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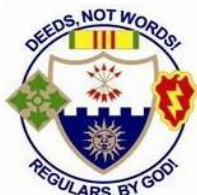
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we are, up against the calendar timing that us "Late Lucy's" have to get our rooms reserved, travel tickets bought, and suitcase filling planned to get to the Oklahoma City reunion May 14-17. No more nagging from me about getting all that stuff done. It's time to fish or cut bait as an old man once said, and I qualify.

All of our reunions have had great attractions available to participants within the cities chosen, but this one is amazing at the selection of features within a few blocks of where we are staying, Dave Allin has done a magnificent job of prepping his home city for this one, guys. It truly will be one to remember. At this age we all know that there are only so many more of these things we will be at, sad fact but real fact. See you there. And every single one of you reading this, dive into Dave's article in this newsletter explaining our legacy book for instructions on how to get one for your shelf and the bookshelves of your families. Like you, Brother, it is a very special accomplishment. Ten thousand thanks to Dave and Steve Irvine...



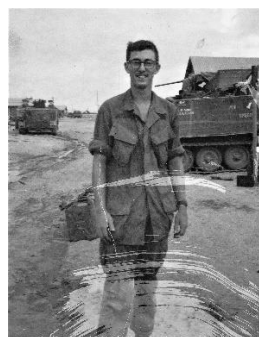
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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Here in 1SG Allin's office things have been really busy lately. I've been planning and coordinating the reunion, making reservations for our guest speaker and arranging for gifts that will be given out to all our members when they register. If you haven't made your hotel reservations yet, or not sent in your reunion registration, now is the time. Step out lively!

More importantly, I have been working with Steve Irvine, Dick Nash, and Jim May to create our wonderful book about Triple Deuce in Viet Nam. You can read all about the book below. Dick Nash intends for every active member of our organization to have one of these books for free, and you can purchase additional copies at cost. TODAY, RIGHT NOW, you need to let me know how many copies you want, so we know how many to order from the printer. The more copies we print, the less they will cost. Trust me, this is the best Vietnam book ever produced. It will make you and your family proud.

Thanks to the continued contributions of our members, I had more stories for this issue than I could fit in. My apologies to those whose articles were not in this issue, but I promise they will appear in the June issue.



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URGENT!

BOOK PRE-ORDER

The long-awaited book about Triple Deuce in Viet Nam is nearly here. Read about what it is like in the following article. It is ready for printing, but we need to know how many to have printed. The more books that are printed, the less each copy costs. Every member of Vietnam Triple Deuce that receives this newsletter is eligible to receive a free copy.

These are heirloom books suitable as gifts to your children and grandchildren, and if you want more than one copy, you can purchase them at cost. We won't know the actual cost until we know how many we are going to print, but it will be, at most, about \$50 each, and probably closer to \$40. Think about how many copies you want, and then reply to this email as soon as possible. Just press REPLY (and NOT "Reply All") and send me your name and how many copies you think you will want, including the free copy. For example, if you want your free copy plus two more to give away, you will ask for 3 copies. Be sure to include your name. I must have your response by March 18.

Send no money now. Once we know how many copies are needed, we will get a final price from the printer, and I will send out an order form that you can print out and mail in, along with a check if you want additional copies, and your current mailing address, in case our roster is out of date. The company that does our paper newsletters is also printing the book, and they will mail out the copies using the information you provide on your order forms. The free copy for every

member is courtesy of Dick Nash and your board of directors, and will be paid for from our treasury. Read about the book, think about how many copies you need, and reply to me immediately. Thank you

David Allin, DMOR
A Co./HHC, 1969-70

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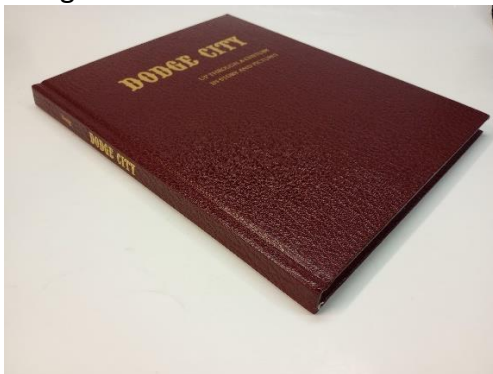
An Unofficial History of 2/22 Inf in Viet Nam

Over the last few months, Steve Irvine, our webmaster, and I, your humble newsletter editor, have been creating this book which portrays our exploits in Nam in a casual and personal manner. We went through the last thirty years of newsletters and selected typical stories that our members submitted, and we selected photos that have been posted in the albums on our website, and put them all together into a book. The newsletter articles had to be reformatted, edited, and organized chronologically. The photos had to be converted to black and white, then reformatted into a printable size, have captions added, and also organized chronologically. Then we added a list of all Triple Deuce soldiers who were killed in action, and a glossary explaining all the abbreviations, acronyms, and military terms that appear in the stories, for civilians who might not understand what we were talking about.

Gentlemen, these are great stories, describing in a deeply personal and candid way what we experienced during the war, both the good times and the bad. After spending weeks editing these stories and arranging them, when I finally read the

book in its final form, I was amazed at how good it was. You will enjoy reading it, and your children and grandchildren will enjoy learning what you actually did in the war, not the dry facts compiled by some historian, but how those events affected you. Because of the way we were treated when we returned from Nam, we Vietnam vets have tended to avoid talking about our experiences with those who weren't there—except in the newsletters. Here we could tell those stories, sharing our memories with those who had been through it and knew what we were talking about. Now those honest stories can be shared with our families and friends in a way that makes it clear how we felt. This is the real story of Viet Nam soldiers, not the version portrayed in movies and books. It is something we can all be proud of.

The book is 508 pages long, with 59 photos, and will be bound as a hardback with a faux leather cover and gold foil embossed lettering.



The printing company sent me an example of a book they did for Dodge City, and it is very impressive. This is a book you will be proud to show others, and it is an heirloom that can be passed down for many generations. Equally important, the book is a great read and the photos will bring back many memories. I plan on ordering four extra copies for my family, Dick wants ten

for his, and the Crocker family (CPT David Crocker, A Co., KIA 17 May 1969) has already asked for four. This is an important book, and it is probably our last chance to tell our story. Personally, I honestly believe this is the best Vietnam book ever written, and I am proud to have participated in its creation.

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David Allin, DMOR
A Co./HHC 1969-70

COMING SOON!

The 2026 Reunion is coming soon, so sign up now. Make your hotel reservations and fill out your registration forms, you don't want to miss it. On Friday night we will have a guest speaker, LTC Joe Finch (USA Ret.), who was a helicopter pilot in the 25th Division in 1969, and medevacked many Triple Deuce soldiers who were wounded, brought needed supplies out to the field, and flew gunships in support during firefights. He will present his slide presentation after the buffet dinner. In a wonderful coincidence, the Traveling Wall, the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in D.C., will be displayed in Edmond, a suburb of Oklahoma City, on the same days as our reunion. This is a must-see for our Vietnam veterans.



The Sheraton Hotel is literally at the center of OKC, and is close to most of the major attractions. Oklahoma City has a downtown trolley system that makes loops through the business district and the entertainment district, with a stop in front of the hotel, and in May all rides on the trolley will be free of charge. Within a few blocks of the hotel are a host of places to visit, including the Bricktown entertainment district with clubs, restaurants, and the National Banjo Museum; the Bricktown Canal, with water taxis, more restaurants and bars, a miniature golf course, an arcade, and life-sized statuary replicating the Land Run of 1889; the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and Museum; the Myriad Gardens Crystal Bridge; Scissortail Park; the Paycom Center, home of the OKC Thunder; the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark (AAA); and a huge Bass Pro Shop. All are within walking distance, or you can ride the trolley. The hotel is also connected to the OKC Tunnels, a brightly lit and colorful system of tunnels that connect major buildings downtown and serve as tornado shelters if needed.



A mile or two to the southwest of the hotel is the Riversport complex, which offers white-water rafting and canoeing, and will be the site of some events in the 2028 Summer Olympics. Across the river is OKANA, a resort with what is listed as the world's largest indoor water park. Next to OKANA is the First Americans Museum, built and curated by the many tribes that now call Oklahoma home, and which shows the history of Native Americans from their point of view.



Fifteen minutes north of the hotel is Remington Park, a huge area that includes a great golf course, the National Softball Hall of Fame and ballpark that is the site of the softball events of the 2028 Summer Olympics, the OKC Zoo, the Oklahoma Science Museum, and the Remington Park horse racing track and casino. Just a half mile north of Remington Park is the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, which is huge and rivals the Smithsonian museums on the Mall in DC.

All of this is in addition to the main purpose of the reunion, which to reconnect with our combat brothers. And I think we all recognize how important that is to our mental health.

How to get to the hotel:

If you are driving in from the west or southwest, stay on I-40 East until you see exit 150A for Shields Blvd. At the light, turn left and go north two blocks, at which point the street becomes E.K. Gaylord Blvd. Go another two blocks, staying in the left lane, to Sheridan Ave and turn left. Go 1 ½ blocks west on Sheridan and turn into the Century Center parking garage. Go up to the third floor and find a space at the east side of the garage. There is a covered walkway there to the hotel.

If you are coming up I-35 from the south, just before you reach I-40, stay in the left lane and take the left exit, 125C, to Oklahoma City Blvd. Drive about four blocks to E.K. Gaylord Blvd, just past the overhead railroad viaduct, and turn right. Go two blocks north and turn left on Sheridan, and then go 1 ½ blocks west to the parking garage. Go to the east side of the third floor of the garage. The hotel has an entrance on the east wall.

If you are coming from the north or northwest, follow I-35 south to where it merges briefly with I-40 west, and stay in the right lane. Take exit 151A for Oklahoma City Blvd., go a few blocks until you pass under the railroad viaduct, and turn right on E.K. Gaylord Blvd. Two blocks north you will turn left on Sheridan Ave. and go 1 ½ blocks to take a right into the Century Center parking garage. Go up to the third floor and find a space on the east side. Look for the hotel entrance.

Once you have parked your car, go into the hotel and take the elevator down to the

first floor to check in. Then go to the 2nd floor where our registration desk will be, as well as our hospitality/meeting/banquet room. All alcoholic beverages will be in a suite on the 12th floor, due to local liquor laws.

Those who are flying to the reunion need only to get their luggage at the terminal, walk outside, and use a taxi, Lyft, Uber, or Airport Express shuttle (all require payment) to take you to the hotel, about 15 minutes away. Expect to pay about \$30 per ride.

If anyone is taking Amtrak, from the station walk ½ block north to Sheridan, one block west to Broadway, and ½ block north to the hotel entrance.

If you have not yet made your hotel reservations, you should do so immediately. If the OKC Thunder makes the playoffs again this year, the downtown hotels will fill up rapidly. I highly recommend using the internet link [Book your group rate for 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion](#). It is simple and works well. I tried calling the 1-800 number to make reservations for our guest speaker, and was connected to someone in a third world country whose command of the English language was marginal. It took nearly 30 frustrating minutes of both of us repeating ourselves to make the reservation, and it still wasn't done correctly. I had to call the hotel directly to get it straightened out. So if you have to call, I recommend calling the hotel front desk: **405-235-2780**.

**David Allin, DMOR
A Co./HHC 1969-70**

HOW MANY MORE

How many more Reunions will we be able to attend? All of us need to answer that question. My first Reunion was the St Louis Reunion held in 2002. Mike and Cathy Groves were the sponsors. I don't know the exact attendance numbers, but I do remember that there were many 22nd WW II Vets in attendance. I remember how well we, 22nd Vietnam Vets, were treated. We weren't looked down upon by the WW II Vets, it was the opposite, they thanked us for our service to the Nation. I also remember the story sharing and the common thread that ran through the stories being told by the WW II Vets and the Vietnam Vets. I came away with the impression that, although these stories took place many years apart and in different places on the earth, that they were similar. There was a common thread, there was something that our war experiences made us equal. Well, we no longer share our time and stories with the WW II Vets. Time takes its toll.

I also remember the bantering between VN 222 Vets who served in different companies. The Boat Originals had some serious fun with one another.

And then there was the bantering between the MECH Vets and the Legs. Many of these stories were told by someone from 1/22 or 3/22 and usually involved a telling about all the stuff that had to carry. Skip Fahel was very good at selecting the appropriate time to say. "Why didn't you put it in the track?" The response was generally a slew of 'bad words' followed up by laughter.

I mention all of this because I'd like to see as many Vietnam Vets as possible attend the OKC reunion. I'd like to see the Vietnam Vets sitting with and sharing stories with the AFG-IRAQ Vets. I'd like to

see this tradition carried on into the future when time has taken its toll on the Vietnam Vets.

I know that many of the Vietnam Vets hold Mini-Reunions and I applaud them for doing so. My hope is that these close bonded Vets can attend the OKC Reunion while many of us are still able. There is no telling How Many More reunions we will be able to attend.

**Jim May, HMOR
Prov., Co 1968**

RECON PLATOON

Here are some notes from four members of the Recon platoon: **Roger Schulz, Eddie McCamey, Tim Albright, and Ray Guse.** More of these stories will appear in the next newsletter.

Arrival: *Roger* – My first Triple Deuce assignment was as a rifle platoon leader in A Company. This experience was just what I needed before heading off to the Recon Platoon. My 5 month tour with A Company was a classic place to learn in a great outfit. A Company was loaded with rock solid Soldiers in the ranks and they were superb in every sense of the word. When you arrive as an individual in a combat outfit, those early days are critical. Four squad leaders and a platoon sergeant kept us all straight. Frankly, it was a once in a lifetime experience. I recall my first day in A Company, we hit an ambush and I was wounded. With the response from the Soldiers around me and one phenomenal medic, I survived all that, but only with medical support within the first couple minutes of being hit.

Duties: The battalion commander routinely assigned us missions on the fly and he referred to the recon platoon as his “go to” outfit. That all sounded good on the surface of course but we were always pressed to have enough tracks and dismounts to conduct some of our assigned missions. The key was to understand the recon platoon was not a company even though we were missioned as one on occasion. We simply did not have the Soldiers and the number of tracks that rifle companies did.

Roger - We had more than one instance where our headquarters company leadership wanted the basecamp to be nice and tidy - pretty. And there were occasions, all our troops needed was to get some rest after an all-night patrol for example.

Eddie - On one occasion, Sergeant Eddie McCamey just off a patrol was ordered by our company 1st Sergeant to open up the ditches, a basecamp task. 1LT Schultz heard the commotion and ordered Eddie to get some sleep. The 1st Sergeant stomped off smoking mad. This was my 2nd 1st Sergeant and he was as bad as the first was good. The 2nd 1st Sergeant didn't accept the fact that we worked directly for the colonel. For some reason, that bothered him. This was not an isolated incident so you can imagine the tension that was typical between our platoon and our company headquarters. Understand, the recon platoon was part of HHC which meant our tactical missions were assigned by the S2, S3 in operations orders and basecamp duties all belonged to our company headquarters. It was common for the recon platoon to be directed personally by our battalion commander. It happened all the time. Translated, this also meant our company headquarters did not understand the operational role of a recon

platoon in the grand scheme of things. The way things worked, the recon platoon leader was rated by the HHC commander. You can imagine how this might turn out since on most days, his priorities were not operational.

Roger - While in a base camp, dealing with our headquarters company commander and on occasion his first sergeant created a series of tasks all their own. It also meant there were some tense exchanges. Eddie recalls one case in particular in e above with his 2nd first sergeant. As I say all this, we had some great first sergeants so what you see in these notes is more about the exceptions.

Roger - On one occasion, tired of being misunderstood by our company leadership we took our commander on a night mission. We ended up not returning to the firebase that evening. Once back at the back at the firebase, he never said another thing about the conduct of our recon platoon members.

Eddie - It's somewhat sad to say perhaps but our lieutenant took great care of us in spite of our working for a higher headquarters that did not understand how the recon platoon fit into the Triple Deuce tactical mission.

Missions: The recon platoon did lots of recon missions. Both Roger and Eddie on separate occasions, were assigned recon missions in the battalion commander's helicopter. It was so routine to deal with the commander personally that it hindered our relationship within headquarters company leadership. We never did figure it all out while in country but after years of reflection, it appeared our HHC leadership wanted more control over the recon

platoon. In spite of our working this issue daily, it was never easy. You will note in other parts of these notes, on some days, the tension was apparent to all of us. And it simply did not need to be that way. On his final OER, the headquarters company commander, the recon platoon leader's rater, wrote a note saying "do not promote this officer." This was then followed by an entry in Roger's OER from the battalion commander that basically said, "the rater did not get this right." So, but for the battalion commander weighing in as he did, Roger's Army career would have been over.

Patrols: *Roger* – during one ambush mission we were about halfway to our objective, we got a radio message from headquarters that a South Vietnamese patrol had just popped up in our area. Understand, none of this briefed during our preparation so we had no idea what was taking place. When asked where this patrol was, the headquarters simply said "we have no idea", so we tucked our patrol tight on the edge of a village in a tight perimeter and never moved until daylight. The last thing we wanted to do was stumble into a friendly patrol and all innocently get our heads blown off. The last thing I wanted to do was walk into a friendly ambush site that no one knew about or perhaps had failed to tell us about.

FT DRUM VISIT 5-6 FEBRUARY 2026

As the dates indicate, my visit was a very short one. The purpose of the visit was to attend an ORG DAY event. This event was scheduled for 6 February because the Battalion has been scheduled for

deployment prior to 2-22 February, Triple Deuce Day.

My trip was different this time. I drove from my home into Canada and traveled thru Cannada on mostly major highways and then reentered the USA near Alexandria Bay. Once in the USA it was straight ride down I 81 to the Main Gate at Ft Drum. Total time, about 7.5 hours as opposed to 9.5 hours.

Chris Tuccio, "HHC" 2/22, 2004 greeted me at BN HQ, he had been at Ft Drum for a couple of days visiting friends, Air Force Types, who are stationed at Wheeler Field.

Dave Thomas, "C" Co. and the AT Platoon, 2000-2004 came by and told us that he had family obligations that would keep him too busy to visit with the Troops on ORG DAY. Family does come first.

I visited with the new **CSM, Donley**. During the visit I learned that he had been with 1-22 at Ft Carson. He showed me a 1-22 Challenge Coin when I presented him with a 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Challenge Coin. The conversation was mostly about all the changes going on in the Army. CSM Donley explained that his challenge is filling slots with the appropriate personnel because of all the Permanent Changes in Station, PCS, that are going on. His concerns were later better understood while I was visiting with the Soldiers. Many of them had recently arrived at Triple Deuce. They knew nothing of the Old Goats Squad or the ORA. There are large paintings of Red Ants on the walls as well as an ORA with an explanation of what and why the ORA is prominently displayed in the BN HQ reception area as well as in the Monuments Room. However, many Triple Deuce Soldiers are not at all familiar with the ORA. A few years ago, questions about the ORA were asked at promotion boards. No more. The Soldiers don't appear to know of the

Regiments History. This absence of understanding the History of the Regiment is a product of moving personnel around so often that they do not become familiar with the past and how they fit into the Triple Deuce today. history. Furthermore, many of the Soldiers that I had previously met were moving to other units. My opinion is that all the movement of personnel is not good for unit cohesiveness. It appears that the movement of personnel based on 'time in station' is as detrimental as it was in years past.

I left BN HQ and went to visit the Support Company, previously "G" Co. Previously because the Support Company is no longer a part of the Battalion. The Company has been reflagged "C" Co. Brigade Support Battalion. This was the arrangement years ago, an arrangement that served only to add layers in the chain of command. In fact, this arrangement was similar to how things were during my time in Dau Tieng. A more efficient way of providing support had been developed by the Soldiers in Dau Tieng. The supply sergeants dealt directly with the supply types at the supply points. Sending requests from a Company to a Battalion then to Brigade and then on to Cu Chi only added needless delays in providing support. It appears that the lessons of the past have been forgotten.

Well, "C" Co., BSB, is suffering from the same PCS issues that Triple Deuce is suffering from. All of the command structure, with the exception of **Lt Lewis, the XO**, are changing out. I was fortunate to visit with **CPT Hird** and **1SG Osias**. 1SG Osias asked that I extend a thank you to all the Members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society and the Vietnam Triple Deuce for the support that provided them with the personal items that were sent to them during their deployment. I learned that

what sent to "G" Co. was shared with other units in Triple Deuce. This is an example of how unit cohesiveness works. There is no 'us and them,' it is 'us,' this is how Soldiers need to view all the other units in a Battalion. There are **Triple Deuce 3 Card** decals displayed in many places in the Support Company area. I asked if they would be removed and got resounding 'No Way' as an answer.

While I was visiting with the Support Company, Chris Tuccio made a number of visits, in fact, Chris made many visits. In the 3 Shop he spent time with **CPT Christensen, CPT Lorenzo** and **LT Ayala**. He visited with **SGT Johnson**, and **SGT Oliynyk, Medic**, both in **HHC**. Then he visited with **CPT Hicks, "D" Co., CO** and **LT Anderson, "D" Co., Mortar Platoon** and **SGT Macat, "D" Co. Medic**. He also visited with **SSG Chris Minnino, "B" Co.** who I would meet, along with his fiancé, Cina. **SGT Oliynyk** would join Chris and I for dinner. **SGT Oliynyk** spent time with **Loic Parent** and **Julien Woestyn, 22nd Infantry France**, when Chris took them on a visit to Ft Drum last year.

While Chris and I were making our visits, the Companies were involved in a Dodgeball Tournament at Macgrath Gym. I received a report from **LT Ric Masi, BN S-3 Shop**, that the Tournament was won by **"B" Co.**, and the runner up was **"HHC"**.

The barbeque began at Oates Lodge, Remington Park and was well attended. The members of **Heart 911** did their customary cooking, outdoors, while the Soldiers ate in the Lodge. Once the Soldiers were fed, and things quieted down, Chris and I were able to visit with **LTC Riley, BN CO, MAJ Briggs, BN S-3** and **COL Graham, BDE CO**. **COL Graham** expressed his appreciation for how Triple Deuce is supported by 22nd IR Vets and made note that he knew of no other Battalion in the Army that has similar

support. Members of 22 IRS and VN 222 that are reading this can take pride in knowing that they are the reason that this support can be made. Upcoming Battalion events were discussed as well as efforts to reestablish comms with Gold Star Families. With all of the personnel changes and deployments, contact with the Gold Star families has been lost. That will change and 22 IRS will help in the efforts.

I'd planned on leaving early on Saturday morning, but the threat of another snowstorm that might keep me held up until Sunday caused me to change my plans. I went back to the hotel, packed up and checked out. I went home the way I'd come to Ft Drum. There was a light snow falling as I left Ft Drum, but I soon outran it when I got to the highway in Canada. Traveling through about 100 miles of two-lane roads through the mountains in Eastern Canada and Maine wasn't what I wanted to do, but I'd was still ahead of the snowstorm and wanted to remain as such. I got home, got the wood stove going and fell asleep in my chair.

**Jim May, HMOR
Prov., Co. 1968**

REUNION PX ACTIVITIES SAVE YOURSELF \$\$\$\$

If you are going to attend the OKC Reunion and are thinking about buying PX items you can be certain the items will be available and save yourself some money by letting me know what you want. It isn't possible for me to bring every PX offering to reunions, so in the past I've had to send items from my home, which added shipping costs. These additional costs can be

avoided by letting me know what you are interested in. You may be interested in a shirt or a hat or something in a special color, no matter. I'll bring it with me and you won't get stuck with shipping costs. You can contact me at jlmay@tds.net or 207-634-3355.
Jim May, HOMR
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Let me know if you want a T-shirt. jlmay@tds.net 207-634-3355 NO TEXT!
Jim May

T-Shirts



The company we buy our shirts and hats from has offered to make up VN 222 T-shirts at a very reasonable price. However, the order must be for 50 T-shirts. I understand why, it has to do with the number of screen prints that must be used. So, if I can get enough Members to pre order one, I'll place the order. Costs of

NEW FIND

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TAPS

David Becker

Jerry Anderson reports that David Becker passed in November of 2020.

Dennis Earl Fiehler

September 1, 1946 – July 5, 2025

Dennis E. Fiehler, 78, of St. Louis, MO, a cherished son, husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on July 5, 2025. Since 2006 he had struggled with a debilitating illness, Waldenstrom's lymphoma, related to his Vietnam service and exposure to agent orange. In 2022 a type of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) was diagnosed and determined to be related to one of the drugs used to treat the lymphoma. Dennis endured extensive treatment for the AML but it finally took his life.

Dennis was born on September 1, 1946 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Edwin and Wanda (Ladreiter) Fiehler. He graduated from Lutheran High School South in St. Louis in 1964, and after a short period of work and school joined the US Army. In 1967 he attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. A year of service in Vietnam followed including 7 months leading a platoon in a combat unit with the 25th Division. During his service, Dennis received the Combat Infantry Badge, 2 Bronze Stars and an Army Commendation Medal. After returning to the U.S. from

Vietnam, he was promoted to Captain and served as company commander for a basic training company at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, until his honorable discharge from the Army at the end of 1970. In a private military honors burial ceremony, Dennis's cremated remains were interred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Erin's remains were also interred with her father.

MERCHANDISE



Five panel hat, \$24.00 Available in Khaki and black. One size fits all



Summer Hat \$24.00. Available in white and black. One size fits all



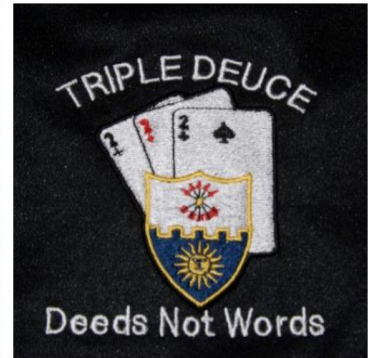
Six Panel Hat, \$24.00 Available in khaki and black.



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



Denim long sleeve shirt with pocket.
\$46.00 sizes small to XL
\$50.00 sizes 2XL and 3XL
Special colors add \$5.00



BLACK POLYESTER POLO SHIRT WITHOUT A POCKET. Small thru XL \$38.00
Sizes 2XL and 3XL \$45.00



Ash or Blue polo shirt with pocket.

\$38.00 ea. sizes small to XL

\$45.00 ea. sizes 2XL and 3XL

Special colors add \$3.00

Lightweight ORA, 25% lighter than the traditional medal. \$3.00 + \$6.00 shipping
Frame your Traditional Medal with your Certificate. You must have been awarded the ORA to be eligible to purchase this item.



22nd Infantry Crest Pin. \$10.00 + \$6.00 shipping



Midi CIB. \$7.00 + \$6.00 Shipping

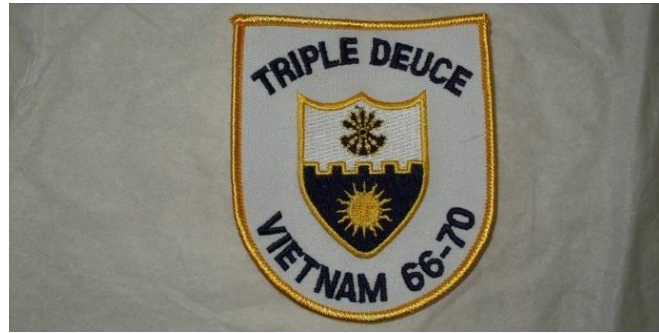
Mini CIB. \$5.00 + \$6.00 Shipping

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



Small Division Pins. \$8.00 each + \$6.00 shipping

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



Challenge Coins New 2" diameter

1 Coin \$ 14 Ea. shipping included
 5 Coins \$10 ea. + \$8.00 shipping
 10 Coins \$19 + \$16.00 shipping
 15 Coins \$28. + \$24.00 shipping
 20 Coins \$38.00 + \$32.00 shipping

VN 2/22nd Patch \$5.00 ea + \$3.00 shipping



Triple Deuce Track Pin (small). \$5.00 + \$6.00 shipping