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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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Information about Dues

Check the mailing label of your Triple Deuce Newsletter.

- 1 • If you have 2009 or an earlier date after your name, your dues are due.
- 1 • If you have an NF and a date (that indicates you are a new find and when you were found) after your name, your dues are due.
- 2 • If you have an AM (Associate Member) with 2009 or prior, after your name your dues are due.
- 3 • If you have a C, CD or CH, after your name, you do not owe dues.
- 4 • If you have a VAM (Vietnam Associate Member) with 2009 or prior after your name, your dues are due.
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- 10 The membership application is at the end of the newsletter.
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President's Message

I hope all of you fellow Deucers are enjoying the summer and spending time with friends and family. By the time you all get this the 4th of July will be passed but that shouldn't matter to us because it's about "Deeds, Not Words" and we show our patriotism every day. The info on the websites has done a wonderful job of filling everyone in on the happenings of our next reunion. As I said earlier start planning NOW and you will be enjoying a great time next year in Atlanta

A special thank you to all of you who sent "care packages" to our fellow "active duty" Deucers serving around the world during this turbulent time in our history. I think we all realize how much those packages meant to us back in the day!!!

That's about it for now....take care and don't forget to laugh!!!!

Kenny (Lumpy) Schulte A/69-70

Editor's Comment

What is more American than baseball? The other night at one of many games I am privileged to attend, amidst the heat, humidly and mosquitoes, I had time to do some thinking. It seems to me that there are a lot of parallels between our organization and this favorite sport.

Our two year old grandson is on the periphery, playing in the dirt, making many trips to the snack bar, and occasionally watching his sisters play. The 5 year old granddaughter plays t-ball. She is beginning to grasp the concepts of the sport but to her the time is more about socializing with her friends. The 10 year old is in her 6th year. The balls come fast and hard and the play is competitive (the teams are both boys and girls). She feels great pressure to play well in whatever position the coach assigns.

Isn't that how our memberships is? Early on Brothers may be content to be on the edges. . .perhaps reading the newsletter and occasionally visiting the web site. As they mature as members they may want the camaraderie of other Brothers; they attend reunions. Eventually, they might take on a more active role locating lost Brothers, contributing articles to the newsletter, doing any of the numerous tasks that are needed to keep the organization vibrant.

Where, you might ask, were the parents of our grandchildren during the baseball games? They were in the concession stand cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, serving ice cream and snow cones, cleaning and organizing. They were earning the money that allows the baseball program to continue. Likewise our organizations' officers do background work that helps the Triple Deuce to function smoothly.

Anyway, that's how it seems to me

Dan Streit D/69

As an after thought. . .nothing says Kansas more than wheat harvest. So many factors, the weather, the economy etc etc. But one thing for certain (at least it seems to me) is when it is harvest time, everyone works. I was proud to see our beautiful 13 year old granddaughter shuttling vehicles and working the grain cart. So too, considering the 2/22 functions, no role is insignificant.

Another plea. . .we have received some positive comments about the newsletter. This is your newsletter. Please share your story. Your memories of the era we shared are significant to your Brothers. If appropriate, the current related activities of one Brother are of interest to others. The little effort it takes to put your memories down on paper and submit them will be meaningful to the group. You don't have to be a literary genius. . .it is the content and emotion we all want to share.

Company Locators Needed

An effort is being made by the battalion and company locators of Vietnam Triple Deuce to create locator "teams" for each company. They would consist of a team, or "squad" leader, and at least one veteran of each of the four years that the 2/22 was in Vietnam, 1966-1970 in each company. In other words, five locator teams with a plan and goal to have each locator concentrating on finding the guys from his own time in country, and maybe gaining more positive results from our locating effort.

If you have any interest in joining this group, or have any suggestions for setting it up, please contact me ASAP. We have begun the process, but are always looking for input from you guys to continue improvement.

Dick Nash-A & HHC/69
Chief Locator



Remembering a Veteran

Draftee Timothy J. Andrews, 21, left Cleveland for Vietnam in mid-December 1967. His first day in the field was New Year's Day 1968 at *FSB Burt*. That night would be forever burned in Tim's memory as it was for the men of our regiment's 2d (Mech) and 3d battalions. Tim was located near the Duster along the road at the south end of the perimeter manning a machine gun. He remembered the burning tracks. The perimeter on his left flank was penetrated by enemy soldiers and nearly collapsed. Tim was terrified by his introduction to war.

In October 2000, Tim saw an article in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* and attended the *22nd Infantry Regiment Society* Reunion, which I hosted, held near his home in Westlake, Ohio. He has paid annual dues faithfully ever since – as an Associate Member. You see, Tim was an artilleryman assigned to A Btry 3rd Bn, 13th Arty. He did not attend our Friday and Saturday evening ballroom events and is not in the photographs taken. Much later, Tim would tell me he didn't feel he belonged at these since he wasn't a veteran of our regiment. (We all know that our comrades are welcomed with open arms as brothers.)

Tim would complete his tour despite two *Purple*

Hearts for large battles at *FSB Maury* on 9 May 68 and *FSB Buell II* in August (where I think our 3rd Bn was involved). At Maury, four men from his Battery were killed, including Tim's close buddy Garrett Timothy O'Connor, for whom Tim would name his older son. Five other 3rd/13th men would die of wounds in the next few weeks, all but one listed as Alpha Battery. Among Tim's other awards is an *Army Commendation Medal w/V device* for Valor.

When Tim came home he tried to get on with his life, putting in 30 years at Ford (mostly in the casting plant), marrying (Nancy) and having two sons (Garrett and Craig). Like many, the memories shut away haunted Tim and drinking did not help. He finally sought treatment for his PTSD. He also beat prostate cancer. Restoring old cars (a 1964 Ford Fairlane) and exercise were among his passions.

Since 2000, Tim and I exchanged an occasional e-mail and maybe a couple of phone calls even though our homes are only a few miles apart. Another *Plain Dealer* article (Sunday, Feb 7) brought us together again briefly. Of two stories on suffering Vietnam vets, one featured Tim. He had terminal *pulmonary fibrosis*, which basically turns your lungs into a brick.

I called and arranged a visit on 18 February. We had a great visit during which I presented him with his *Order of the Red Ant* medal and framed plaque. He was pleased with the recognition from the Triple Deuce Vietnam. More importantly, we spoke of his tour and he showed me his Vietnam photos and framed awards. But he was most proud of his entry in Jim Nelson's (C 2-22 Inf 1967-68) signed art book and the wide print of Jim's Soui Tre painting (also signed). He recalled fondly his time at our reunion, Bill Allison's (C 2-22 Inf CO) slide presentation, and exchanges with many of our veterans. He identified strongly with our group and really had no similar experience with his artillery unit.

Tim, constantly on oxygen and home-bound by then, said doctors gave him just two months to live. He died six days later at age 63. (He was

ten days older than me.) Tim seemed strong (considering) and at peace. I thought I would get more opportunities to visit and had arranged with a rep from our county Veterans Service Commission to make an in-home call to help with increasing Tim's disability rating and additional assistance.

On 27 February, I attended the funeral home visitation to pay my/our respects and spoke to his wife and sons individually. The young men both told me Tim had finally opened up to them about Vietnam in recent months and shared his photos, medals and memorabilia that had been hidden away. I felt humbled by the entire experience ... and proud to represent my Brothers.

**Timothy J. Andrews –
29 Sept. 1946 to 24 Feb. 2010
A Btry, 3rd Bn, 13th Artillery, 25th Division –
Dec. 1967 to Dec. 1968**

Brad Hull A/ 69-70

Branson, Missouri Hosts Mini-Reunion

The "2/22 Friends Forever" group got together again, this time in Branson, Missouri. We were amazed at the welcome we received! Everyone there has a sincere appreciation for all Veterans and never stops showing it! This small town has so much talent that it's impossible to see everything in a week. We took in as many shows as time would allow, a trip on the Branson Belle Showboat (dinner/cruise), had some great meals, did a little shopping, and, of course, spent time just chatting with each other in our hospital-ity room. We had a local planner "Gatherings Plus" coordinate our stay, trips and most meals and they did a fantastic job. This is our 5th "mini-reunion" with the next one planned for January 2012...somewhere warm?!

Dwight & Betty Brenneman A/ 65-67

Editor's Comment: Because of this reunion and the publicity it has received; "new finds" have been catalogued. That, in and of itself, is

enough to deem this mini a success. But the respect shown and accommodations arranged by the business of Branson, coupled with its central locality, travel efficiency and economical venues make it an ideal consideration for a future reunion.

Adventures with Major Bill Lechner

Last year when we visited Major Bill Lechner and his wife Marge in Georgia I invited him to come to East Tennessee for our annual machine gun shoot. A year later I was tickled to see them pull up my driveway. They are buying a motor-home and wanted to stay in ours to experience the lifestyle.....I said you got it. So for 3 days I had new neighbors. Five of us left for the middle of Kentucky at 4am and arrived at our "secret" meeting place to follow our host up the mountain. The firing line was awesome.....belt fed 30 cal, uzis, AKs,16s, mac 10s and 11s.....and of course 50cal semi sniper rifles with scopes. They season the shoot with big targets, washers, frigs, cars etc.....and load them all with 5gal buckets and coffee cans full of fertilizer bombs. For 7 hours we were back in Vietnam in a fire-fight with all the effects.....and the shrapnel was going over our heads. You had to be alert to the flying pieces of metal and miraculously no one was hurt again this year. We were some tired puppies by 5pm. I cooked hot dogs with chili, Tennessee style for 50 and was supposed to wear my Tennessee Vols chef's hat but forgot to put it on. Being that I was surrounded by Kentucky Wildcat fans holding automatic weapons that was probably a good thing. We loaded the gun cases, coolers and other stuff into the bed of our 4 wheel drive and started home. About sunset we decided to stop and get a quick bite at Arby's. When we pulled into the parking lot we noticed 2 state trooper cars. We had to back up to the door/window to keep an eye on the guns. Upon entering we got in the orderline behind 4 of Virginia's finest. I had a live 50rd in my left pocket and a switchblade (used for opening hot dog packs and chili) in my right. Major Lechner had a 25 auto on him. Then 7

more police came in behind us. I palmed the 50rd at my guys and Bill says "I'm not bailing you out of jail!" And to top it off, my son-n-law had a plastic coke bottle full of bang in the truck! I felt like I was in an outlaw movie just waiting for someone to pull a gun and start shooting. Nothing happened, thank the Lord, but I think we would've had them outgunned anyway. We got home at almost 10 and hit the showers. Got up and went over to my wife's farm 5 min away in Virginia and Bill taught Marge how to fire a shotgun for defensive purposes. He then zeroed in his deer rifle at 140 yards using the barn for shade. The man can shoot. We went to a city park on a mountain close by and saw a wolf program.....the female rangers got the wolves to howl.....all 8 at once....eerie sound. We came home and cooked steaks on the Weber. After dinner Major Lechner told me the amazing adventure called the Cambodia Incursion.....you guys have something to look forward to next April when you see him in person. It was a weekend founded in a dream and it's hard to believe it actually happened.....the highlight was letting the Major, who used to have a XKE roadster, take my boxster on my favorite road course full of blind hills and curves.....he scared the crap out of me but I trusted him completely 40 years ago in Cambodia and I trust him now. When they left for Atlanta Monday morning I knew it wasn't goodbye.....it was

SEE YOU SOON in ATLANTA!

Dennis Coffey A/70

Hello Triple-Deucers!

I am Dick Arnold of the Coffelt Database (CDB):
<http://www.virtualwall.org/docs/vwdbase.htm>

The CDB is a not-for-profit project to establish Company-level, or equivalent, units for all Vietnam KIAs. Having largely established that goal, in large part due to help from men like Brad Hull, George Heidt, and many others, we are now concentrating on adding other details for each casualty.

This includes map grid locations if known as well

as specifics such as type of action: ambush, attack on NDP, meeting engagement, etc. George Heidt has been very helpful with the 1/22 but we are largely lacking such input for both the 2/22 and 3/22.

Official documents such as S3 Logs, ORRLs, and Morning Reports are very useful in obtaining this kind of information. We are looking for anyone with access to such documents that would be willing to work with us. One aim of the CDB is to be a tool for future historians and such information would be priceless to them.

Please contact me by any of the methods listed below if you wish to be part of this worthwhile effort.

Regards,
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The Inside Track

As I write this it is approaching Memorial Day. I hope that all members that lost buddies in the Vietnam War can remind those around them that freedom is not free, and that our lost Brothers paid the ultimate price for all of us to live in a better world by keeping the most powerful nation on the planet free. Too many citizens take that freedom for granted, but we know the truth, Freedom isn't free.

I will be joining our local 25th Inf. Div. Veteran's Group at the Portland Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial to honor those Oregonians that paid that price. The Triple Deucers in our group are from the greater Portland Oregon, Vancouver Washington area. They are: **Lynn Carter (A/2/22)**, **Steve Cowlthorp (C/2/22)**, **Greg Devore (A/2/22)**, **Vance Gustaffson (A/2/22)**,

Gary Hartt (A/2/22), **Pat Marchione** (B/2/22), **Larry Mason** (C/2/22), **Rich Miller** (C/2/22), **Gurney Mosley** (2/22), **Jerry Rudisill** (C/2/22), **Thane Tieson** (2/22). There are a few more Triple Deucers in the area that we hope to get signed up with us, and join us this Memorial Day, as well as our participation in the Veteran's Day festivities. Our group encourages all 25th Div. Veterans to come join us. Besides honoring our fallen Brothers on Memorial Day, and each other on Veterans' Day, we have a lot of fun getting together with each other, so please join us. See www.the25thdivisionsveterans.com for our website.

The following is a letter of thanks that I wrote to **Nicole Marks** and **Randall Pinkston** of CBS News. These are the people that joined us at the Seattle 22nd IRS reunion last fall, to interview those of us that went to Vietnam on the USNS Nelson M. Walker troop ship. Randall Pinkston's reply shows after my letter.

They were doing a piece for the nightly news that dealt with the graffiti that many of us wrote on the canvas bunks during our trip. The Vietnam Graffiti display, headed up by **Art and Lee Beltrone**, was being displayed at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma Washington. Nicole and Randall joined us on our whirlwind tour of Fort Lewis as well.

Much to my surprise, yours truly was featured on the story when it aired on national TV, even though Nicole and Randall interviewed many members during the day. I did not really know what to think about that when I saw it finally air on the Nightly News—with so many members being interviewed and all, I thought why me? **Gary Hartt**, A/2/22 Boat Original, was the only other person from the Triple Deuce that got anything aired about what he had to say about the trip, and that was it. As you will see in Randall's return letter to me, part of the answer to my "Why me?" question is explained. Big time TV has so little time for a piece like this that a great deal of editing and tough decisions had to be

made. Our story could have taken the entire hour to tell with all the interviews that they did, but what actually did come out, as I said, surprised me very much.

Anyway, here are the emails Randall and I wrote each other.

Hello Nicole and Randall,
I wanted to thank you both for the piece you did on The Walker, and those of us that took that boat ride that changed our lives so much. I saw the actual broadcast and was stunned somewhat that I was featured as I was. I really didn't know what to think about that until I started receiving so many phone calls and emails from my fellow Combat Brothers congratulating me for your work. If they are happy with the piece, then so am I.

Randall, when you asked me what I would like the American public to know about war, I think what I was trying to get at was America should use their soldiers wisely because we are people with hearts and souls too, and do not like taking the lives of others under any circumstances, justified, or not. My Brothers tell me that the piece brought that thinking home perfectly—that war is no game, it is very real, painful, and the part of humanity where civilized thinking and actions are thrown out the window. Once in a war, one will not survive if they do not become ruthless people willing to take life. Once war is over, then our actions become painful for us. We do think of the Mothers that we made cry, as well as our lost Brother's Mothers crying, and carrying the pain of war for the rest of their lives, just as we do.

On the lighter side, I have told my Brothers that I don't do autographs. Of course this starts our banter up again, just as it did when we were 19. So, I am now the media superstar who is getting all the ribbing that I deserve. Not to worry though, I can, and do, throw it back in the faces. "Yep, CBS wanted to use the most handsome Veteran in the society, so naturally they chose to feature me." That gets their juices flowing all over again.

Thanks again for all that you have done for us. You did a lot for our view of big time media as well—that not all media people are simply pushing their own agendas, but many really do care about the plights of others. I know that you two do, I saw it on your faces, as well as your actions.

Lynn W. Dalpez
VP, Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc.

Randall Pinkston's reply to me. I know that he has singled me out because I was the one that wrote him, but I think you can all see that he is speaking to all of us.

Mr. Dalpez:

Thank you very much for taking the time to write to us and give us your reaction to our story. I am most grateful to know that you and your Veteran Buddies liked it .

Nicole and I wrote and re-wrote our script. We fretted, trying to get as much in as we could within the time parameters given us by our boss. All the while, we knew that we would not be able to tell everything you and the other Veterans told us. We hoped that our choices would reflect YOUR beliefs and ideals.

About the question that I posed - what you wanted America to know about your experience as a Vietnam Combat Veteran. I really did not have a preconceived notion about what you would say. But as I listened to you, in that instance, I imagined you, decades earlier, in a rice paddy - tired, scared, confused, trying to survive,

In my humble opinion, you, sir, are the epitome of the best in America's military - recognizing that our enemies are also human beings with families, and friends. You made difficult decisions in the service of your country. You have spent a lifetime coming to terms with those decisions. Nicole and I could do no less than to reflect your point of view. While it was not your intention, I sensed that you spoke for your generation of Combat Veterans and, I dare say, Veter-

ans of every military engagement.

Thank you, Mr. Dalpez, for your service and thank you for sharing your story with our viewers.

Randall Pinkston
Correspondent, CBS NEWS

So, I hope that the point was made, and many of you have indicated that it has been made, that soldiers are people too. We are not blood thirsty baby killers brainwashed into doing evil things, and we certainly did not enjoy doing the things that Combat Infantrymen are called upon to do. Because of the comments I have received from many of you, I do feel better about the piece now, yet still wish that more of you that were interviewed by Randall were featured as well. I guess we can just take what we get and be thankful for that.

Today, I feel humbled that I was called upon to speak on behalf of my heroes in this crazy world of ours, Combat Veterans. I hope I did right by you all, and the many soldiers that came before us, as well as those serving for America now that are in harm's way. ...like those guys currently in our old unit, The Triple Deuce. God bless and protect you all.

Take care you guys. See you soon. Deeds, not words.

Lynn Dalpez C/65-67

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April 2011

Triple Deuce

10 Mountain Division Hosts

Fishing Derby and family Day

My visit to Fort Drum was unlike any visit that I have previously made. This visit was to help **Pete Gaworecki, DMOR, C-1/22/4th ID, 1967-1968**, a member of the Old Goats Squad, with the final arrangements and execution of Pete's long planned *Thank You* to the families of our deployed Soldiers.

Allow me to explain some of what went on to bring this event about. Pete had come up with the idea of holding a Fishing Derby for the families of the Triple Deuce Soldiers who are deployed in Afghanistan. During the planning Pete came to understand that many of the children involved were 2 and 3 years of age, so Pete suggested that the event include items such as a "bounce tent" and a "cotton candy machine" and "Family Day" be added to the event's title. Once Pete got all of this into the planning stages he learned that families of the other 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division units that are deployed with Triple Deuce were showing interest in attending the event, so after a brief deliberation, the invitation was extended to those families to attend the Fishing Derby & Family Day that was to be held at Remington Park, Fort Drum.

I arrived at Alexandria Bay, NY Wednesday afternoon May 27 where I met Pete and **Glenn Sweet**. Glenn is the father of **PFC Jack T. Sweet**, KIA 8 FEB 2008 in Iraq while a member of Triple Deuce. There will be more about our visit with Glenn and Penny Sweet elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Pete and I got settled in at the Fort Drum Inn and on Thursday morning we started out to finish up all the coordinating and shopping that were necessary for Saturday's event. We went to Battalion Rear HQ where we met with **CPT Aaron Arntson, CO, 2-22 Rear** and **Mrs Rhonda Cyr, BN FRSA(Family Readiness Support Assistant.)** Aaron, Rhonda and Pete were quickly discussing all that had been done in preparing for the event

and all that remained to be done. It was more than apparent that CPT Arntson, Mrs Cyr and Pete had put a lot of time and effort into making the event a success. Pete and I left the Battalion area on a mission to complete all the gathering and shopping that remained undone. By early evening we had bought food and condiments, picked up donated items and even driven on a fifty mile round trip to buy worms. We'd brought these items back to the Battalion area where we stored them with the items that had already been gathered. Pete rechecked his 'to-do' list and proclaimed that we had completed the supply gathering part of the mission. We'd take a day off on Friday in preparation for Saturday's event. Saturday morning we went directly to Remington Park and found the rear detachment Soldiers were in the process of setting up the 'bounce tent,' the grill and the all important 'cotton candy machine.' Pete and I busied ourselves getting the fishing tackle ready, filling coolers and saying Hello to the most anxious of the Derby contestants. Pete's brother, **Marty Gaworecki**, Associate Member of 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, made his appearance ready to help in any way needed. Pete had brought some fishing poles with him and before the contest began Marty's first job was helping a contestant set up one of these poles. It seems the young contestant had broken his newly purchased pole and would have had to sit out the event but for Pete's thoughtful gesture in bringing the spare pole and Marty's help in getting the outfit ready for use.

Pete explained the rules to the contestants. We'd bought a roll of raffle tickets (Not easily found in the North Country.) and the plan was to give a contestant a raffle ticket for each fish caught. (All fish had to be released.) Marty and I, along with a couple of Grand-Parent volunteers, would position ourselves so that we could quickly respond to the call, "FISH." Well, it sounded like a good plan, but with other interruptions, strategic positing proved to be unobtainable. What we found was that the ticket passers-outers couldn't be in two places at the same time. This proved not to be a problem. The adults were all helpful in providing the "officials" with accurate fish counts and the contestants

were presented with a ticket for each fish.

The fishing had just started, in fact, a fish had not yet been caught when one of the contestants said to Pete, "I'm hungry; when will the hot dogs be ready?" Pete explained that the grill had not been lit and that it would be a while. Good News was that the 'cotton candy machine' was running and **SGT Chaney** was spinning up some super cotton candy. SGT Cheney stayed at the machine all day and became so proficient at his work that I suggested that he be awarded a secondary MOS in cotton candy spinning. Some of the presentations were nearly as tall as the children receiving them. Pete put his attention to the grill while I helped with tying on new hooks and teaching mothers how to put a worm on a hook. Kids were catching fish and calling out for tickets. Some of the youngest contestants took on a method of getting their tickets by bringing their fish, sunfish for the most part, back to the shelter area and proudly presenting their catches. With a ticket in one hand and a fish in the other they'd run back to the pond, put the fish back into the water and resume fishing. It was fun to watch and be a part of.

The morning passed quickly and Pete announced that the hot dogs were ready. Pete had no utensil for turning the hot dogs. Marty had fashioned a stick for Pete's use, but it proved too slow for Pete. He had a lot of hot dogs to grill, so he used the pliers on his multi-tool in place of tongs. **Shelley Loos** went home and returned with the proper utensils before anyone noticed Pete using his pliers.

The time for fishing was over and the contest winners were to be announced and awarded their prizes. The winner was **Cameron Pancake** who'd caught over thirty fish. **Nick Loos** came in second having caught over 20 fish. The Good News here is that due to the very generous donation of fishing tackle made by **Dave Pirog, Store Manager of the Gander Mountain Store in Watertown**, every contestant was going to win a prize. I spent the next half hour grinning like a Cheshire Cat watching the kids come up with their winning tickets. Pete would check the

ticket for accuracy and then instruct the 'little winners' to close their eyes and reach down into the prize bucket. Many of these kids had not a clue as to what they'd won, but it didn't matter. What mattered was that they'd won and that made them happy. And that was what the day was about, making the children of our deployed Soldiers happy. Everyone had a prize; everyone had all the drinks, hot dogs, chips and cotton candy they wanted. It was a fine day.

Pictures are worth a thousand words, go to www.facebook.com/pages/fort-drum/2nd-bn-22nd-inf/247599423917 to view many of the pictures taken at the event.

Events like this take a lot of coordination and help in making them a success. In addition to those mentioned above I would like to acknowledge those who put the effort forth. I'll start with the **Triple Deuce Family Readiness Group**. Your input and networking were a big part of why so many people were in attendance. Next I'd like to thank **SSG McClure, SSG Chevallier, SGT Vandenoorn and SGT Sarday**. These Soldiers did all the lugging, set-up, take down and clean up. They were at the ready to help in any way asked of them. The event would not have run as well as it did without their presence. Next, it is important to mention and support the businesses who donated prizes and food

These businesses deserve your patronage.

Kelly Rettnour, Dick's Sporting Goods, 2 Walden Galleria, Buffalo NY 14225

Colleen Wilson, Dick's Sporting Goods, 345 Court Street, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Herb Phillipson's Army Navy Stores, 1899 Black River Blvd., Rome, NY 13211

Hofmann Sausage Company, 6196 Eastern Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13211

Coca Cola Bottling, 22614 Murrock Circle, Watertown, NY 13601

Special Thanks to Dave Pirog, Gander Mountain, 21182 Salmon Run Mall Loop West, Watertown, NY 13601

Finally, we all owe **Pete Gaworecki** a big Tango Yankee. This event was Pete's brain child; he did the leg work and the coordinating. None of it would have happened without Pete's attention. When you see Pete at the Atlanta Reunion, be sure and thank him for making the rest of us look good.

Jim May, HMOR

Fishing the St Lawrence River with Glenn Sweet

As mentioned in the Fishing Derby article, I met **Pete Gaworecki** and **Glenn Sweet** at the park in Alexandria Bay. The Memorial to **PFC Jack T. Sweet** KIA 8 FEB 2008 is located at this park. If you are visiting the "A" Bay region of New York State I suggest you visit this memorial. It overlooks one of the most scenic sections of the St Lawrence River.

After a brief hello we headed for Glenn's home where I quickly changed and we headed down to Glenn's boat for some St Lawrence River fishing. Glenn is a serious fisherman and owns one of the best boats any fisherman can own. The boat is a Grady-White 20 foot Overnighter. I just happen to own the same boat! Glenn's is newer than mine and set up differently because we fish different waters, but I felt right at home.



We set up for some Pike fishing but Glenn cautioned us that due to the unusually warm weather the Pike had seemed to move from their usual haunts, but, we'd see what we could find. What we found were Smallmouth Bass. For those of you who don't fish I will tell you that the Smallmouth Bass is considered, pound for pound, one of the best fighting fish in fresh water. We were catching fish, not big fish, but fun

fish. Glenn's wife, Penny, called and said she could join us. So we returned to the dock to pick her up. We were back fishing for only a short while when thunder clouds appeared and lightning began flashing in the distance. Well, we all like to fish, but we aren't fools, so we headed for the dock and safer grounds. We visited at Glenn and Penny's home and then headed down to get something to eat. After a nice meal Pete and I headed for Ft Drum and some much needed sleep. Thursday was going to be a busy day for us.



Glenn was gracious enough to extend another invitation for Friday. Pete and I finished the preparations for the Derby so Friday was going to be a Free Day. We met Glenn for breakfast at the Dancing Dog Bar and Restaurant. "A" Bay is a very colorful town. We were back into the Smallmouth in no time. Well, Glenn and I were back into the Smallmouth. Pete was into the Goby. He was catching all manner of Goby. He even caught what we agreed was a Monster Goby. The accompanying photo will give you an idea of just how big Pete's Monster Goby was. The day was filled with good conversation as well as a history lesson on the area. Glenn, who has lived in the area all of his life and was once a guide on a tour boat, knows all about the mansions that fill the islands in the 1,000 Island section of the St Lawrence River and the interesting

stories associated with these places. Once the fishing slowed down we pulled into a small cove so that Glenn's Labrador Retriever, Otter, could go for a swim and stretch her legs on some dry ground. If any of you hunt and are considering a Labrador Retriever, I suggest you contact Glenn. Otter, a young animal, was as well behaved and responsive to hand signals as any hunting dog I've seen. Also, if any of you would like to see some 1st rate duck decoys, again, contact Glenn. He is a master at decoy carving.

Well, fishing and beer drinking were over but Glenn wasn't through with Pete and me. Penny joined us and we went to the local Legion for dinner and to meet some of the local folks. We sat with Glenn's aunt and uncle and a cousin. The fish was cooked just right and the company was even better. Small Town America is a wonderful experience.

Thank you Glenn and Penny for the fishing and the hospitality.

Jim May, HMOR

Visit with Col. Dennis Sullivan

During my recent trip to Ft Drum I was able to visit with **Dennis Sullivan**, his wife Brenda and two of their daughters, Courtney and Kristen. Dennis is the immediate past Commander of 2-22, 10th Mtn. Dennis was the CO from September 2006 to February 2009. During his tenure the Battalion had its second deployment to Iraq. Dennis was wounded in the truck bomb attack on the convoy in Kabul last month that took the lives of **LTC Paul R. Bartz** and **LTC Thomas P. Belkofer**, both of the Division HQ Staff. Dennis' wounds were serious enough to give his family a fright, but not serious enough to keep him away from his work. When I saw Dennis his stitches had been removed and he looked and felt fine.

Dennis, presently the Division G-3, has recently been promoted to Colonel and is slated to take command of the 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. My preference would be for him to take command of the 1st BCT, Triple Deuce as part of the 1st BCT, but

as it was 40 years ago, Generals still pay no attention to my wishes. Good News is that Dennis has promised to wear his 22nd Infantry Crossed Rifles at his new post. (The Sullivan home is filled with Triple Deuce and 22nd Regiment items, including a very attractive stained glass piece.) I'm sure that members of 2/14, Golden Dragons and 4/31, Polar Bears, will take note of the 22nd Crossed Rifles and do their best to measure up to Triple Deuce standards. The Change of Command has not been scheduled, but I do hope to be present with the Vietnam Triple Deuce Guidon positioned in a prominent place.

Jim May, HMOR

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Cookie Morris Remembered

The First Lady of the Charlie Company Originals, **Mary Jean "Cookie" Morris**, passed away April 27, 2010. She is survived by her husband, and our Brother of Charlie Company, **Dan Morris**, a Walker Boat Original, her childhood sweetheart, and husband for 44 years. She is also survived by her three beautiful daughters, and seven grandchildren. She was laid to rest in Bremerton WA, the city of her birth, marriage, and birth of her daughters. Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of the Star Catholic Church, May 5th, 2010. It was a wonderful Mass, followed by a reception to celebrate Cookie's life.

Members of Charlie Company Originals consider Cookie our First Lady because she was the first one to suggest that we all get together again, and opened up her home to us for our first two mini-reunions. We were sitting together at the 22nd IRS Reunion in Kansas City MO, when the subject of mini-reunions came up for some reason. Cookie immediately made the suggestion that we do the same, and that we could do it at her and Dan's beautiful home outside of Bremerton in Seabeck WA—a rural, forested area in the beautiful Puget Sound area. This invitation and encouragement by Cookie and Dan started the ball rolling for Charlie Co. Originals to start an annual mini-reunion. We will hold our next one the first week of August 2010, and certainly will honor Cookie during the event.

It was easy for those of us in attendance to see the love that Cookie's family felt for her, though none of us were one bit surprised by that, knowing Cookie, and loving her as we do as well. She was simply that kind of person, always thinking of others, and giving warm, heartfelt smiles that will be missed by us all.

Our sympathy goes out to Dan and his family who will be in support of each other during the days to come, being the super family that they are. God's speed Cookie. We'll see you later girl. You certainly lived by our motto, Deeds, not Words, and will stay in our hearts forever.

Lynn Dalpez C /65-67

New Finds

James V. Salvatore

15309 34 Mile Road
Armada, MI 48005
jsal48005@yahoo.com
A Co. 25th ID, May 68 to Jan 69

Robert L. Cain

9344 Holnwon Ct.
Hudson, FL 34667
727-860-4869
robrtcain@aol.com
B Co. 25th ID, Apr 70 to Nov. 70

Dennis H. Holt

2218 Cooke st.
Abilene, TX 79605
325-698-9694
mampops@att.net
A Co. 25th ID, Oct.68 to May 69

Thomas J. Sowder

831 Radcliff
Garden City, MI 48135
734-425-6107
tsowden8571@wowway.com
A Co. 25th ID. Aprl.68 to Mar. 69

Tom writes, "Will be in Atlanta next April. Hope to see Ben, Jim & others. Would like to find or hear from **Tom Burrell**."

Riley W. Nedla

3702 E. Sahuaro Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85028-3440
602-953-3078
rileynedl@ao.com
C Co. 25th ID, May 69 to Nov. 69

Riley writes, "Most in Charlie Co will know me as **Doc Riley**." Riley would like to locate **Steve Kemp, Thomas Harris, Rodney Dixon**.

Helloes & Comments

Vernon L. Evans

8935 Kephart Lane
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
269-473-6863
vern_evans@yahoo.com
HHC & Alpha Co., 4th ID 1965 to 1967

Vern writes, "I am a Boat Original. I served as a mechanic in HHC and Alpha Co."

Melvin L. Grey

PMB 7 P.O. Box 10003
Saipan, MP 96950
670-287-4119
mellspn@yahoo.com
C Co. 25th ID, Dec.68 to Apr. 69

Mel writes, " I was wounded On 3/15/69 and was in the hospital the rest of the time." Mel would like to contact **John Combs, CW Allen, Selma Russel, Herbert Guest, Terry Argenbright and Byrd.**

Robert M. Cothran

517 Caplis-Silgo Rd.
Bossier City, LA 71112
318-747-1633
gcothran@bellsouth.net
C Co. 25th ID, Jan. 70 to Nov. 70

Robert would like to contact **Jerry Horsley, Marvin Clark and Jimmy McGee.** Robert writes, "I am looking forward to the Reunion and meeting old friends from 2/22."

Paul D. Norvel

3107 Baltimore Ave.
Pascagoula, MS 39581
228-769-1539
HHC 25th ID, 1970

Larry J. Boles

C Co. 25th ID, Dec. 67 to Dec. 68
336-789-4141

Larry writes, "I enjoy reading the Newsletter. Keep up the good work."

Glen F. Goff

B Co. 25th ID, 69-70
glenandbirdie@suddlink.net

Glen would like to find a guy with the nickname of **Walla-Walla** from Washington State. Walla Walla had stepped on a mine.

Don R. Kord

B Co. 25th ID, March 67
donnykord@aol.com

Don writes, "Keep up the good work. The Newsletter is worth the \$15.00 Dues.

Michael Mitchell

B Co. 25th ID, Sep. 67 to Sep. 68
831-422-5211

Mike writes, "Enjoyed Seattle. Looking forward to Atlanta. You guys do a great job. Please accept my thanks."

George W. O'Brien

C Co. & HHC, 25th ID, March 68 to April 69
gob19@ctvea.net

George writes, "I was the Plt Sgt of both the 81 mm and 4.2 mortars, 1968-1969. Would like to hear from anyone that remembers me."

James J. Papczynski

B & HHC 4th and 25th ID, Dec.65 to Dec.67
pappy.ij@comcast.net

Jim writes, "You folks have helped me out already. Thank you very much. The web site is needed & good for the younger generations to know about. Thank you for your time and efforts."

Thomas J. Petro

Recon Plt. 25th Aug. 67 to Aug. 68
tpetro@hotmail.com

Tom would like to locate **Gary Harville** and **Rick Rafter**.

Thomas E. Buck

HHC, 25th ID, Aug. 67 to Aug. 68
tebuck62@aol.com

Victor G. Diver

B Co. 25th ID, Nov. 69 to Nov. 70
vicd2@glastel.net

Eugene T. Gabay

B & HHC, 25th ID, July 68 to July 69
908-979-0554

Michael L. Keown

B, C, D Co's. 25th ID, Feb. 70 to Nov. 70
gofigurc@mchst.com

Michael would like to locate **Mark Nash, Paul Richmond, James David, Daniel Beltrom, Peter Larson** and **Dennis Aurilja**.

Raymond S. March

HHC 25th ID, Dec. 69 to Dec. 70
raymail49@comcast.net

Raymond writes (referring to making contacts with those he served with) "Have contacted several so far and we e mail each other."

Richard M. Miller

C Co. 4th & 25th ID, Jan. 66 to Aug. 67
rich.chris@comcast.net

Ronald V. Preston

A Co. 25th ID, 1968
718-659-7176

Donald C. McPhee

amcphee45@yahoo.com
HHC, 4th ID, Sep. 66 to Aug. 67

Karl T. Bergeron

603-942-8941
B&HQ Co. 4th & 25th ID, Sept. 66 to June 67

Karl would like to find **Joe T. Walls, Bobby Joe Reynolds, Lt Pryor,** and **Brian Betters**.

Harless W. Belcher

bellbillyaksha@yahoo.com
C Co. 25th ID, Sept. 68 to Jun 69

Harless writes, "Welcome Home! Great Newsletter! I served with C-2-22, 25th Div from Sep '68 to June '69 when I was severely wounded near Dau Tieng. Would like to hear from anyone I served with who remembers me. My nickname over there was '**Bird**.'"

Dennis Florio

B Co. 25th ID, Aug. 68 to Aug. 69
239-732-5352

Dennis writes, "I enjoy the Newsletter, it's always good to hear about those we served with so long ago."

H. Scott Kirkpatrick

HHC, 25th ID, Mar 68 to Mar 69
hiskirkpatrick@snet.net

Scott writes, "I love the Newsletter. I would love to attend reunion 2011 in Atlanta. Is there a way I can get names and or addresses of Members of our Association that were in my unit in the time frame that I served so that I can converse with them to come to the reunion?"

***We do not pass out Membership information. However, anyone who reads this and wishes to contact Scott can get his contact info from Dean Springer, Burt Lockwood or Jim May.

Wayne R. Miner

HHC, 4th & 25th ID's 1965 to 1967
Wayneminer1@gmail.com

Wayne would like to locate **Richard Ferrell, Patrick McGreevy, Bobby Reynolds, Joe T. Walls, Jeffrey Harvey, Thomas Gentry, Jerry Hendrix, Thomas Spano** and **Ray Gutierrez**.

**22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion
Registration Form
April 14-17, 2011
Atlanta, GA**

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Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

I served with the 22nd Infantry Regiment in: _____ Company; _____ Battalion; _____ Division
Dates Served: _____

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Dates Served: _____

I did not serve/support the 22nd Infantry Regiment but am or would like to be and Associate Member

Please book your own Hotel Reservation early:

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1-800-362-2779

Or sign on to the 22nd Infantry Web Site and go to the link for registration online

NOTE: Rooms are blocked under the name "22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion"
Identify yourself with the Society to receive the room rate listed below:

Double Suite Total (room plus tax) is \$107.35

King or Queen Suite Total (plus tax) is \$89.27

Hotel reservations must be received before March 22, 2011. Room type is on a first serve basis.

The group rate will be accepted 3 days post and prior based on availability (availability very limited)

To register for the Reunion, use this form (complete back of this form)

Make checks payable to: **22nd Infantry Regiment Society**

Mail completed form and checks to:

**22nd Infantry Regiment Society
c/o Martin Oelklaus
P.O. Box 3258
Independence, MO 64055-8258**

Question concerning the reunion: Contact Skip Fahel at 281-714-9592 or email at eqf15@aol.com

Step 1: Dues (Check One)

_____ I already paid my dues for 2011. No dues are enclosed.

_____ I am a Life Member. No dues are enclosed.

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Step 1 Total: _____

Step 2: Mandatory Reunion Registration Fee (Information for Name Badges)

Registration Fee: Member or Associate Member \$20.00 (On Site Registration \$25.00)
 Guest (Age 18+) \$10.00
 Guest (Under 18) \$ 0.00

First Name	Last Name	City and State	Registration Fee
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Step 2 Totals:- _____

Step 3: Group Meals and Transportation

Ladies Breakfast Buffet: No. _____ @ \$20.00 Total: _____

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Grilled Chicken No. _____ @ \$36.00 Total: _____

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Step 3 Totals:- _____

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Norridgewock, ME 04957

Phone 207-634-3355

E-mail jlmay@tds.net

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I served with the 2-22 in Vietnam: Company _____ Division _____ Dates served _____

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I did not serve in or support the 2-22 in Vietnam but wish to be an associate member _____

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

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