Mortars

Arnie Pellerin

FO Sgt Arnie Pellerin (B Battery 77th Artillery 3rd Bde 25th Inf) who was attached to C 2nd Bn (Mech) 22nd Inf 3rd Bde from about 9/67 to 9/68 passed away on Friday January 2, 2015.

My first and only encounter with Arnie in Vietnam came on Nov 25, 1967 when our first platoon walked into an ambush at a VC complex. Our 1st platoon LT Mlynarski, our FO Lt VanPatten and 1st platoon 50 gunner Dennis Estes were KIA. While trying to keep from getting killed, I saw a guy behind an ant hill with a radio on his back. I moved toward him, on his right, and asked if he could use that radio to help us. He said yes he could call in artillery and sit reps. I told another soldier lying to Arnie's left to move over and we both covered Arnie with our bodies. I told them we needed to make sure nothing happened to Arnie because he may save us. The next time I saw Arnie was in 1997 at the 22nd IRS reunion in Gettysburg, PA. When I got a chance to talk to him, I asked what he remembered about that day. He said other than his LT getting killed, 2 soldiers covered his body because they did not want him to get hit. I then told him I was one of them and we just hugged and connected.

Rest in Peace Arnie.....see you on the other side of the wall someday!!

John Eberwine, C/67 to 68

Leland Dixon B Co. 1968
No dates by **Brad Hull**

GUEST BOOK HITS

Name: **Lynn Dalpez, President**
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Happy Veteran's Day Brothers.
It's your day, so put on your colors and have some fun.
Posted on: Monday - Nov 10, 2014

Name: **Mike Smith**
Location: Little Rock, AR
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Good or bad soldiers need stories. Paprocki Buffalo gets home. Kiss at the airport and she says divorce. Paps says not going home, mind if we bowl a few frames. I liked those Yankee's. That was the last letter he sent back. 124
Posted on: Tuesday - Nov 11, 2014

Name: **Mike Smith**
Location: Little Rock Arkansas
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Donald Ray Webb and I were in contest. We had the record for months in combat with the 2/22. He stepped on a

large mine. It was not a game. We were fools just talking it. I would prefer to be at a reunion.
Posted on: Tuesday - Nov 11, 2014

Name: **Steven Stanley**
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I had a great chat with **John Maartense** today Charlie Company 3rd Plt 4th Sqd John was with my Uncle David Brileya when David was KIA 11 June 1967. A Big Thank you goes out to **Harless Belcher** and **Gary Hartt** as well as **George Dahl** for all the help!!!
Steven Stanley Super Posted on: Sunday - Nov 16, 2014

Name: **Lynn Dalpez, President**
Location: Beaverton OR
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Members. The VN222, Inc. is in need of finding a new Bravo Locator soon. We'll have more details soon, but please contact me, or any Director, if you would be interested in the position, or know someone who would be.
Posted on: Thursday - Nov 20, 2014

Name: **Lynn Dalpez, President**
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Happy Thanksgiving Day Members. I hope you are all able to have a wonderful day with your family and friends. Yes. I will try to gain some weight.
Posted on: Tuesday - Nov 25, 2014

Name: **Dick Nash**
Location: on the farm
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Wishing all a great Thanksgiving. And yes, I will try to lose some weight for Lynn to find.
Posted on: Tuesday - Nov 25, 2014

Name: **Gary Troxell**
Location: LaGrange, IN
Email: trox74@embarqmail.com
Great location. I was Mike Smith's driver in flame 2/22 1969. Mike was good guy to be with. I will contact him to forward some interesting items. Also looking for **Wayne Evans** from Florence Wisconsin. Proudly served.
Posted on: Friday - Nov 28, 2014

Name: **CJ Simpson**
Location: Long Island NY
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Dec7, 1965...**Boat People Originals!**
2nd BN (Mechanized) 22nd Infantry Division Co A; Ft. Lewis WA. WELCOME HOME My Brothers.
Let's remember our Brothers who didn't return and those who are not with us now!

Name: **CJ Simpson** VP,VVA 11 Suffolk County NY
Posted on: Friday - Dec 5, 2014

NEW FINDS

Name: **Kirk Olsen**
Location: Minnesota
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MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New years!!
Posted on: Monday - Dec 15, 2014

Name: **DWIGHT RICKETTS**
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I WAS A SENIOR MEDIC IN THE AID STATION
(CHUNKY BLACK GUY) FROM 6/68 TO 6/69.
Posted on: Friday - Dec 19, 2014

Name: **Lynn Dalpez President**
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our members,
associate members, and your families. Hope it's a great
one. I hope to see you in September, as the song goes.
Posted on: Tuesday - Dec 23, 2014

Oscar G. Rosales
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A Co. 25th ID Sep 68 to Feb 69
Comments: , "I'm glad I found the unit I served with. I
also belong to the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society. I will
stay in touch. Thanks, Oscar.

Steven D. Thompson
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C Co 4th and 25th IDs 65 to 67

UPDATE OF THE 22nd IRS MEMORIAL PROVIDED

I want to congratulate all of you who have donated to the
22nd Infantry Regiment Memorial Monument Fund and
continue to ask for considerations to donate to the fund.
On behalf of project lead and monument visionary (and
newly elected Congressman from Oklahoma) **Steve Rus-**
sell, LTC, Retired I am proud to announce through your
efforts we have reached a plateau of fund raising that al-
lows us to begin work. As a reminder, the monument will
be placed on the National Infantry Museum's Walk of
Honor, Fort Benning, Georgia. It will contain the names of
our fallen since the War of 1812. Also special thanks to
our anonymous donor who matched our donations.

As we move forward special recognition to **Brad Hull**,
Michael Belis and **Skip Fahel** as they assist us in compil-
ing the names to go on the monument. In addition there
are plans for development of a monument registry that will
assist in location of names on the monument and provide
additional details for each name listed. Please watch for
additional details in future newsletters as the project
evolves for possible dedication dates, etc.

Deeds Not Words...Regulars By God

Lon D. Oakley Jr LTC(S) US Army Retired
President 22nd Infantry Regiment Society

HELLOES & COMMENTS

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Benson P. Barrett
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B Co. 25th ID, Mar 70 to Aug 70
Comments: "Wanted to make damn sure I don't screw up
and miss out on the 2015 reunion. I live about 45 minutes
from Syracuse. Wouldn't miss this for anything. Ben Bar-
rett, aka "Shake-N-Bake"

Thomas H. Berg
918-482-1202
B Co. 25th ID, Dec 66 to Dec 67

Charles E. Weidner
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A Co. 25th ID, Jan 70 to Oct 70
Comments: would like to
locate **Robert D. Rankin** and **James R. Bird**.

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Men you served with who you would like to contact: _____

My dues are enclosed for year(s) _____ . Amount* _____

Sorry, there are no Life Memberships

Additional amount you elect to give to the Helping Hand Fund. Amount** _____

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The Sponsored Attendees Program, our Active Duty Soldiers, and
disaster relief such as 9-11.

Total Enclosed _____

Attention New members:

Do you wish to have your name, address, phone number and e-mail address listed in the Comments
section of the next newsletter? Y _____ / N _____

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Jim's address is: P.O. Box 665...Norridgewock, ME 04957. His e-mail address and phone number are:
jlmay@tds.net and (207) 634-3355.

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