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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

The old problem of locating is still with us, and time is running out on the members of this organization who still have unfound Brothers they would like to see before we all join those we lost in Asia five decades ago. The major reason is pretty basic. The List of successful locators is way too short. It started with Awb, Norm, John Eb, John Otte, and of course Brad. And the Mike Groves, Dean Springers, Gary Harts and a few others whose names escape me right now did the job that brought Vietnam Triple Deuce to the high levels of members it has enjoyed so far. Right now I am going through lists provided by Bill Schwindt and Dean Springer to try to grow us some more before it is too late. That has been a study in frustration so far, as this job often is. But that one guy who thanks you and signs on to VN222 is the reward for listening to the excuses so many others give for not rejoining the guys they walked the walk with 5 decades ago. I cannot fathom why anyone would not at least give it a look at this age, but there are many who won't.

Jim May and **Steve Irvine** are putting together what will likely be the last great effort to bring new members into our ranks, while reminding those who let their membership lag that it is time to re-up. Watch for more in upcoming newsletters.

Bottom line is that I need your help, this outfit needs your help, and the guys out there who still don't know about us need your help. All it takes is for you to get in touch with me or one of the published POC (Point of Contact) for your company and find a name from your Triple Deuce past that you would like to see again before we all check out from this life. Then get off your duff and call, write, email or whatever it takes to get that guy and

you conversing about the benefits of joining VN222. I promise that you will both benefit greatly, and you know I am right. Awb always said that if we all did this we'd be twice as big an organization. Do the math...

Dick Nash, A Co. & HHC, 69

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Keeping a promise seems like an important behavior to me. If memory serves me correctly, and of late it does not more often than it does, I made a few comments/promises in regards to the Las Vegas Reunion.

The numbers, as predicted, were a bit lower. Recently there have been mini reunions. Many people are connecting with **Brothers** in these settings. Although I contend the 22IRS/Triple Deuce Reunion is the best format, the connecting with brothers is however, the important factor.

The Hospitality Room was available. The configuration made extended visiting somewhat difficult but I can tell you other venues within the complex housed many groups of old vets. One personal note, along with Gerard "Frenchie" Marceaux, our wives and I occupied a table at the food court until it closed. Frenchie and I served together in D company in Dau Tieng and Tay Ninh.

The younger guys (only chronologically, not experientially) are quite competent. Whether it is one speaking knowledgably about the state of our country, one face timing his mother or one addressing concerns of the membership from the podium, the leadership of the 22nd IRS is in very capable hands.

As to my promises to the co-editor to celebrate our anniversary, all I can say is she loves the ring.

In a year an a half, Fall of 2018, we will have the next best reunion ever. It was phenomenal that we had ten first time attendees in Las Vegas. Triple Deucers are aging (rapidly) Let's see how many more **Brothers** we can get together at the next reunion. It is important to do so while we still have time. Anyway that's how it seems to this old soldier.

Dan Streit D/69 DMOR



Dan Streit. D/69, Gerard "Frenchie" Marceaux, D/69-70

BUSINESS MEEETING HELD

For the Brothers unable to attend the Las Vegas Reunion, the following is a brief summary of the business meeting.

President **Dick Nash** noted that the next reunion will be in October or November 2018 in Connecticut maybe? Sequentially he called on Board Members to give brief reports

Jim May reported on the financial strength of the organization, the audit had been completed, and the taxes filed and accepted. He pointed out that there is **not the option of life membership to VN2-22**. In closing he observed we are a long way down the highway of life and it is a one way street.

Steve Irvine, the web master, encouraged members to submit their photos and if they don't have their records to get them. Volunteers are welcome and progress takes time.

Dan Streit, newsletter editor, encouraged Brothers to continue submitting articles since that is what makes the NL of value. He credited his wife for helping.

Ben Anderson stated an effort is being made to get maps in a PDF format on the website. Additionally there will be a tool on how to read a military map and a marking tool.

George Dahl related there is not a lot going on with the group e-mail. The policy is no discussion of politics or religion and no personal attacks

Jim Nelson spoke about the Su Tri reunion; the 50th anniversary of one of the major battles of the war. The group appreciated the simulation technology at Ft., Carson.

Additional information shared included that Ruth Crocker has a new book The People of Yellowstone. There will be 10 new ORA inductees at the banquet.

Vera Streit, HMOR
Co Editor

THANKS EXTENDED

A Special Thanks to **Andy Diffley**, Alpha Co., 2/22, 1969-1970 for saving both the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society and the Vietnam Triple Deuce hundreds of dollars in shipping costs. Andy flew his Piper Aztec to the Las Vegas reunion. He offered to fly the Guidons and unsold merchandise back to Delaware. He then shipped the items to me here in Maine.

Tango Yankee, Andy.

Jim May, Prov., 1968, Quartermaster



FIRST TIMERS-RED ANTS

Back Left, Charles Treat, Wayne Armour, Richard "Skip" Funk, Bob Sechi, Dee Jorgenson, Gary Fassett, David Heallen

Front Left, Carl "Snake" Yamasaki, Gerard "Frenchie" Marceaux, Steve Murphy, Mike Bogdanoff, Jerry Wysocki

MINI GATHERING HELD

Maggie and Joe Fraser have had a great "mini-gathering" for the past three years during the time that some of the guys visit Florida. This photo is in March at their home in the Villages...a



great place to have entertainment, food and fun!

Next gathering is in Oscoda, Michigan with hosts **Terry Humpert** and **Vickey Woods**. Anyone interested, please contact Vickey at 989-245-9772 or Terry at 989-859-8607 for more information. It's time for all the guys to get together again!...especially those who haven't attended a reunion...don't know what you are missing!

It's fun and we all enjoy, guys and gals.... the time we spend with each other!

Betty Brenneman

REUNION PHOTOS SOUGHT

We need photos from the Las Vegas Reunion, and the last reunions in Branson and New York. If you have photos from these reunions, please send them to the webmaster for inclusion on the website. Any names you can add to the pictures are appreciated. You can send the photos electronically as .jpg files with medium or less resolution. Name each photo with something informative and the day, meeting and/or event that was taking place.

For examples, go to the website (www.vietnamtripledeuce.org) and select the "Reunions" button. Then select Atlanta, Georgia April 2011 (for example) and look at the pictures. The "picture description" is actually the label for the picture. I remove the .jpg label and post the title.

If you have any questions, contact the webmaster directly at svirvine@gmail.com. I will send more instructions as needed, or work with you on the phone to get good samples. We want to make this easy.

Thank you
Steve Irvine, B/68-69

HONORING OUR OWN

Terry Dane Alsup is Not Forgotten

I was contacted by a Mr. Frank Smith in early July about his successful effort to have a Virginia road named after one of our own who perished on July 15, 1967. Terry Dane Alsup was one of three Triple Deuce KIAs on that day, and Mr. Smith's best friend. Somehow he had managed to stage a dedication of this highway on the exact 50th anniversary of Terry's death, and wanted to know if I could contact any of Terry's combat Brothers about attending or contributing in any way. I sent out an email to a bunch of potential Brothers, and was answered immediately by Dwight Brenneman. His account of that day was one of the most moving writings I have ever read, and while Dwight nor I were going to be able to attend, I combined parts of his letter with my thoughts and sent the following text to Mr. Smith who read it at the event attended by 150 family, friends and patriots:

I wish to offer my deepest apology to the family and friends of Terry Alsup because of my absence at this dedication today. But it is very important that the message I would be speaking be stated to you who are gathered here today.

Terry was a soldier in Alpha Company, 2nd of the 22nd Infantry battalion, 4th Infantry Division on July 15, 1967. He and two others of that outfit were killed in combat that fateful day. Soldiers are grieved, buried, and remembered forever by family, but often forgotten by others as time passes. It is not a fault in people's makeup. It is just how it is in this busy society.

In Terry's case, that was not the case. Frank Smith has remembered his friend for every one of the 50 years since his passing, and has achieved a remarkable feat. He has managed to get a highway named after Terry Dane Alsup to assist those of us other than family in remembering his terrible loss so long ago. That it has timed out to the 50th anniversary of that loss is just another remarkable achievement that Frank can be praised for.

I want to tell you all about another group who have also honored and remembered Terry for many years, and will continue to do so until we join him in the hereafter. Vietnam Triple Deuce is an organization made up of combat veterans of the four years the 2nd of the 22nd battalion served in Vietnam. We are several hundred strong, and hold reunions and other gatherings each year to maintain contact with those Brothers we call our "Other family". At every planned event, we state and honor the names of those several hundred of us lost to the ravages of that war. They are forever a part of us, and are honored as they should be by us. We are part of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society which has members from any era from World War II to the present day conflicts. I received the following from one of the soldiers who was with Terry on that day, and would like to read some of his words to you.

"I have lived with his death every day since. We have attended many 2/22 Infantry Regiment Reunions and also have many 'mini-reunions', and at each and every one of them, we have a "Memorial Service" where we pay our respects, remembering those who have fallen, by reciting their names, and at the "mini-reunions", placing flags for each of them. Be assured that all our soldiers and Brothers are remembered, by all of us, more often than not. We were all Brothers! I am so glad that Terry had such a good friend as

Frank, one to never forgot him and honor his memory by working to name the highway in his name as a memorial to him, which he so deserved. I can say that Terry was a soldier's soldier, and did what he was sent to Vietnam to do. After fifty years, I still choke up when we say his name, and names of all our other Brothers lost to that war. During my tour, we lost thirty men in Alpha Company alone, all our Brothers, never forgotten. My apologies for not being able to attend this well deserved tribute to Terry Alsup. I am hoping that there will be someone to speak on my behalf...as memories of this day would trigger emotions that I couldn't control. God bless all",

Dwight Brenneman, A Co.67-68

So please know that Terry's name is read and honored each year by those he served with and others who are defending America today. It is not a job or a chore to us. It is an honor...

Dick Nash A/HC 69

President Vietnam Triple Deuce

ROBIN HARRINGTON REMEMBERED

Robin Harrington came to C co in September 1967 just 2 months before my leaving. We all liked him and he arrived with Lt. Mylnarski who was also popular. It had been a long time since we had an E-5 and a Lt in the platoon. We had a few small scrapes and **Jack Shishito** captured some VC one night. One of my closest friends, **Denny Estes**, was our 50 gunner and a Christian who helped me through those final days. **Artie Peterson** was the track driver. When I left the helicopter I was in was being sniped at and I was thinking I would never see those guys again.

I left on November 6th and on Thanksgiving Day they got hit. Artie sent me a letter just after it happened telling me that Robin and two others had gone out to check the other side of a clearing when Charlie opened up and hit them all, according to Artie. Lt. Mylnarski ran to Robin and another Lt. went to help him. Our guys pulled back and called in Artillery. **Denny Estes** was our 60 gunner, got hit and died. The two guys with Robin were able to crawl out of there. When they came back the next day they found Mylnarski's boot. No sign of anyone else. I was so devastated that I never attempted to reach out to anyone for many years until I found **Jack Shishito**.

Then about 15-20 years ago I heard from **John Eberwine** regarding a reunion in Irvine, Texas. My friend and I were going to ship our bikes to LA and ride to Texas but his dad got ill and he had to cancel. I called John and told him I couldn't come. He shamed me into coming anyway and it was one of the highlights of my life. As soon as I arrived I found **Marcus Burke** from my squad along with Awb and Norm. So that afternoon we were in the hospitality suite and I see a guy whose name I couldn't recall. He knew me instantly and said "Spanky" is that you? When Robin said his name I was floored, I was told he died on Thanksgiving Day 1967. "Sorry to disappoint you Spanky, but I made it". His wife was with him and I asked him to tell me how he got out alive. So he spun me a yarn.

He was the only one hit at first, one grazed his head and he had two body wounds. As soon as he hit the ground he heard Lt Mylnarski yelling and running toward him. When the Lt reached Robin, Robin said he heard the rounds that hit the Lt and he was gone instantly. Another Lt (Spotter) came to help Mylnarski and was also hit immediately and went down. Robin laid there for awhile then the artillery started hitting around him and one flipped him over on his front. The blood cleared out of his eyes and he saw that the two officers were gone. He then realized both legs and one arm were good and started crawling back toward where he thought the guys

were. He said he thought he had crawled for hours and was loosing blood. When he reached the jungle he used some trees to help him stand and walk. When he stood he was hit in the backside (That was the worst wound as it turned out). He kept crawling and ran into another company. They choppered him out. He was in an Okinawa hospital for a time then to Ft Polk for surgery and rehab. It was months before he knew what was going on and he assumed our guys knew he got out.

So while his wife and I are in tears a crowd of our guys huddled up around us and we did a group hug. I was so happy he was okay. After that when they went to a reunion that I was at we did most things together. They visited us at our home in Hawaii and we showed them some good ole Hawaiian culture. My wife and I love Robin and Mary dearly and they will always be in our hearts.

I appreciate the opportunity to give some perspective of that day as told by one of its casualties. He was the definition of a good man. Mahalo,

Larry Peckham (Spanky) C 67

TRIBUTE OFFERED

My name is **Michael Walters**, I was with Co B 1st Platoon 4th Squad, Triple Deuce from Jan 69 to Jan 70 and this is my Memorial Day Tribute to **Alvin Grimes**. Alvin was killed on 5/13/69 Alvin was the squad leader when I got to the field. He was a small black guy from Louisiana and I was a white country guy from Indiana. The original odd couple but we became the best of friends. He was a leader who took the time to explain to the "fu-nu-ge" what to do and what not to do in the field if you wanted to make it home. He was small in stature but he had a lions heart and was always fearless in battle.

Well Alvin finally got out of the field and was doing something in the rear area, until one day just

before we were going into our Crescent Offensive he showed back up and said he wanted to go back out to get himself a RPG launcher to take or send home. We told him not to do it, that we would get him one and send it to him but he wouldn't listen. Maybe the Company had ordered him back out, I don't know, but that's the story he told us. I think it was the first day as we were going through the jungle. We had stopped for a while and one Track aims to the left and then the next one to the right and so on back the line. We had been sitting there a few minutes and I think we were just getting ready to move out again when all hell breaks loose, we were pointing to the left and the hail of bullets was coming from directly behind us. I was sitting close to the front so I dove off the front of the track and then peered around the side of the track to return fire. That's when I saw Alvin, he had been hit in the initial hail of fire and killed instantly. After the firefight ended and Alvin was carried out, I broke down and cried my eyes out. My best friend who shouldn't have been there was gone. Many may not know Alvin or of his time in Viet Nam but I will never forget that day nor will I ever forget Alvin Grimes. I've shed a few more tears throughout the years when I think of that day. Rest in peace Brother.

Michael Walters B 69/70

FALLEN SOLDIERS REMEMBERED

Members of the Fort Drum community gathered recently at Memorial Park to pay tribute to the more than 300 10th Mountain Division (LI) Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting in contingency operations since 1992.

In honor of the fallen heroes, a wreath was placed at the foot of the Military Mountaineers Monument by Maj. Gen. Walter E. Piatt, 10th



Mountain Division (LI) and Fort Drum commander, who was accompanied by Sgt. Maj. Steven Stites, chief operations sergeant major; Dawn Esposito, Gold Star mother, and Alejandro Villanueva, National Football League offensive tackle and former division Soldier.

Piatt welcomed guests to the ceremony and extended a special welcome to those Gold Star Family Members in attendance. “You honor us every day, and you honor us here today with your presence,” he said. “We deeply appreciate you traveling to the North Country and visiting your Fort Drum home and your 10th Mountain Division Family.”

He said that Memorial Park not only serves as a place to reflect on loss, but as a reminder to carry on the legacy of those who gave their lives in service to our nation. “It is on this ground we are reminded daily that we will always mourn the loss of our friends and loved ones, but we must also honor their life of ser-

vice and the enduring spirit of the 10th Mountain Division,” Piatt said. “We welcome all of you here today – and every day – to remember and honor our fallen and celebrate their extraordinary lives.”

Piatt introduced Esposito, whose son, Sgt. Michael Esposito, a member of 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, was killed in Afghanistan on March 18, 2004. He commended Esposito for her tireless efforts to advocate for fellow Gold Star Families and for the active role she has played in the lives of 2-22 Infantry Soldiers, “encouraging them to honor the life of their friend and her son by living their lives to the fullest.”



Esposito recalled her first visit to Memorial Park, during which she watched the unveiling of a plaque bearing her son’s name. She said that she was grateful to the 10th Mountain Division leaders who made the decision to create a combined tribute to their fallen heroes, rather than a series of plaques displayed at battalion buildings across the installation.

"The division was forward-thinking," she said. "They said 'we must honor them all in one place.'" She said that by displaying the names of all the fallen in one central location, "when one is honored, all are honored." Esposito said that she and her fellow Gold Star Family Members come back to the annual Mountain Remembrance ceremony not only to honor the legacies of their loved ones, but to send a message to the Soldiers of the division – that they are moving forward and are dedicated to actively supporting those who serve. She thanked the 10th Mountain Division leaders for continuing to remember their Gold Star Families each year. "If they were brothers in combat then, naturally, they are our sons and daughters. This is why we are honored to be here."

After a 21-gun salute, followed by the playing of taps, a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace," a moment of silence and the benediction, attendees were invited to come forward to view the memorials.

Melody Everly

FACTS SHARED

I was looking through some interesting articles about Army units and found the following I thought people might enjoy:

The 35th Infantry Regiment ("Cacti"[1]) was created on 1 July 1916 at Douglas, Arizona from elements of the 11th, 18th and **22nd Infantry Regiments**. The 35th served on the Mexico–US border during the First World War and was stationed at Nogales, Arizona in 1918. It fought a

border skirmish on 27 August 1918 during the Battle of Ambos Nogales. In World War II, Korea, and Vietnam it served as part of the **25th Infantry** (Tropic Lighting) Division.

Seems we've fought over the same grounds.
<http://www.cacti35th.org/>

Who we share our Motto with..are there more?
"Facta Non Verba" (Latin for "Deeds, Not Words")

Joint Task Force 2 (Canada): Based out of Ottawa, Canada, JTF 2 is an elite special operations force. It's basically Canada's version of Navy SEAL Team 6. The unit has deployed all over the world, although most of its actions remain secret.

1st Battalion of the 36th Infantry Regiment was reactivated on 16 September 2008 and assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. Motto: "**Deeds Not Words!**"

The **143rd Field Artillery Regiment** is a combat arms regiment of the United States Army made up of soldiers from the California Army National Guard. Only the regiment's first battalion, a Composite fires battalion, equipped with M119A3 and M777A2 Howitzers, is still active.

Motto: *Facta Non Verba* - (**Deeds Not Words**)

Steve Irvine B 68/69

SOUI DA MISSION REVIEWED

An original e-mail sent February 24, 2005 from **Chuck Schultz** to Ramirez with copies to **Patrick Moran**, **Bill Novakovic**, **James Hobdy** and **Harold Hodges**, and re-sent on July 23, 2010 from **Charles Schultz** to smlanita

Dear Jerry,

In reference to the Dragon-Chatter and the huge fire mission at Soui Da on September 4, 1967, . . . I can add some insight and it is not due to having a good memory after thirty seven years.

Fortunately about three weeks ago my ex-wife sent me a box containing all the letters I sent her while I was in Vietnam. I wrote well over 100 letters to her and I did a good job of recording all of our travels and battles that we participated in. Major Hodges, I am including you in this e-mail because you did a good job having us prepared. By the way you became our battery commander on June 25, 1967. In my letters I made a number of comments about you. You were quite strict and chewed a lotta butts including the officers and if they did not perform. . . they were gone. In July 1967, I became the acting section chief as well as filling the chief computer slot on one shift. Back to the fire mission.

We arrived in Soui Da about the last week of August and we were there to support the 2/22 Mechanized Battalion of the 25th Infantry. The 2/22 mission was to make daily sweeps in the area around Nui Ba Din and they would return in the evening to positions about ¼ mile from our perimeter. We fired quite a few missions during their daily sweep. Late one evening either the 1st or 2nd of September, all three units of the 2/22 got hit by rocket and sniper fire at the same time and called for support from us. . Each unit was a different direction from us so we put two guns on each unit and ran two missions on the primary chart and one on the check chart. I was the chief computer and ran the data on the two missions and the check computer ran the data on the other mission. All the data had to go thru my phone to the exec. Due to the fact that the units were so close to our position I believe we had to fire high angle rounds. Anyway we fired a bunch of illumination and HE rounds and quite frankly I never sweated so much as I did that night. There was so much pressure as the FOs were hollering and all that data had to be fed to the guns and kept straight so we would not hit our own guys. After awhile the VC retreated and the 1/11 was safe until the 4th

On the 4th the 2/22 was making a sweep on the back side of Nui Ba Din and at about 11:00 a.m. one of the FOs spotted a VC and called for a fire mission. We fired 40-45 rounds and the FO said

they were going in to check out the area and he told us to save the data, Well, everyone made a quick exit to the chow tent and I stayed in the FDC, All at once the FO was screaming for fire mission on the radio, fire for effect, concentration, xyz. I ran outside and hollered fire mission and everyone dropped their trays and ran for their positions. Yes, Jerry, the mission started at about 12:30 and lasted until about 4 p.m. It was almost all continuous fire with adjustments on the run. Our ammo supply was low due to all of the previous fire missions and Captain Hodges recognized we had a major battle on our hands. He got on one of the radios and demanded an immediate re-supply of ammo by Chinook out of Tay Ninh. We ran out of ammo at 2:pm and a few minutes later the Chinooks started arriving. At 6 truck loads of ammo started arriving and the last ammo truck was unloaded at 10 p.m. Jerry, I do not know if you remember this but my letters state we were also directing air strikes by relaying the information from the FOs to the AOs. Yes, at the end of that mission, my letters state the FOs thanked us vehemently for saving the 2/22 that day. One of our FDC members, **Gary Fant** from Cal, broke his leg some how while unloading ammo boxes. I remember walking out of the FDC tent after the mission and there was smoke and ammo boxes all over the place. I believe we had to replace a few artillery tubes after that mission. In a 24 hour period we fired over 2000 rounds as we continued firing H and Is that evening on the mountain. The next day along with airstrikes we pounded the mountain. The 2/22 tried sweeping the area again and again met resistance. My letter states that one of the FO came to our FDC and wanted to thank us personally for our efforts. He told us he spent 11 months in Vietnam as an FO and was decorated with a Silver Star and our unit was the best artillery unit by far that supported their unit. My letter also states that a day later some villagers reported they saw over 100 VC carrying 50 dead withdrawing from the mountain. Later on an AO spotted another large group of VC moving away from our area to the south during the day and we had another big fire mission.

A few days later we were back in Phu Loi. There was a departure ceremony for our popular 1st **Lieutenant Eugene Shaeffer** who was assigned to another battalion. Do you guys remember what he was given as a going away gift from our unit? The canister from the 1864th round.

OK Major Hodges, Bugsy and Jerry, do my letters accurately describe the action we encountered at Soui Da? And do you remember things I did not see or hear?

Take Care,
Chuck.

GUEST BOOK HITS

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Posted on: Tuesday - Feb 21, 2017

Name: Rob Zylman (C-Co, 2nd Plt, 2/68 - 2/69)

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If you remember me I would love to hear from you. Some of the guys I remember are **Jeff Condit-Chuck Loveless-John Eberwine-Kreger-Ron Orzel-Terry Sharp-Don Hildebran**. I was with you on 3-13, 4-13 and at the Culvert. Sorry this took so long.

Posted on: Thursday - Apr 6, 2017

Name: Doug Snyder A 68/69

Location: Easton, Pa

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Phone: 610-509-8112 (c), 610-252-2917 (h) Looking forward to Vegas next month and see all my guys and friends. **Don Diserens, Bob Wrigley, Hugh Don Keith, Bill Lipp, Greg Gebhards, John Bradley, Troy Evans, and also Don and Mary Bailey.**

Posted on: Tuesday - Apr 11, 2017

Name: Doug Snyder

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Just checking in from Vegas reunion. Wife and I had great time . Good to see old friends and catch up. Fremont street was the best. We are the old guys now so make every minute count, get to a reunion.

Posted on: Thursday - May 11, 2017

Name: Bill Schwindt

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I was talking to someone at the reunion in Vegas recently about a helicopter crash in May 1970. I think I mixed it up with another chopper downing at the straight edge woods. since the reunion. I've been in contact with the pilot of the May 70 crash in which all lived. please contact me.

Posted on: Tuesday - May 16, 2017

Name: Kirk Olsen

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Wishing everyone a safe and joyous 4th of July. I will be marching in our parade again this year.

Posted on: Sunday - Jul 2, 2017

Name: Steve Irvine

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Hey guys...we need pictures from the last three reunions...any that has some...contact me so I can publish them on the website. Thank you!!!

Posted on: Wednesday - Jul 19, 2017

Deeds Not Words

TAPS

Arthur E. Petersen

Deceased 3/2/17
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C Co. Sep 67 to Sep 68

It is with sadness that I inform many of you who knew him that my brother, Arthur Petersen, passed away due to illness on March 4, 2017. Art was in Company C of the 2nd Battalion, 22 Infantry Regiment. He was drafted in 1967 and served in Vietnam during 1967-1968. He rose to the rank of Sergeant. Art was always proud to have served his country and often spoke kindly of those of you who he served along side. My brother, hero and warrior now rests at peace with those who went before him. Perhaps he will look down upon the rest of us and say as he had told me many times before "We are from Chargin Chuck and we don't give a XXXX" . Peace and honor we bestow upon him - may he forever rest with the angels and be with God and never be forgotten.

Greg Brauer, Arthur E. Petersen's Brother

Michael (Mike) La Joice

Deceased April 22, 2017
68 Years old
A Co. 1st Platoon 2-22
By Harless Belcher

Tom E. Baney

Deceased June 23, 2017
B/2/22/4-25
By JC Jacobs

Kenneth D. Smith

Deceased Oct. 27, 2012
C Co. 2/22. 11/68 to 11/69

Kenneth D. Smith, 64, of North Catasauqua passed away peacefully in his home on October

27, 2012. Born in Allentown, PA, Kenneth was the son of the late Jacob and Mary (Shelley) Smith. Kenneth was a graduate of Catasauqua PA High School and later served for the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. During his service Kenneth received 4 Purple Hearts and 3 Bronze Stars. Prior to retiring he served as a supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service for many years. Kenneth was the 1st President of the LHV Scholastic Hockey League and was an active member in his church community, Optimist Club, and Civil Air Patrol. Kenneth was also a past member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving with his wife Carol, to whom he had been happily married for 40 years, are sons, Eric D. Smith of N. Catasauqua, and Brad D. Smith of Akron, OH; a brother, Robert Smith and his wife Mitzi; and niece, Lori Shively, of Catasauqua.

HELLOES & COMMENTS

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Christopher would like to locate **Stanley Rapa-**
port and **Jesse Kirksey**

James I. Ross

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A Co. 25th ID, Feb 70 to Nov 70

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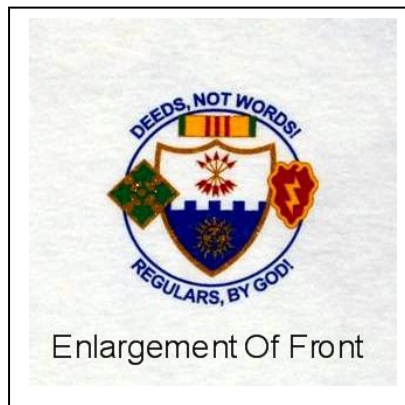
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