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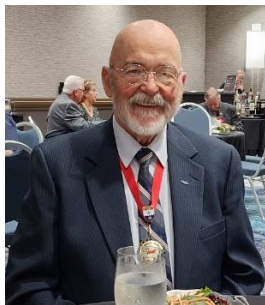
Harold Metcalf

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lots to praise in this letter this month. Dave Allin has joined the ranks of the volunteers who put together a successful reunion of 22nd Infantry veterans that deserves the title of "next best reunion ever". That string has continued from the first one in Gettysburg to today and Dave (and I'm sure his wife) can be proud of the many compliments received from attendees. Like any reunion, there were hiccups, but they were dwarfed by the great times Dave and Mark put together.

My personal experience was enhanced by the number of guys from our old Vietnam 3rd platoon Alpha Company 1969 who shared the times and entertainments together. There were nine of us total and a lot of fun shared. Watch for details to come for the next greatest ever in Washington D.C. in 2027.

Then there is Dave's name again in the next praise. He and Steve Irvine have together (in spite of several inputs from myself and Jim May) created a book that many are calling one of the great Vietnam histories. They are the two authors/editors of this book and can never be thanked enough for this accomplishment. If you have not received a free copy of the book "Deeds Not Words" be sure to contact Dave right away. As a member of this group you are supposed to get one in the snail mail by now. If you want to buy more copies of it contact Dave for that information. I'm sure that info is part of this newsletter you are reading. As we used to say in Asia..."Nuff Said"



Dick Nash, DMOR
A Co. & HHC, 69

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The reunion is over, the books have been mailed out, and things are a little calmer around the Allin household. The reunion was a resounding success, with everyone having a great time in Oklahoma City. Our book, as you know by now, turned out truly spectacular, and I am hearing a lot from you who have started reading it. Please read the entire book. I think the last story is the most emotional one; I nearly cry every time I read it.

Although I was often too busy to socialize, I really enjoyed the time I was able to spend with my combat buddies in Nash's Nitwits. It was the first time we have all been together since 1969, and all I can say is, some of you guys are starting to look old. On the other hand, Doc Michalec looks just like he did 57 years ago, except for the beard.

Jim May had the new T-shirts on display at the reunion, and they truly look great now, with more vibrant colors and better printing.

The next reunion will be in the DC area, exact site to be determined. Plan on being there.



David Allin, DMOR
A Co. & HHC, 69-70

THE 2026 REUNION IN OKC



We had the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society reunion May14-17 in Oklahoma City, and it went great. If you weren't able to attend, you missed out on a lot of fun and good times with your buddies. The reunion was held at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel, and the accommodations were fantastic. We had a huge ballroom on the second floor, and a Hospitality Suite on the 12th floor. Martin Oelkaus was unable to attend and do the registration as usual, but he sent all his supplies so Mark Woempner and I could sign everyone in. Everyone got a goodie bag with local information and coupons, an OKC ballpoint pen and chapstick, a genuine Army surplus P-38, and a beer glass with 22nd Infantry emblems. Thursday evening we had the ceremonial carving of the Hemingway Turkey (a real turkey, not a chicken).



On Friday morning the Golf Tournament was held, and on Friday afternoon ten of us made the short trip to Edmond, OK, to visit the Traveling Wall replica of the Vietnam Memorial in DC. Friday evening we had the buffet, which was delicious, and afterwards we had a presentation by our special guest, Joe Finch, LTC (Ret.), who flew helicopters in our AO in 1969. His talk was very well received, and he was made an honorary member of Triple Deuce and given an Order of the Red Ant and an honorary CIB.



Dennis "Tex" Holt and Joe Finch

Saturday morning we had our business meetings, and it was decided the next reunion, Fall of 2027, will be held in northern Virginia, not far from the National Museum of the US Army at Ft. Belvoir. Afterward, many of the members went to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, where they were amazed at the exhibits and artwork.



Dave and Jan Allin with Lon's first wife, Annie Oakley



Marilyn Michalec takes the stage

Others just walked around downtown OKC to see the many sights and attractions there. I heard many comments about how clean and interesting the city is.



Men presented with Distinguished Member of the Regiment Award



Banquet

That evening we had our banquet, which was sumptuous and perfect. Awards were given out, toasts were made, and everyone had a great time. After the dinner we had the raffle, which went even better than usual, with lots of laughter and comments.



Third Platoon, A Co., 1969

I had just received a few copies of our book, DEEDS NOT WORDS, and we were able to show the book to all those present. Joe

Finch and Mark Woempner were each presented with a copy.
Sunday morning we had a short memorial service before everyone started leaving for home.

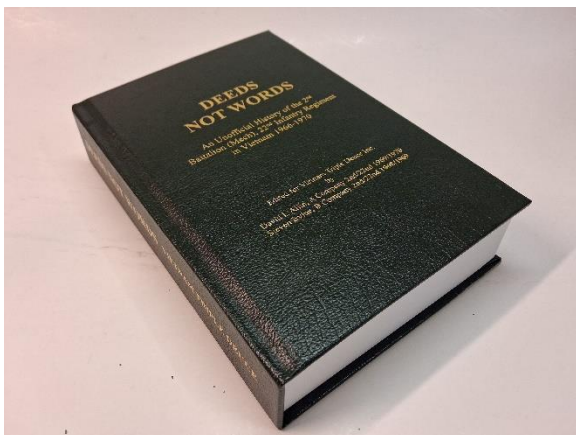


Memorial Service

The reunion went off without a hitch, and everyone had a great time. I know we are all getting older, and traveling is more difficult, but if you can, plan to attend the next reunion.

David Allin
DMOR, A/HHC 1969-70

THE BOOK



By now all of our active members should have received their free copy of our book, **DEEDS NOT WORDS**. If you have not, let me

know. You have undoubtedly been impressed with the quality of the book, its size, and the many memories it brings back. Those of you who pre-ordered extra copies should have received those as well. The good news is that we still have a limited number of copies available to send out in return for a reasonable donation. An order form is attached. You certainly want for all your children and grandchildren to have a copy, and perhaps copies to donate to your local library, American Legion Post, or VFW. Order soon, because we will not be able to have a second printing of the book in its current format. Once these beautiful green leather-bound books are gone, they're gone.

David Allin
DMOR, A/HHC 1969-70

LETTER FROM JOE FINCH

Joe Finch was our guest speaker at the reunion, and he sent us this very nice letter of appreciation.

I had a great time at the reunion of Triple Deuce in Oklahoma City two weeks ago. There were any things that I found enjoyable, including the Museum of the Cowboys and Native Americans of the old West. I enjoyed quality time with many of your members, including Roger Schulz, who I discovered was a retired three-star general. All of the food was outstanding. The venue itself was very, very nice, and the ceremonies that you all enacted were heartfelt and well done. I will treasure my award of the "Order of the Red Aan." How appropriate and utterly charming a reminder of misery.

Now that I have been inducted as an honorary member of the Triple Deuce, I am planning to be present at your reunion next year in Washington, DC.

I had heartfelt tears of joy and honor when I met those six guys who had been medically evacuated in 1969, knowing that possibly, even probably, I had medically evacuated some of them myself.

I enjoyed breakfast with "Doc" one morning. I was reminded once again that those combat medics stood up in the face of hostile fire to try and dress wounds of our brothers in arms. The word brave hardly does service to what those medics like Doc did.

It also reminded me that my "bravery" as a helicopter pilot was never as great as some of the other guys who were RTO's or platoon leaders or the point men who walked 50 yards ahead of the rest of their platoon and often were the first to be shot by snipers and VC in spider-holes. As I said several times in my talk with you guys, I never thought I was as brave as you infantry guys down in the mud, mosquitoes, leeches, spiders, and scorpions, and being shot at for 6 weeks at a time.

I really appreciate being able to chat with you guys and recognize you for your bravery and endurance. Today (Memorial Day) I remember the 7 friends I lost in Vietnam and I celebrate the many like you guys who served our country and came back to rude language and taunting by people who hated us for *fighting for our country*. How did that happen?

I hope you all had a great memorial day, and Happy Veterans' Day as it is approaching fast.

Joseph Finch, LTC, USA (ret.)
25th Aviation, 1969

T-SHIRTS ARE BACK

T-Shirts are back and Better Than Ever. The colors are sharper and the CIB and CMB are now done in color. Photos are on the merchandise page.

Size S thru XL \$22.00

Sizes XXL thru XXXL \$27.00

Jim May, HMOR
Prov., Co. 1968

SUOI TRE ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating The Battle of Soui Tre on March 21st 2027 which is our 60th year celebration. The BN COs from the 2/77th FA and 2/12INF. are supporting the Memorial Ceremonies. Please contact Bill King 719 494 3590

billking@battleofsouitre.org or Paige Lanier 719 330 6638 paigermm@msn.com. We will set up events and hotel reservations. The reunion will take place on Ft Carson at the 2nd BDE HQ. We have had quite a number of people who want to attend. We will get hotel info, maybe an event or 2, and plans for visits on Ft Carson. I am sure CG ELLIS will be with us.

Thank you

Paige Lanier
Arty FO attached to A co., 1966-67

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SCOTT WATTS

We received this request by email. If you remember CPT Watts and/or have photos of him, please let Elizabeth know.

Hello. My name is Elizabeth, and I am the daughter of Cpt William Scott "Scotty" Watts. He died 11/21/68 and I was born 12/18/18. He never knew my biological mother was pregnant with me. I was given up for adoption after my birth in Shreveport Louisiana. Last weekend I received my original birth certificate and DNA confirmed he is my father. If you or anyone in your organization knew him, I would love more information or photos. Thank you for your service, and thank you for your time.

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During your time in Chaos company, do you recall any specific names of the platoons? We are currently thinking about changing the name of our Platoon and would like to have a name honoring the historical name of those who served before us. Currently, we have 3 Platoons in our company, 1st through 3rd. If they did not have specific names, the other idea we have been kicking around is honoring 1LT John E. Warren Jr, a platoon name based on their last name. Do you happen to know which platoon he was leading? I couldn't find anything regarding the specific platoon he led. If there were any unofficial "nick names" the platoons had that weren't official that you can recall, those would be helpful as well. I am CCing Chaos Company's 1SG Gillett in this email as well. Feel free to reach out to either of us at your earliest availability. I look forward to hearing from you soon and Deeds, not words!

Very respectfully, SSG Abney.
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PLATOON NAMES

We received this request from a current member of Triple Deuce in the 10th Mountain Division.

My name is SSG Abney. I am currently a Squad Leader in Chaos Company, 2ND Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry. I am reaching out to you today per the recommendation of former Charlie 3-6 John Poggi and the 2-22IN historical society website. I had a few questions regarding the Company's history, specifically platoon names. Speaking on behalf of the soldiers of Chaos company, thank you for your service.

MERCHANDISE



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6 Panel Hat, One Size Fits All.
\$24.00 ea.



22nd Infantry Crest Pin.
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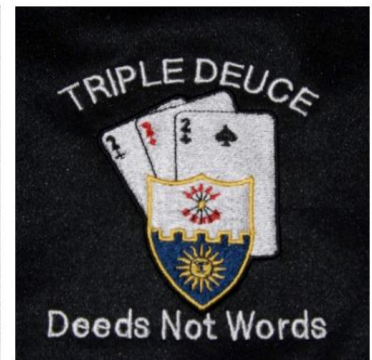


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 Special colors add \$5.00



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 Frame your Traditional Medal with your Certificate. You must have been awarded the ORA to be eligible to purchase this item.



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 Size S thru XL \$22.00
 Sizes XXL thru XXXL \$27.00



Midi CIB. \$7.00 + \$6.00 Shipping

Mini CIB. \$5.00 + \$6.00 Shipping



22nd CIB/DUI pin. \$14.00 + \$6.00 shipping



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Large 25th Infantry. \$10.00 each + \$6.00 shipping



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