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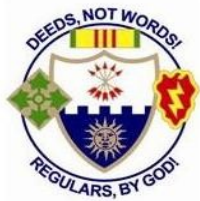
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello from the Midwest. I hope you are all well and good and ready to deal with that Spring season that seems to be racing at us, at least in this part of the continent. Let's see, fish hooks sharpened, lawn mowers and other outdoor toys and tools dusted off, turned up and levels checked. Yup, you and I have a lot to get done in a short period of time. We all do...

The small group of 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry vets putting the Vegas reunion together have all that and a ton more to do to make sure that the May 2017 reunion follows the tradition of being the next greatest reunion ever. Reading about the reception veterans get in Vegas I think they might have a bit of help in that department from the professional reunion hosts we will be seeing and using. I am reminded of the spectacular treatment we received in Branson, and think that we may be in store for some more of that welcome and thanks that make Nam vets blush when it happens. I am sorry that Tennessee had to fall out of the running this time, and hope that it can get back into the rotation soon. It is also a great part of this country.

Now comes one more job for each of us. Please, please, please get on board with the project for finding, contacting, and convincing an eligible veteran of the 2/22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry's four years in Vietnam to come to the Vegas reunion. Check out the team for your individual company (in this newsletter) and make contact with them for help on how to do it. Awb Norris always said it and was always correct. "If each of us brings one, we are twice as big". I only

regret that a bunch of our members never got to meet and know this great man. There is a very good reason the VN222 scholarship is named after him.

Well, enough ramblings from an old man with a young attitude. Have a great and safe spring, watch your diet, exercise properly and do what your wife says, and you will have her wondering what the heck you are up to...

**Dick Nash A & HHC/69**

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As I set down to write, tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day. A significant holiday involving corned beef, green beer, leprechauns, and snakes. My favorite St. Patrick's Day memory came in 1969, my second child/oldest son was born. Since I was in Vietnam at the time, he was 5 months old before I got to see him.

But my mind wanders, as it is apt to do these days. Edmund Burke, an Irish orator, philosopher and politician in the mid to late 1700s wrote "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." This statement has been adapted and applied many times over the centuries from racial unrest, the Nazi Holocaust, to the chaos and carnage in today's world.

Perhaps a less dramatic usage of the phrase would be "All it takes for an organization to die is for a few good members to do nothing." I am not only repeating my request for newsletter content, but also trying to reinforce several other goals of the Triple Deuce. Doing nothing in our case might involve relying on the president, newsletter editor and a few willing others to control the input of the news letter, allowing the few who elect to

attend reunions to direct the course of the 2-22, leaving all recruitment of members to the POCs.....You get the idea. It takes the cooperation and contribution of all members to make an organization grow and prosper. To quote another great philosopher, the Nike sports gear ads, "Just Do IT!" Just pick up the phone and call a Brother. Just set down at the computer and compose some of your thoughts and memories. Make your reservation for the Las Vegas reunion etc. etc. etc....JUST DO IT!!!

Anyway that is how it seems to this old soldier.

**Dan Streit**, DOMR  
D/69

**Please contact me if you would consider receiving the Newsletter via email. It would save me a lot of time and VN222 some money.**

Thanks Dan, [d222@nckcn.com](mailto:d222@nckcn.com)

## **YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED**

### **The Triple Deuce Then and Now**

### **Roster of Names and Pictures**

The New Roster of all known members who served in or directly supported Triple Deuce is now posted on the web. Is your picture up there? Currently we have 8% of our known brothers listed and a total of 957 identified brothers. Our Goal is 100%. Let us hear from you, Send a picture.

You can view the Roster and find instructions on sending us a picture at:

[http://www.vietnamtripledeuce.org/Then\\_n\\_now.htm](http://www.vietnamtripledeuce.org/Then_n_now.htm)

or, go to the website <http://www.vietnamtripledeuce.org> and press the

Then/Now Button on top.

Also, do you have a lot of pictures of your tour? or just a few? We would love to post them on the web as well!

For instructions? go to <http://www.vietnamtripledeuce.org/Albums.html> and select the instructions line.

Thank you all again for your service; help us memorialize your tour.

**Steve Irvine**  
Co-Webmaster  
B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 2<sup>nd</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 1968-1969

## **DAR CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE**

The Daughters of the American Revolution are offering a certificate to Viet Nam Vets to commemorate their service to our country. They are very nice and they are free. All you need to do is submit your full name and branch of service

(Robert Edward Lee, Army).  
Please send it to her by 31 March

Submit to Pamela Knox, Registrar  
Commemorative Events Chairman  
[joindar@gmail.com](mailto:joindar@gmail.com)

314 East Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23707-1204

## **DUES REMINDER**

**If your membership dues are due in 2015 or prior (printed on address label or notified by e-mail )This will be your last Newsletter**

Vietnam Triple Deuce Dues Are Past Due  
Please send your dues in so that you can continue to receive the Newsletter.

If you have any questions you can contact me at [D222@nckcn.com](mailto:D222@nckcn.com) or 785-738-2419 (Home) or 785-738-8750 (Cell)

Make check for \$15.00 payable and mail to:  
Vietnam Triple Deuce  
P.O. Box 665

Norridgewock, ME 04597

If you are unable to pay dues, let us know and your membership will continue.



**Presented By Jim Neeley, C/ 65-67**

## **PRESENTATION TO LYNN DALPEZ**

A Distinguished Member of VN 2-22 plaque was presented to Lynn Dalpez on Oct. 17th in Vancouver, WA.. Numerous "Charlie Company" members were present. We all feel that President Lynn Dalpez (OBP- Original Boat People) had done an exemplary service for the Triple Deuce!

We thank Lynn, for all his years of Service as President to the Men of the Triple Deuce!

Best wishes and enjoy your Retirement!

## **INITIAL PLANS BEING MADE FOR THE REUNION**

Its time again to begin thinking about the next gathering of the 22nd Infantry Regulars Task Force. Our gathering will occur on 2 – 7 May 2017 in Las Vegas. We have chosen a centrally located Casino near the strip. Our "fire Base and headquarters" will be at the Orleans Casino and Convention Center located at: 4500 W Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV 89103. We have a block of rooms assigned to us:

	5/2/2017	5/3/2017	5/4/2017	5/5/2017	5/6/2017	5/7/2017
Room Block	5	25	125	125	125	1
Room Rates	\$49	\$49	\$49	\$109	\$109	\$49
With Taxes and Fees	\$69.43	\$69.43	\$69.43	\$136.63	\$136.63	\$69.43

You need to make your reservation with the hotel prior to cut-off date: 2 April 2017!! I recommend you register NLT January 2017 before we sell out our rooms...Individuals are encouraged to book their reservations on-line. To receive your special group rate members will need to enter the assigned Reservation ID: A72SC05 through the Hotel's website at the following URL: [www.orleanscasino.com/groups](http://www.orleanscasino.com/groups). Regulars and their guests may also call Hotel's Room Reservations Department direct at (800) 675-3267 and identify themselves as members of: 22nd Infantry Society or by the assigned Reservation ID: A72SC05. Hours of operation for reservations are Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm (Pacific); Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am to 11:00 pm (Pacific).

Individual accounts will be created for each guest and they will be responsible for their own account. When you register, the equivalent of one (1) night's room and tax will be required in either the form of a credit card with expiration date, company/personal check (received by the hotel prior to 2 April 2017), American Express; Diners Club; MasterCard; Discover; VISA; JCB or Cashier's Check. Any rooms requiring triple or quad occupancy will be surcharged an additional \$15.00 per guest, per room, per night.

Upon arrival, all guests will be required to post a \$100.00 security deposit via a credit card to secure their individual room accounts (you get it back if you don't break anything or charge to your room). Additional fees include: mandatory Resort Fee, currently \$12.99 per room, per day, plus tax. The Resort Fee includes in room Wi-Fi, access to the Fitness Center, in-room coffee, in-room safe, unlimited local & 800 calls as well as free Wi-Fi in Java Vegas Coffee Shop & High-Speed Internet Access in our Business Center. Additional cost includes a 12% Clark County tax for rooms. Individuals shall be responsible for



their own room, room tax, resort fee and incidental room charges. Upon check-in, each guest will have an individual account created and each guest will be responsible for their own account.

#### Here's our Schedule of Activities:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Function	Room
3-May	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer
4-May	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer
	_0800	_0900	Golf Preparation	Conference Foyer (depart 0900)
	1000	1500	Golf	TBD - Boulder Creek
	_0900	1800	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	(Non-Golfers) See Listing
	1800	2300	Dinner on your own	Check out a show after dinner See Listing
5-May	_0900	1800	Registration	Conference Foyer
	_0900	1800	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	See Listing
	1900	2300	Hemingway Turkey, Dinner, Night of Remembrance	Mardi Gras B
6-May	_0900	1000	Business Meeting	Standard Agenda
	_0900	1800	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	See Listing
	1900	2300	Dinner, DMOR/HMOR Presentation, Change of Command, Raffle	Mardi Gras B
7-May	_0800	1200	Prepare for Departure	Conference Foyer
2 - 6 May	1200	2400	Hospitality Room	TBD - Suite

#### Day time activities include:

Golfing  
Machinegun Vegas (every weapon you can think of to fire – awesome)  
A visit to Hoover Dam  
Grand Canyon helicopter tour  
Horseback riding  
4 wheeling in the desert  
Bus Las Vegas hop-on...hop-off  
Las Vegas Segway Tour  
Red Rock canyon hiking tour  
Multitude of other activities

#### Night time activities – Shows:

O<sup>TM</sup> by Cirque du Soleil® at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino  
JERSEY BOYS at Paris Las Vegas  
The Beatles<sup>TM</sup> LOVE<sup>TM</sup> by Cirque du Soleil® at the Mirage Hotel and Casino  
Penn and Teller at the Rio Suite Hotel and Casino  
Blue Man Group at the Luxor Hotel and Casino

Vegas! The Show at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino

KÀ<sup>TM</sup> by Cirque du Soleil® at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino

Raiding the Rock Vault at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino

Mystère<sup>TM</sup> by Cirque du Soleil® at Treasure Island Hotel and Casino

Comedy Stop at the Flamingo Las Vegas

Michael Jackson ONE by Cirque du Soleil® at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino

The Rat Pack Is Back at the Tuscany Suites and Casino

Donny and Marie at Flamingo Hotel and Casino Las Vegas

Zumanity<sup>TM</sup> by Cirque du Soleil® at New York New York Hotel and Casino

Rock of Ages at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino

Multitude of Magic Shows throughout the strip

Olympic Gardens Adult entertainment (for both boys and girls)

Etc...

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## LOOKING FOR HELP

This is a letter received by Dick Nash. Anyone having any information to help find this lost Brother please contact Peter

February 02, 2016

My name is Peter and I got your email from Lynn Dalpez; I am hoping that you can help me. My grandpa is **James (Jim) L Michel** from Racine, WI. He is looking for his best friend from the war, **Rodney D Dixon** from Kentucky.

They served in the [2/22nd](#) "Triple Deuce" Mechanized Inf. Base camp was at Cu Chi, operations in the Hobo and Bolo woods. Part of the 25th Inf. Div August 1969-February 1970. This is all the information I have.

Do you have any record of a Rodney D Dixon from that unit, any information on if he made it out, where he might be now, or any leads that I could follow?

Thank you so much for your time.

Peter Hannes  
My contact information is  
[peter.hannes.iv@gmail.com](mailto:peter.hannes.iv@gmail.com)

A second request was send to Dick and forwarded to the newsletter

, March 12, 2016 3:20 PM

My Father was in A company 2/22 25th infantry division from 1965 - 1967 He never talked much about his time in Nam. I am looking for anyone who knew him that could give me info of some of his time in service.

His name and mine ---  
Jeffrey Dale Snelenberger  
E-mail [six\\_basics@yahoo.com](mailto:six_basics@yahoo.com)

## POINT OF CONTACT FUNCTIONS IDENTIFIED

The Point of Contact, POC, are positions held by four Members from each Company. Members identify themselves with the time periods in which they were with Triple Deuce in Vietnam, these four periods are Boat Originals, 1967 Replacements, 68-69 Guys and the 1970 Cambodia Guys. A POC position has been created for each of these time frames for all the Companies. The POC positions were created for a number of

reasons. The primary reason was to better serve the Active Members by establishing open communications between Members. The question of, "How do I get the message out to my buddies," can now be handled by the POC that the Member identifies with. And, should the POC determine that the message should go beyond their particular group, the POC can pass the message along to the other POC's.\*

Another reason for establishing the POC's was to encourage Inactive Members to re-join VN 222. There are nearly 400 Inactive Members, many of these Members joined with the hope of finding a Buddy. When they didn't find the Buddy, they dropped out. The Board believes that POC's can help bring these Inactive Members back by establishing contact with them for the purpose of helping them find who they are looking for. An example of how this might work is as follows: A POC contacts an Inactive Member who was in a different platoon than the POC, so they didn't know one another in Nam, however, the POC does know a Member, Active or Inactive, who was in the platoon in question. He gets these two in contact and makes some suggestions on how best to search for the missing Buddy. It may be as simple as looking through the Inactive Roster or it may be more involved, like going to a web based search engine to look for the missing Buddy.

There are other situations where the POC's will help, like planning a Mini-Reunion, or planning a Company Dinner evening at a 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society Reunion.

The point is that POC's can only make Vietnam Triple Deuce a stronger organization by keeping channels of communication open between the particular group they serve, the other groups in their respective companies and the remainder of Vietnam Triple Deuce.

\*The most efficient way for POC's to communicate with their respective group Members is to create a Contact Group in their e-mail program. In Microsoft Outlook this is done by opening the

Contact section and selecting the New Contact Group and then adding the e-mail address of all those from that group. Those without e-mail will need to be contacted by phone.

Note: You will see that many of the POC positions are open. If you would like to fill one of those positions, please contact Jim May, [jlmay@tds.net](mailto:jlmay@tds.net)

Note: Everyone with e-mail should be on the VN 222 Group e-mail. If you are not, then contact George Dahl, [gtdahl@iphouse.com](mailto:gtdahl@iphouse.com) George is the moderator of the Group e-mail, he will provide you with instructions on how to get on the Group e-mail.

Jim May, HMOR

Pro. Co. 1968

## VETERAN ASSISTANCE PAGE SHARED

In the Fall 2015 editions of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society and the Vietnam Triple Deuce Newsletters plans were announced to build a file of Veteran Service Offices, VSO's, who had a proven record of helping Vets in dealing with the Veterans Administration. The plan was to build a registry of these VSO's so that 22<sup>nd</sup> Vets would be able to contact them should they need to deal with the Veterans Administration.

To date, Pete Gaworecki has built and opened a page on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Web Site that has material that will be useful to any Vet who is thinking about contacting the Veterans Administration for assistance. What is now needed is information from those of you who are reading this. This information will be used to create a roster of proven VSO personnel.

If you are in the VA System and have used a VSO to help you in dealing with the VA the name of that VSO should be on the registry. All you

need to do is send the name, location and contact information of your VSO to Bill "Doc" Matz at [docmatz222@comcast.net](mailto:docmatz222@comcast.net) If you don't use a computer then call Doc with the information. His phone number is 615-837-9854. Please call after 1 PM.

This is an important project not only for Vietnam Vets but for the AFG-IRAQ who are in need of assistance in dealing with the VA.

Jim May, HMOR  
Prov. Co. 1968

## VA BENEFITS – HOW THE VA RATES DISABILITIES

December 10, 2015/in [Unemployability](#), [Veterans](#) /by [Melanie Franco, Attorney](#)

When a veteran applies for disability compensation benefits, the VA has to decide if the veteran is eligible and entitled to those benefits and how much they can receive. The VA's [initial decision](#) is called a Rating Decision, where the veteran is assigned a percentage for their service-connected disability that determines how much monthly compensation they will receive.

In order to determine how much compensation the veteran is entitled to, the veteran is assigned a rating. The rating is a percentage, ranging from 0% to 100% and increasing in increments of 10%. The VA rates mental and physical conditions based on the average decrease in earning capacity due to that condition. The VA rating system is meant to be a way to compensate veterans for a loss they suffered in service that decreases their ability to earn a living for them-



selves and their families. The higher the degree of disability, the greater the compensation because the more severe the condition, the greater the impact it has on the veteran's ability to earn a living.

The goal for most veterans is a [100% disability rating](#), also known as total disability rating. This rating entitles the veteran to the most amount of money (currently \$2,906.83 per month) because they are considered totally disabled. If the disability would make the average person incapable of work, a total rating is assigned, even if the veteran is working. The other way to get total disability rating, without reaching 100%, is through [individual unemployability](#).

On the other side of the spectrum, the VA can assign a 0% rating, or a noncompensable rating. 0% does not qualify the veteran for monthly compensation, but it does have its advantages. A noncompensable rating establishes service-connection, preserves the right to seek higher compensation if the condition gets worse, and entitles the veteran to other benefits such as preference in federal/state jobs. If the veteran has two or more separate noncompensable service-connected disabilities, the VA can grant a 10% disability rating.

The rating schedule lists all types of diseases and conditions that tend to result from military service. The ratings are categorized by body system, with

each system containing a series of diagnoses and each having its own numerical code. This numerical code is called a diagnostic code, which is then assigned a percentage, and each percentage has a designated compensation amount. For each degree of disability, there is a description of the symptoms the veteran must have in order to qualify for that evaluation. The degree of disability increases with the severity of the symptoms. The rating board will determine the severity of the symptoms and the appropriate rating for the veteran based on the evidence provided, such as service records, medical statements, buddy statements, and VA examinations. This is why it is so important to get the right evidence into the VA so they can make the right decision and assign the highest rating possible. The goal is to prove the highest level of severity in order to get the highest rating and receive the most compensation.

The VA is supposed to choose the diagnostic code with the highest evaluation under which the veteran qualifies, and avoid evaluating the same disability under different diagnostic codes. When there are two different evaluations to apply, the VA will assign the higher rating of the two if the disability meets the criteria for the higher rating (if not, the lower rating will be applied). Not all disabilities are listed in the rating schedule, so when the condition is not included, it will be rated under a closely related disease or injury. This is known as an analogous rating. The analogous

condition should affect similar functions in the same part of the body and have similar symptoms.

When there are two separate disabilities, the overall percentage is determined by combining the individual ratings, not adding them together. The VA does this by considering each disability in order of severity, beginning with the highest evaluation, and subtracting that from 100%. The number that remains is what the VA considers the remaining healthy part of the veteran, so the next disability is subtracted from that remaining number. The result is then rounded to the nearest tenth. For example, if there are two disabilities rated at 50%, the first 50% is subtracted from 100%. The second disability of 50% is taken from the remaining 50%, resulting in 75%, which is then rounded to 80%. There is also an app that can help you calculate combined ratings called VetCalc that can be downloaded in the App Store. If you do not agree with what the VA has decided and you think you are entitled to a higher rating, you can appeal your decision. Referred By

**Bill "Doc" Matz, A & HHC Co. 65 to 67**



## **TRIPLE DEUCE DAY 2016 OBSERVED AT THE MOHEGAN SUN**

**Pete Gaworecki** and I were invited to join a group of **AFG-IRAQ Triple Deuce Vets** at a gathering planned for February 22, 2016 at Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort in Uncasville, CT. **Kevin Brown, BN CO, 2004-2006**, was the host of the gathering. Kevin is the Chairman of the Mohegan Tribe and heads up the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority.

Pete and I arrived at the hotel and were, like all the others in attendance, treated to VIP check in. Our room was on the 32<sup>nd</sup> floor where we had a great view of the Thames River and the surrounding countryside.

An initial 'Gathering of the Troops' was planned for 5 PM - 6 PM at one of the many lounges. Drinking on an empty stomach didn't seem like a good course to follow, so I suggested to Pete that we get something to eat. Pete, who never turns down a chance to eat, has been to Mohegan Sun many times led me to the Food Court. After eating we joined the others for drinks. Most in attendance were new faces to us, but a few we'd seen at past events at Ft Drum. **Matt Primrose, HHC & B Co., 2000-2008**, was the lynch pin for this event welcomed Pete and me and introduced us to the others in attendance. The plan was to attend the National Karate

Championship meet that was being held at 7 PM. However, the conversations and the arrival of more Triple Deucers made many lose track of time. Most of the attendees went to find some food while Pete and I headed for the main area where a Kacey Musgraves concert was going to be held. The concert was well attended and well received. Kacey Musgraves is a very talented young woman with an 'old soul.'

After the concert we gathered in another of the hotel's bars for more conversation. This went on until we had to move to another bar. It was getting late and some of the attendees wisely headed for their rooms. I found myself in the company of a half-dozen others, who like me, had left their 'wisely' somewhere else and continued the drinking and conversing. Somewhere around 0300 the last bar closed and those of us remaining found our 'wisely' and went to our rooms.

Nothing had been planned for the next morning, so Pete decided that I needed to see and take part in the super breakfast buffet that the hotel offers. Pete was right; the buffet had everything one could possibly want for breakfast. And, it is a two-for-one deal! A poker event had been planned for the afternoon, but Pete and I agreed that we'd take the opportunity to visit the US Navy Submarine Museum at the Sub Base in New London. It is 20 minute ride from the hotel and Pete's Navigation system, the brunt of many jokes in past stories, led us directly to the front gate. The Museum is well laid out and is filled with many interesting items with the center piece being the USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine. After about two minutes below decks on the boat it became apparent that Pete would not have done well on a submarine. Anyone taller/bigger than me would find moving through a submarine difficult. I have been on a WW II type sub and it was even a tighter fit than the Nautilus. That being said, I would encourage anyone who is in the New London area to visit the museum and the Nautilus.

Well, it was lunch time and Pete asked his navigation system to find a diner. I am happy to re-

port that the Navigation system, once again, took us on a tour of the entire Thames River Valley before bringing us back up near Mohegan Sun where we ate at a Five Guys Diner. Message for **Ruth Crocker**. Ruth, I'm sure that we rode past your house at least twice. We did every house between Groton and the Sub Base, both sides of the river.

Well we had lunch and went back to the hotel to prepare for the evening's event, dinner at the Michael Jordon's Steakhouse. Pete and I had decided we'd both wear our blue blazers with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Blazer Badges and our ORA's. We wanted to make a proper showing as representatives of the Old Goat's Squad. I don't know if the young Vets were confused or impressed with our attire, but it did give us the opportunity to explain what the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment is about and how the Vietnam Triple Deuce fits together with the Regiment Society. More about this later on.

The meal was super! It was served in three courses with many choices for entrees as well as side dishes. I had a filet mignon that was half again as big as any one I'd ever seen before. It was cooked to perfection. We were seated at three tables in a manner that made conversation between tables very easy. During the meal there was much talk about the Triple Deucers who had not come home from Afghanistan and Iraq. Pete had set up a laptop in the room with photos of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Monument at the National Infantry Museum. Before the desert was served, I got up and thanked everyone for the invitation and the fine way that Pete and I had been accepted into their group. I then directed the group's attention to the photo of the Monument and explained where the Monument was, what the dimensions were and what was inscribed on the Monument. I began by mentioning the Campaigns to include Afghanistan and Iraq campaigns and told them that they would be able to see these engravings if they examined the photos. I then told them that they would not be able to read the engravings on the obelisk on the photos because they were too small. However,

those engravings were most important because they are the names of the Regiment's KIA's since the War of 1812 to present and included the names of the very friends they were discussing. I guess I made the point because the questions immediately started. "Who paid for the Monument?" "How was the money raised?" "How do I participate?" Pete and I gave brief responses and Pete handed out his business cards that have information on how to join the Society posted on the back side. I also made it clear to these young Vets that it was Pete who made the necessary fixes to the Triple Deuce Monument at Ft Drum. I believe we have reached another important part of the future of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society and had a really fine time doing so.

Those in attendance not mentioned above were, **Kollin Berg, HHC, Alpha & Charlie Cos., 1998-2006, Chris Bonieuski, B Co., 2000-2006, Keith Cahill, HHC & A Cos., 2004-2008, Chris Chavez, C Co., 2007-2013, Steven Doan, HHC, 2000-2004, John Flynn, HHC, 2003-2009, John Gaughan, HHC, 2006-2009, Brian Norton, HHC, A & C Cos., 1995-2004, Rob Schexnayder, A Co., 2001-2002, HHC, 2013-2015, Derrick Shackelford, HHC, 2002-2006, Tony Skuse, HHC, 2006-2011 Matt Smart, HHC, 2006-2009, Douglas Vossen, HHC & B Cos., 2005-2009 and Warren Norman** who was a civilian DoD Contractor, a law enforcement professional who worked embedded with Triple Deuce in 2007-2008.

**Jim May, HMOR**

## Deed Not Words

## TAPS

### **William Ernest Warner**

B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID. 66-67

William Ernest Warner, Troy N. C., passed away on February 5, 2016. He battled prostate cancer connected to Agent Orange for several years. Ernest was one of the original boat people. In 1967 he was wounded in a friendly fire incident which caused many problems during the years to follow.

Ernest served in Bravo Company, 25th Infantry Division, 1st platoon (1966 - 1967).

I want to thank you for locating Ernest and **Gene Price** for me. If it had not been for you I would have never been connected with my friends again. The three of us have been in constant contact and had several visits. Gene Price has been diagnosed with prostate cancer also connected to Agent Orange.

Thank you for all you do for Triple Deuce.

### **Jerry L. Gallagher**

B Co.4th& 25th ID, 67to 68

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## HELLOES & COMMENTS

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B Co. & HHC, 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Dec 65 to Dec 67

Would like to contact **Johny Holbrook** and **Pichon**.

**Francisco Baran, Jr.**

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**Michael Daugherty**

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With the 124<sup>th</sup> Signal and spent his time with C Co. Dec 65 to April 66

**James I. Ross**

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A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Feb 70 to Nov 70

Would like to locate **Mike Mellon** and **Ron Mercer**.

**Danny H. Spurill**

252-505-2652

B Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Dec 65 to Dec 67

B Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Squad 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, Point Man

"USS Walker, I was there. Lt.- 25<sup>th</sup> Base Camp you threw a dud LBW across our track and it blew off your right finger tips, would like to hear from you. I was there."

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HHC, 215<sup>th</sup> ID, Nov 67 to Feb 68

**Tom Lupei**

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C Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 11-66 to 11-67

"I would love to get a list of guys from "C" Company, 25th Inf, 2nd Platoon, 2/1 track who were there in 1967 or at least give a shout out to them. I was the gunner/driver after Peterson left."

## GUEST BOOK HITS

**Jerry J. Harder**

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B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Aug 69 to Sep 70

Would like to contact **Mike Hudak**

Name: **Donald Goss**

Location: Anniston, AL

Email: [donaldgss@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldgss@yahoo.com)

Phone: 236-239-9609

I was with A Co, 2/22(Mech) 25Inf. Div. from 67-68. Would love to hear from anyone that I might of served with. Super

Posted on: Thursday - Feb 11, 2016

Name: **Dick Nash**

Location: New Boston, IL

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Phone: 309 537 3536

Anyone with info on 1st LT **James C Tarkenton III** KIA

3/19/67 please contact me asap. School girl in Texas wants to honor him in school project/ contacted me.

[nash222@frontiernet.net](mailto:nash222@frontiernet.net)

Posted on: Monday - Feb 15, 2016

Name: **George Dahl**

Location: Minnesota

Email: [gtdahl@iphouse.com](mailto:gtdahl@iphouse.com)

**Jerry Cupp,**

Were you at the 6th Army NCO Academy with me at Fort Lewis located at North Fort Lewis? Your name sounds familiar.

Posted on: Tuesday - Feb 23, 2016

Name: **Bill Short**, Sgt d Battery, 5/16 Arty, 4 ID

Location: Highlands

Email: [bill@shortbits.com](mailto:bill@shortbits.com)

Several years ago I searched for info on my cousin

**"Butch" AJ Short**, III, B Co. 2/22, KIA 5-17-67.

His LT kept a dairy and sent me all details of Bravo Co taking 5 KIAs that day...even sent a map sketch. I sent the info to the memorial in his home area in MS and have since then lost the info.

Editor's note **Skip Fahel** is in touch with this person.

Posted on: Wednesday - Feb 24, 2016

Name: Rich

Email: [Chiefgriff1@gmail.com](mailto:Chiefgriff1@gmail.com)

My dad, Bob Griffith was A company in Vietnam 69-70.

Just seeing if anyone here knew him during that time period.

Posted on: Saturday - Feb 27, 2016



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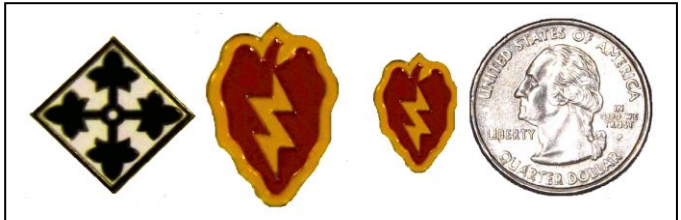
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