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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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Important Information about Dues

Check the mailing label of your Triple Deuce Newsletter.

- If you have 2009 or an earlier date after your name, your dues are due.
- 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.
- If you have an AM (Associate Member) with 2009 or prior, after your name your dues are due.
- If you have a C, CD or CH, after your name, you do not owe dues.
- If you have a VAM (Vietnam Associate Member) with 2009 or prior after your name, your dues are due.

The membership application is at the end of the newsletter.

President's Message

Greetings from the Great North! We've been enjoying snowstorms and below zero weather. Finally March is here and things are beginning to change. Speaking of change, I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to two of our fellow Deucers. **Joe Esser** has decided to step down as secretary of the Triple Deuce and **Dean Springer** has accepted the position. Joe has done a wonderful job handling the administration for us and I know all of us are truly grateful for his hard work and dedication to our organization. Dean has been in touch with our officers and will do a fine job of maintaining the

records and other duties of the secretary position.

Now, on to the business at hand. ATLANTA 2011.....If you go to the Regimental website you'll find the info for our next reunion in Atlanta in April of 2011. We all need to be SURE to do our best to get to Atlanta. I believe we will be unveiling a 22nd Regt monument at Atlanta and we need all the representation we can get from the Triple Deuce!! Let's be sure to keep in touch with all of our fellow Deucers and make this a party to remember. Remember "Deeds not Words" will get us to heaven and it's in Atlanta in 2011!!

Also, now that spring is here (or close) let's be sure to wear our Triple Deuce hats and shirts whenever possible. It's amazing how many people do recognize our colors! BE PROUD!! That's about it for now, take care and don't forget to do your part on Memorial Day for all of our comrades who can't be with us. And one more thing.....don't forget to laugh!!

Kenny (Lumpy) Schulte A/69-70

Editor's Comment

I have been spending a lot of time with my 10 year old grandson lately. There are quiet times watching him play video games, proud times listening to him play his guitar, long times at wrestling matches, exciting times helping him learn to fish, spiritual times passing on family beliefs and traditions, rewarding times departing hunting skills, reflective times telling him about "the olden days", satisfying times watching him help his younger cousins and great grandparents. The consistent factor is time. Royce appreciates my time.

Isn't it the same with our organization? There are those who give time to locate Brothers, those who spend time keeping our web site up to date, those who take the time to email or call a Brother, those who make the time to pay a personal visit. Your officers spend time keeping the organization running smoothly. The planning

committee spends a great deal of time on the details of the reunion. When we were young it seemed time would go on forever. We now know that this existence will end all too soon. Please take the time now to renew old friendships, find that lost Brother, write down your thoughts to share in the Newsletter, and plan to attend the Atlanta Reunion. The value of time is in how we choose to use it. . . .anyway that's how it seems to me.

Dan Streit, D/69

Reunion 2011

Here is the initial information on the Next Best Reunion Ever.

Dates: April 14-17, 2011

Hotel: Embassy Suites Hotel-Atlanta Airport
4700 Southport Road
College Park, GA 30337

Telephone : 1-800-362-2779

Room Cost:

- ✦ Double Suite [two double beds] \$104.35 includes tax
- ✦ King Suite [one king bed] \$89.27 includes tax
- Queen Suite [one queen bed] \$89.27 includes tax

Complimentary:

- full cook to order American breakfast buffet daily
- guest suite internet access
- overnight parking
- airport transportation
- 24 hour business center wi-fi access

Information on the meals and trip to Ft. Benning will be in the September newsletter.

Embassy Suites will begin accepting reservations on May 1, 2010.

If you have any questions please contact **Skip Fabel**, 281-714-9592, Eqf15@aol.com

A Quick Enjoyable Operation at the VA

We all have heard stories on how some of the VA Hospitals treat the Veterans. Last week (Thursday) I had my right knee replaced at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis. On Wednesday the pre op visits took 4 hours where all my questions were answered satisfactorily. However, they were adamant that I could not watch the operation. While speaking with the anesthetist in the pre op ward on Thursday I told him that I was interested in a spinal block where I could know some of what was going on. He thought that was great as recovery time is quicker, medication is 4 hours, and the body responds to it better. He also recommended the femoral artery block giving me 6 hours in the right leg which I saw great advantage to. As this is a teaching hospital, all the residents were asking questions along with me, the anesthetist explaining everything in detail.

As we went into the operating room I told the anesthetist that I wanted a continuous play by play as to what was happening. He began with the markings, then the incisions, laying back the kneecap---at which point the Doctors saw what was going on and got into the act, telling me they were marking the bone cuts, letting me see the pieces as they were removed and pointing out the arthritic parts, grinding the bone surfaces. drilling into the bones, cauterizing, gluing, hammering the pieces in, and the closing up of the wound. 1 hour, 49 minutes from the start they announced a perfect fit. During the operation they had music playing, laughter, joke telling etc.

When I returned to my room I started telling the nurses that I would be out in 2 days which they said was impossible. Also, White Chocolate makes excellent bribery pieces to get that little bit of extra care. When the Ortho surgeons came in next morning for their rounds I also told them I was going to get out the next day. They said it had never been done. They said if I could convince Rose (head of Therapy) to release me they would go along with it. As I entered ther-

apy I met Rose and told her that I was getting out the next day. She said no, it had never been done but finally agreed that if I passed all the therapy tests she would agree to it. The next morning I knew I was going to go thru hell in therapy but passed all the requirements and was released.

The service, treatment, respect, etc. by the hospital staff was absolutely excellent. 2 of the 5 meals were good. The pharmacy was a 4 hour delay in my being released. So far my recovery has been great.....

Dean Springer B 67-68

Triple Deuce Deploys

On January 7, 2010, Charlie Company, lead by CPT Dan Gregory and 1SG Dan Johnson, was deployed as the lead unit into Afghanistan. This news ought to rekindle old arguments as to which Company was/is the "best" in the Battalion.

By month's end the entire Battalion was in country and preparing to assume their duty station. The Battalion's progress and activities can be followed at www.facebook.com/pages/Fort-Drum-NY/2nd-BN-22nd-INF/24759942917 If you wish to leave a message please let those reading the message know who you are. I suggest that you identify yourself with your unit and dates served in the unit. For example, John Veteran, Bravo Company, Triple Deuce, 1967. This doesn't mean those who served in one of the other Battalions are excluded from sending a message. I KNOW that the Active Soldiers and their families are very appreciative when they hear from 22nd Infantry Regiment Veterans.

Jim May, HMOR

Mini Reunion

It's TIME FOR A GET-TOGETHER!....

So...this "mini-in-between" reunion is going to be in Branson, Missouri, June 7 thru 11th, 2009... (you can come early and leave late too at the same hotel rates) right in the middle of the states (well kind of) and one of the most "Veteran Appreciated" towns in the U.S.! This is an informal get-together, EVERYONE is invited to join in!...and that means, bring along family, friends, everyone! We will have a "hospitality room" for gathering and a full schedule for seeing the sites. It's an opportunity to see Branson at "Military Reduced Rates" See your old buddies and make new friends too! If you choose not to join in all the shows, etc., there is no obligation...we just arrived at a special rate for all... We have a Riverboat Cruise planned with a Memorial Service, a trip to the Veteran's Museum...shopping for the girls...lots of shows, dinners and such...or JUST join in the fun at the hotel! You can find all the information on the website at www.reunionproregistration.com/friendsforever.htm or, you can phone me at (941)697-5986 (home) or (941)468-9918 (cell) and I will be happy to mail you the information. We have lots of great activities planned and would love to see a good turnout...It's time to get-together! Call Betty (**Dwight Brenne-man's** wife) for more info....MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Betty Brenne-man

The Inside Track

I have ragged many times on all Vietnam Triple Deucers about paying their dues and writing articles for our newsletter. So, here I go again.

Pay your friggn' dues!

Write us your story about the Triple Deuce, or what you are up to these days!

There...I feel better now.

Seriously, these are very important issues for the Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc. We need the dues money and any extra contributions above dues paying, for those that can afford it, to carry on our cause of finding our long lost Brothers, and providing our contribution to the reunions, financial help for those that need it, newsletter costs, etc. I just chaired a reunion last October in Seattle where I learned that even with all the members financial help, breaking even at a reunion is tough to do. We darn near made it in Seattle, but fell a little short. I am speaking of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion mostly, but there are other functions that our members contribute to as well.

In regards to your story for our newsletter: You like reading about other Brothers experiences don't you? Of course. Well they would like to read yours as well. We all would. It sure beats the hell out of reading my begging and pleading for you to do so, doesn't it? So scratch down a note or two. Go back to it a time or two. Edit it. Think it over, and you know what? Your story will fall into place a lot easier than you think. Writers do not sit down and write the perfect story in one sitting. No way! Kick it around. Involve your Brothers and family. "Does this make sense?" "How could I say this or that better?" Embellish it some if you wish. My story about single handedly dispatching 47 blood thirsty Viet Cong with black filed teeth was embellished. Two of them got away. I left that part out of the article.

We all owe **Dan** and Vera **Streit**, D/2/22, (Dan, not Vera. I think she was a Marine Gunny. I know she is the CO of the Streit household.) our appreciation for the work that they do on our NL. I say that we owe them more than that—we owe them some articles too.

One of my local Brothers, **Rich Miller**, C/2/22 original, called me up the other night to tell me about a new jacket that he is involved with the design of. It sounds great, but I haven't seen it yet myself as I write this. It will have The Order

of The Red Ant on it, as well as tying in with our other graphics. One will be sent to **Jim May**, if it hasn't already, and we will get a picture of it soon as well, so you all can see it, and hopefully buy one. This project will all be completed well before our next reunion, if it hasn't been already.

I mention the jacket now for two reasons. One is to alert you that it is coming, and the other is to encourage you to wear your Triple Deuce colors with pride wherever you go. We need the advertising, and you need to seek out those that do respect and honor your service to the country. Those people will humbly approach you, to thank you for your service. This will give you the opportunity to ask those people to help us in remembering our fallen Brothers, and tell them about the success of best damn Infantry Battalion on the planet / in Vietnam. Our record does not speak for itself—we have to speak it. Our Presidential Unit Citation (which should have been two—one for Soui Burt, as well as Soui Tre.), VN Cross of Gallantries, VN Civic Action Award, and the proven fact that the enemy feared and respected The Vietnam Triple Deuce because we continually kicked their backsides.

I know, at least in my case, that it didn't seem like it at the time, but we were a crack Infantry unit of the highest caliber. ...still are with our active duty Triple Deucers that now carry our standard, with our awards on it, and adding new steamers to the standard themselves. Be proud of that fact—that a bunch of teenage draftees ended up with a war record that is second to no other unit in the US Army, Marine Corps, or anyone else in Vietnam. If it would have been a real war, instead of a Washington DC war, our Generals would have allowed the Triple Deuce to own the southern part of Uncle Ho's Trail. That's our pain--that we were not allowed to finish the job--but not our shame. Uh-uh, no way baby. So be proud of what we accomplished, as well as knowing that our active duty Triple Deucers are carrying on with the tradition of excellence that the Triple Deuce has always been known for.

Wear your colors for the world to see, and hold

your heads high, but with a humble heart.

I had to go to the VA hospital in Portland Oregon the other day. (#%\$#@! Back problems!) Yep, the old hurry up and wait routine again. The nice thing is that I get to mingle with other Veterans that also hurried up, and are waiting. I spotted a guy with an Americal patch on his hat and asked him, "Grunt?", he responds, with a big smile, "You bet 25th guy."

We exchanged the usual questions about the time we served, where, etc., and got around to why we were at the VA hospital. I told him that I was blown up in an APC by a command detonated mine that hurt my back. He said he was there because he stepped on a mine, leaving his left leg in country, while the rest of him went to Tokyo for life saving surgery.

By this time, other people were listening to us, and some even came over to thank us for our service. One was a retired Air Force Colonel that flew F111's in the Nam. He said that this is the only place that he gets (Gets!) to meet the former Grunts that he always wondered about while flying to our rescue. He came close to being shot down one time, but made it back to the air base literally on a wing and a prayer. To this day he wonders if he could have cut it in the jungle as well as we did.

So, instead of having a miserable day with the VA hospital routine, I had a very enjoyable day that actually made me want to stick around and b.s. with more Veterans. Everybody's story is interesting, well, accept for those mouthed by REMFs, which I do not listen to. Who'd a think that going to the hospital would allow me to have a wonderful day? Not me.

Mar. 21st, 1967, The Battle of Soui Tre. I was there. On Mar. 21st, 2010, I will be back there again thinking about that day, and the many brave Brothers that were around me that day--that are also thinking about that day this time of year. I wish you all the very best, and hope that you can put that day into perspective, instead of letting it eat at you. We did our job that day. We got some pay-back. Leave it at that. Wear your

Presidential Unit Citation knowing that The Triple Deuce sure as hell earned it, as did our Brothers of 3/22, 2/77 Arty, 2/34th Armor, and the support units. We showed the entire military establishment that The Triple Deuce is not a bunch of rag-tag Draftees. No sir. We performed at the very highest level of military engagement. The President of the United States of America sure as heck thought so.

New members listen up. I can remember the thoughts I had when I was new to the VN222. "He didn't serve in the same time period that I did." "He didn't serve in the same company that I did." "I don't know that guy standing over there." ...and so on. Forget that crap. If you served with the VN222 between the years of 1966 and 1970 then you are a full blown VN Triple Deucer—just like that guy over there. You did walk the same walk, with the same red ants, enemy, jungle, and APCs that the other guy did. We all need to throw those thoughts right out of our heads and open up to each other. This is no time to be shy or hold any reservations whatsoever about reaching out to all VN Triple Deucers. We are all Brothers in Arms whether we fought side by side or not. We have all left fallen Brothers behind. We all have the same problems with guilt, anger, and other PTSD issues. None of us have one damn thing to hide, especially from each other.

Furthermore, I would like to challenge any of you that do not practice reaching out to other Veterans, to say hello and have a chat with them. The rewards you will receive for being a little bold, and brave, are beyond my humble words. I believe that the hand of God himself gets involved and will lead you to amazing meetings and knowledge that others, that have not walked our walk, are apparently not privy to. It's too bad. If the rest of the world treated each other as Combat Veterans do, well, we would have no need for the 2nd Bn, 22nd Infantry Regiment, or any of the other combat units out there. You have a very special family waiting for you to say, "Hello. What unit were you with?" Try it. I now have many Marine Corps veteran friends, other Army unit friends, and, please keep this between

us, former officers for friends.even Colonels!

Yes, it's true. I know it is hard for you to believe, but I am afflicted with CFF. My name is Lynn Dalpez, and I have Colonels For Friends.

Hot off the press. The 22nd Inf. Reg. Society has announced on the website the Atlanta Reunion dates of April 14-17, 2011. That's just a year away! For information, see www.22ndinfantry.org The VN222 will post information on our web too, as well as articles and information in the NL. It will be held in the Embassy Suites Hotel very near the Atlanta Airport. The 22nd IRS will let us know when the hotel starts taking reservations.

Well. That's it for this time around. I sure look forward to seeing all of you again. Until then, show the world your "**Deeds, not Words.**"

Lynn W. Dalpez, C/ 65-67.

Helloes & Comments

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C Co. 4th & 25th ID, Jun 67 to Jun 68
Comments: , "Great Seattle reunion. Hats off to all for the work putting it together. Job well done!"

New Finds

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C Co. 25th ID, Sept.67 to Sept.68

Comments: "Hope to ride the Harley to Atlanta for the next reunion. See Ya."

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B Co. 25th ID, Sept. 68 to Sept. 69

Comments: Would like to locate **Harp, Larry, Crumb, Kempt.**

Joseph E. Williams

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B Co. 25th ID, Jan. 69 to Dec. 69

Comments: Would like to locate **Sgt Choate** from Chicago and **Henry Pugate** from Kentucky.

John Holland

3rd platoon
A2/22

Hi Dan Streit,

Thanks for my "Welcome Home". My address is 1131 Sweetwater Ave.; Pueblo West, Colorado; 81007. I took some pictures of some guys when we were at FSB Burt and would like to share them with whoever is interested.

John J. Bakowski, Jr.

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B & C Cos. 25th ID, Apr. 67 to Apr. 68

Comments: "I was a cook when I was in Nam with Bravo and Charlie Companies. I am a Life member of Chapter 77 of the Vietnam Veterans of America."

David Korenman

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B Co. 4th ID, Dec. 65 to Aug. 67

Comments: Would like to locate **Randall, Rivera, Al Fuller, Shields** and **Becker**. He would also like to hear from anyone from the Ft Lewis to Dau Tieng period.

Ronnie Tolar

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B Co. 4th & 25th ID, Sep.66 to Sep. 67

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C Co. 25th ID, 67 to 68

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C Co. 4th & 25th ID, Feb. 67 to Sep. 67

Comments: Would like to fine **Isbicki, Slater, Gill, Pison, Anderson, Valenek, Caldwell, Williams**. "I can't remember a lot of names. They called me Corporal Lee. The names I did list are of those who helped me because I was not trained as an 11 Bravo, I was a truck driver. I was transferred to the 25th S&T Company in September."

IMPRESSED

On November 19, 2009 **Skip Fahel** and I found ourselves, once again, in the familiar surroundings of Ft Drum. We were there to attend the Dining Out scheduled for the following evening. **Pete Gaworecki** had some personal business to attend to, but promised to be in attendance at the Dining Out.

The Dining Out had been scheduled in anticipation of Triple Deuce's deployment to Iraq. However, those orders were cancelled, but the Dining Out was not. LTC Loos told me that the Battalion Ladies had gone to great lengths in preparing for the event and that any attempt on his part to cancel the party would surely result in his needing to go into hiding. So, deployment orders or not, the party was going to be held.

On our first evening we, as is customary, went to dinner with some of the Battalion Staff. Present were LTC Mike Loos, CO, MAJ Lawrence Walton, XO, CSM Mio Franceschi, BN CSM, SGM Benny Dobbs, S-3 and new to Triple Deuce and Jason Wallace, retired Army and a close friend of CSM Franceschi.

The talk was mostly about the cancellation of the Battalion's Iraq deployment and the anticipated deployment to Afghanistan. I was impressed by how these men took the cancellation of the Iraq

deployment coupled with the uncertainty about a future deployment in stride. The Battalion had been on training exercises at Ft Polk to prepare the Unit for a very specific mission. The return to Ft Drum saw the Battalion continue to practice what was learned. And now, in the face of uncertainty, no one was looking back, just forward to whatever was sent their way. All were very positive.

The next morning found Skip and me at breakfast with MAJ Walton and SGT Shaffer, SGT Sarday, SGT Shipley and SPC Zervais. These were the Soldiers we had hoped would be able to attend the Seattle Reunion. Skip and I thought it only proper to meet with these Soldiers and thank them for their efforts and apologize for not getting them to the Reunion. They were all gracious and understood that things didn't work out as hoped. I was impressed with this attitude and their good nature. They, too, were anxious to get deployment orders for Afghanistan. We presented each with the Large Regimental DI and invited them to join the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society.

We went back to the Battalion area had impromptu visits with many of the Officers, NCO's and Soldiers that we've come to know. It was during this time that I was invited to look in on an S-3 training session that was designed to help Officers and NCO's understand how supporting indirect fire was best used as well as how a moving unit was tracked by Fire Support during the movement. MAJ Rich Garey, S-3, had constructed a training aid that was a scale model of a road in Afghanistan. The training aid had black yarn set out, in scale, at one klick intervals so that those being trained would have a reference to the grid lines on the map. These grids also helped the student in understanding the correlation between their position and the reports they were radioing in to the FDC.

The exercise I watched had the student being told what his Fire Support was, various types of artillery and mortars, as well as where those guns and mortars were positioned along the travel route. The situation found the student

moving on the road in convoy and calling in his position as he moved along the road. (Referencing klick lines is an easy task due to the use of the GPS.) The FSB Types, who were also doing their own training as part of the exercise, were calling to the guns and mortars with adjustments that would keep the guns and mortars in constant readiness to provide fire support. The student was told, by Lt Snellbaker, Battalion Fires, who was conducting the training, that an ambush had been sprung. Lt Snellbaker provided details of inoperable vehicles, the number and location of wounded and the position where enemy fire was coming from. The student had to organize an immediate defense, clear the wounded and bring direct fire on to the enemy position while calling for fire support. The FSB had to select which indirect fire to provide. Range to target, facing slopes vs down hill slopes also had to be considered. Rounds were fired, impacts were reported and adjustments had to be made by the student. The student had to continue to manage the situation on the ground while doing all of this.

I've taken a lot of space detailing this training exercise because I was more than impressed with how well it was conducted. I was impressed to see that MAJ Garey understood that those in the Battalion who were most likely to be traveling the roads had the least amount of training in the very area that they were most likely to be called upon to employ. Triple Deuce Companies, from HHC to Echo Company are ready for what may come. There will be no OJT where the safety and lives of Triple Deuce Soldiers are concerned.

Skip and I made our usual visit to the PX area for lunch at the food court and to browse the shops and then went back to our quarters to prepare for the evening.

We arrived at The Commons a bit early so that we would be able to visit with as many of the Soldiers and their guests as possible. Pete and Ann Marie Gaworecki were close on our heels. It was commonly accepted that Ann Marie accompanied Pete because she'd heard that Pete needed watching. Pete, to his credit, behaved

himself. Seated at our table were COL Joe and Kate DiChairo. It was good to see Joe accompanying Kate at one of these events. He's usually deployed when we've made our visits but did manage to attend the Dining In held back in September and this Dining Out. (Kate, you do know that Skip and I stand ready to accompany you to any and all functions in the event that Joe is away.) Also seated at our table were MAJ Lawrence and Nada Walton. Nada and I have similar ethnic and cultural backgrounds and we managed to share some of our family stories.

The evening's events went off in perfect sequence. Cheryl Garey and her friends did a fine job of preparing the room and organizing all the small details that make an event like this enjoyable. Thank You Ladies, I am impressed with your abilities and your wisdom. I refer to keeping the men out of your way while you were making preparations.

The guest speaker was Ms Jolly Miller, Chief of Army Community Service at Ft Drum. Ms Miller is a highly energetic Italian immigrant who has spent her professional career in one form or another of Army Community Service. Ms Miller is as much a part of the new Army as the equipment that our Soldiers are fielding. Ms Miller, and those like her, are essential in supporting the families of our Soldiers. Men and women deployed to combat zone know that their families are not left adrift during their deployment. They know that should the need arise that aid and assistance are waiting at the ACS. I am impressed with Ms Miller's energy and her dedication.

During the evening we were asked to pose for photos with some of the Battalion Ladies. We were flattered by the request and impressed to know that these young Ladies are aware of whom we, the Old Goats Squad, are and how we fit into the Battalion's History and why we were in attendance.

The evening was winding down and the DJ announced that it was time for him to pack up and go. It seemed that everyone was just about worn out from all the dancing, everyone that is with the exception of Shelley Loos. Shelley did her best to get the DJ to keep the music going,

but her efforts fell on deaf ears. When last seen she was looking for her shoes.

Pete, knowing that he'd done a good job of behaving and also knowing that he could lapse into a beer chugging event with the Delta Company Soldiers at any moment, gathered up Ann Marie and headed home. Skip and I retired the VN 222 Guidon and returned to our quarters. The next morning, Skip and I stopped for breakfast at a favorite diner after leaving Ft Drum en route to the Airport. While there, a young Soldier, identifying himself only as an Alpha Company Member, thanked us for attending the Dining Out and for supporting the Battalion. When we asked for the check we were told that our breakfast had been paid for. We looked around for the Alpha Soldier but he had gone. So, I'll take this opportunity to thank him, from Skip and me, for buying breakfast and for his service. Again, I am impressed with the caliber of our Soldiers and the way they conduct themselves. They live the *Deeds, Not Words* motto with everything they do.

Jim May, HMOR

Guest Books Hits

Name: **Burt Lockwood**
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Date: 11/11/2009

Spent Veterans Day speaking to grades 5th thru 8th at West Park Middle School in Fairview, OH, the kids loved the slides of the Triple Deuce and the war stories, showed them the CD put together by **Mike Pounds**, also they could see what Mech Infantry looked like and how we operated thanks, Michael. Also, **Jerry Gallagher** served in B Co and HHC the radar platoon from Oct 66 to Mar 67, trying to run down "Jones" who was there during same time frame; anyone from that time period that could help him out, let me know and I will pass on his email address

Name: **Burt Lockwood**
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Date: 11/12/2009

Jerry L. Gallagher from Rockwood, TN, served in Triple Deuce Oct 67 to Mar 68 B Co and HHC, the radar platoon, his email address is: jlg136@comcast.net and he is looking for "Jones" who was in B Co and HHC during the same time period.

Name: **Lynn Dalpez**, VP, VN222, Inc.
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Date: 11/25/2009

Happy Thanksgiving to all my Triple Deuce Brothers and their families. Still no news on the CBS airing--guess we will just have to keep tuning in for the Sunday Night News on CBS to see. The beginning of the telecast will let you know if we will be on it or not.

Name: **Bruce Sewall** Co A 69-70
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Joined up with Triple Deuce Thanksgiving day 1969. Had a sit down turkey feast at Cu Chi base camp. Happy thanksgiving to all my Triple Deuce family, I'd gladly go into combat again with you guys

Name: **Dave Muir**
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Just wanted to say hello to all my fellow Brothers of the Triple Deuce and hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I was with Aco222 Mech 25th Div from Sept67 thru Oct.68 but I cannot remember any of my fellow soldiers from that time period I am very sorry to say. Looking forward to the reunion in Atlanta if anyone would happen to remember me from then please let me know and if you happen to have any pictures of me with you guys that would help me a great deal. Thanks Again.

Name: **Jackie Lewis**
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Read an article asking about **David Lively**. Was in country Aug 68 to Aug 69. The name rang a bell. I was with D Co. with 222 in Tan So -Nhut, Cu Chi, Dau Tieng and ended my tour in Tay Ninh. Late to say happy thanksgiving, but I do want to wish all you Regulars a very Merry Christmas and a HAPPY AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

Name: **Joe Spado**
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I have some audio CD's and a DVD of stuff from 1969 in Bravo Company. Music recorded in a Hootch in Tay Nihn, Firefights, Ambush patrol and movie footage (non combat) and still shots. E-mail or call and I'll send you copies. Spadoman@me.com

Name: **Clarence 'CJ' Simpson**
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:7 Dec.65 I entered the US Army as US515. Just think 44years ago. Went to Ft. Lewis, WA and became a Triple Deucer in the 4thInf Div, A Co. Who would have thought this. Just a quick note to all the Triple Deucers. Happy Pearl Harbor Day to all my brothers who are still around and let's not forget the brothers who never came home to there loved ones.

Name: **Kenneth H. Allen**
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Hey Guy's,
Been awhile since I've been here. Any one from the 2-22 Mech. Co C, 3rd plt. 3rd squad? Dau-Tieng 67-68 You called me "AL" Any and all replies welcome. e-mail if you can.

(Are you looking for an update on **Wally Schodtler**-sgt.E5 3rd plt 68-69 - contact me for info.)
Take Care Guy's and "Welcome Home"

Name: **Carl J Perez**
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: I am looking for anyone who knew my cousin **David F Santa Cruz**. David was with the 2nd Battalion. 22nd Infantry. He was killed in action in Cambodia on May 30, 1970. I would appreciate contact. If you have any photos of David I would like to get a copy of them. I served in Vietnam with the 1st Cav Div 1966-1967.

Name: **Robert H. (Bob) Baker**
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Served in A 2-22 2d Plt. Nov 69 to Nov 70

Name: **Johnny D Holland**
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Served with A Co. 2-22 from Sept. '67 to 10 Jan '68 when I was wounded by a land mine. I was in the 3rd platoon. I was also at the Battle of FSB Burt.

Name: **Larry S Watson** B Co 2-22 Nov 67-
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Merry Christmas to all my Viet Nam Brothers and ALL who have served to protect THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. A wise man once said "A man is only as tall as the sum of his Deeds" known and unknown. In my opinion each and everyone of you are 10 foot Tall, especially Fisher (tunnel rat) where ever you may be.
DEEDS NOT WORDS

Name: **Phillip Mena**
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Looking for information on my brother **JOSEPH ANGEL MENA**. KIA.

Name: **Dick Nash**
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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and here's hoping for a great 2010 for all of us.

Name: **Bruce Sewall** A Co. 69-70
Date: 12-25-09

Merry Christmas everyone. Pray for anyone away from home this year in harms way, makes it home safe, and Thank You for your sacrifices

Name: **Gary Riley**
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I was a medic with the 2nd of 22nd in January 1967 till December 1967 at Dau Tieng. Just found this site a few days ago. Great job. Can't remember guys name but I was with A co. I think. Wow, its been a while. I looked at some of the photos and brought back memories. Maybe somebody remembers me.

Name: **Pap**
Happy New Year. I remember 1967 New Year's Eve on Stand Down when our perimeter got lit up in celebration and troops were emptying mags in the camp. Hope yours is less stressful
Pap Boat original

Name: **Larry S Watson**
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Phone: 270-634-3008
Happy New Year to All. At 1:00 AM 42 years ago we were fighting for our lives in one of the most

intense battles that I can remember in my 366 day tour with B Co 2-22. I have a problem sleeping on New Years, so I stay up all night and drink, that way I can control the nightmares. Thanks to ALL who were there for your courageous service that night.

Larry S Watson
B Co 2-22 Nov 67-Nov 68

Name: **Johnny D Holland**
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Hey **Jim Nelson** of C322, I think I know you If you're an artist that paints. When I was at Fort Polk a guy painted my portrait in oils. I still have that painting. After AIT we went to Vietnam in Sept 67. You went to C322 and I went to A222. Hope to hear from you.

Name: **Gordon Olvera** (LtCol, Ret-USAF)
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Great site Sgt Maj **Bill Woods** (age 82) is my uncle and it was good to read of his exploits in his younger days.

Name: **Dave Reese**
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Served with 2-22 in Dau Tieng Recon Romeo 69er Aug 1967 to Aug 1968
Signed in to say HI and WELCOME HOME

Name: **Jim Pap**
Date: 1/23/2010

Reese, Thank you and WELCOME HOME
Pap, Boat Orig.

Atlanta 2011 Name:

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Charlie Company, 2-22-25th Mech. Track Driver, early 1969, until I found my land mine. Anyone else from C company out there?

Name: **Kenneth D. Eccles**

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HHC support platoon boat original ,still looking for **Kenneth Davenport, Ron Logan Rithie ,Paul Switzer**, still trying to find old pictures but suspect some ex wife has lost them I am on number 4 finally married my home town girl 32 years later so it is great now. Jim Stephens e-mailed me the other day he was in my section in Nam. Looks like my lung cancer is in remission so I can thank God for that. Take care brothers

Name: Marcelle Ehrhart (for **Lawrence Kent Hubbell**)

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Date: 02/04/2010

Hey guys. I've been learning a lot about what bad you-know- what you were in Vietnam. Well done. I am still a bit confused on the breakdown of platoons etc. but am posting dad's info one more time in case some new guys recognize him. I am finding out what dad's medals, pins, ribbons mean and learning about how you guys earned these. Wow - You make me proud. Sorry this may be crammed but it won't let me make it "pretty." BASIC TRAINING 1966, Fort Ord (Basic Training), B. UNIT ASSIGNMENTS (1) 1966-1966, 11B, Advanced Individual Training Units(AIT) 2nd Battalion, 4th Training Brigade AIT, Fort Ord. (2) 1966-1966, 11B, 6th Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment. (3) 1966-1967, 11B, 51st Infantry Regiment, D Company. (4) 1967-1967, 11B, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, B Company. COMBAT AND OPERATIONS HISTORY (1) 1966-1967 Vietnam War - VSM

Campaign - Counteroffensive, Phase II (1966 - 1967). (2) 1967-1967 Vietnam War - Vietnam Counter Offensive Phase III (1967 - 1968) (3) 1966-1967 Vietnam War (1962 - 1975)

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I am trying to locate a gentleman my father fought with in Vietnam named **Earl Washington**. My dad thinks he might have been from PA. My father, **Dave Shindley**, was in the 2nd of the 22nd mechanized, and served from 1970 through 1971. If any of you can help get me on a starting point, that'd be great. I'm happy I ran across this site - seems like there's a lot of good information. Thanks so much in advance.

Name: **Donny Deeren**

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Still looking for John Jenkins a medic went in country 10 Jan 70.

Name: **Raymond Lee**

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I was in B Co. 3rd Plt. Feb. to Aug. 67 Triple Deuce from Feb. till Aug. 1967 I can't remember everyone's' name some are **Valenek, Slater, Gill, Anderson, Pishon, Izbicki, Ware, Berg, Huerta, Hawkins, Caldwell, Buckley**. I was called Corp Lee as a joke if any one remembers, you can contact me I would like to hear from anyone in 3rd Plt. B Co.

Name: **Lynn Dalpez**, VP, VN222, Inc.

Comments: Happy Triple Deuce Day my Brothers

Name: **Raymond Lee**

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Happy Birthday all Triple Deucers I was in C-3-1 from Feb. to Aug. 1967 would like to hear from anyone regarding where everyone is and how they are doing. Does anyone have info on date and maybe pictures of when we hit the mine with track was in 1967, I was in B Co. 3rd Plt. I don't remember squad but **Berg** was the driver. Everyone was injured but me.

Name: **David Korenman**

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A very happy triple deuce day.

Name: **Thomas C Izbicki**

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Date: 02/25/2010

Hi Guys From company B 2/ 22 Meck 1967-1968. Also **LT. Mike Carpentier** it would be great to hear from you.

Name: **Hank Midkiff**

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I'm looking for anybody that knew 1st Sargent **O.L. Midkiff** Co. A 2 22 Mech Dau Tieng. He was there Aug 67 thru KIA May 31, 68. Any A Co guys at the Laterite pits on May 31 1968 that know what happened or simply knew him. He had a radio man named **Kirby**. I also have lots of photos if interested. Thanks,
Deeds Not Words

Name: **Fred Gibbs**

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I arrived 09-19-68 to 11-16-69 Mortar platoon C Co. God bless everyone that made it back alive. I can't believe I made it-really, even as I type this out. I would like to link up to any of you in C Company. I am looking for names, especially our medic, Doc, ,a vegetarian and conscientious objector (carried no weapons) ,but saved many lives and did not hesitate to run into the thick of

the action without weapon. I worked the plotting board on FDC track. Lost two tracks and four men on 01-13-69 from Dau Tang to Cu Chi Convoy division size ambush. Remember? Can't forget. Get in touch. I have many photographs.

Name: **Lynn Dalpez**, VP, VN222, Inc.

Date: 03/04/2010

The 22nd Infantry Regiment Society has announced the next reunion dates for the Atlanta Reunion. April 14-17, 2011. See www.22ndinfantry.org for details as they are posted. Hope to see you all there.

Name: **James Salvatore**

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Thanks to **Ben Anderson** I am signing in Alpha Co May 68 -Jan 69

Name: **Kenneth J Zipp**

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Date: 03/14/2010

I served in Vietnam from Jan 69 thru April 69 with Charley Company Triple Deuce I was wounded twice, once by a land mine while on my track and once while on ambush patrol. As a result of my second injury I was sent to Japan where I met up with my buddy **Ken Drum**. Just recently we met up again, it was quite an experience to know he was doing well. Welcome home to all my Brothers.

Name: **Raymond E. Lee**

Email: leejoyce2@yahoo.com

Date: 3/14/2010

Phone: 815-736-6044

Was in 3rd Plt. B Co. Feb. till Aug. 1967. I was known as Corp Lee but I wasn't a corp. I'm in Illinois not far from Chicago . I met up with **Tom Izbicki** a couple weeks ago. We had lunch, a few drinks, and some real good conversation, it was great. I would like hear from any of you guys, you can phone me at 815-736-6044.

