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22nd Infantry Regiment

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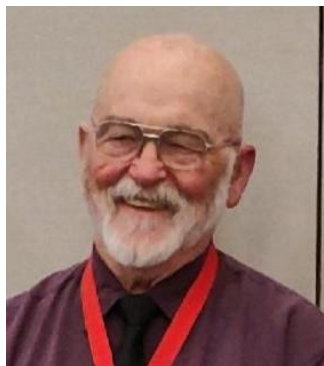
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another reunion is getting close enough to talk about now. I don't know how much better the prep for a reunion could get than what Dave Allin has done for this one. Hell, the hotel even has a huge tunnel system under it IF a tornado should decide to kiss us. None of the arguments against coming work on this one guys. Its excellent features and comforts, cheap rates, and location next to a dozen interesting side attractions make this reunion the one to go to above many others in the past. And of course there is the fact that we are all old blisters now who have to have all these comforts to do any traveling. Dave has done a fantastic job of putting it together, and communicating all of the easy access roads, airports and systems to us. So stop trying to come up with reasons not to attend, and get your duffs to this one as soon as possible. All details are accessible in this newsletter and the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society newsletter as well as the web sites. The sad fact is that this one could be the last one for many of us because of that age thing, so make it happen for yourself and for your combat Brothers who want to see you again...



Dick Nash, DMOR
A Co. & HHC, 69

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Triple Deuce is on the move again. Next May we have the best reunion ever coming up here in Oklahoma City, so make your plans now. We should have registration forms available for the next newsletter, both t5his one and the 22nd IRS version, but you can make hotel reservations now. Hyperlinks don't work from pdf documents, but I have included the correct link in the body of the email, if you get this newsletter by email. Or you can call the number provided in the article below. We are working on getting a guest speaker, a Medevac pilot from 25th Aviation in 1968-69.

We have also embarked on a major effort to create a book of our history in Viet Nam, suitable for passing on to our descendants. Read all about it below, and please send us your contributions.

If you or any of your family are crafty, bring some examples of their work to donate for the raffle at the reunion. I'm bringing a couple scale models of M-113s and a few of my books, along with jewelry hand made by my wife. Woodworking, quilting, art, and even store-bought items are all welcome as well. The raffle is perhaps the most fun event at the reunion. I'll see you there.



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

GET READY FOR OKC!

Our next reunion is scheduled for May 14-17, 2026, in beautiful downtown Oklahoma City. It will be at the luxurious Sheraton Hotel, at the very center of the city, close to all the many events and attractions the city offers. Within walking distance of the hotel there are many restaurants and bars, the Bricktown entertainment district, the Bricktown Canal with its water taxis, the Chickasaw Bricktown Ball Park for our AAA baseball team, a giant Bass Pro store, the OKC Convention Center, the Paycom Center where the World Champion OKC Thunder play, beautiful Scissortail Park, the Myriad Gardens, and the OKC Bombing Memorial.



Bricktown also has the National Banjo Museum, a beautiful 18-hole miniature golf course, a video games arcade, and a comedy club. If you don't want to walk, there is the OKC streetcar that stops in front of the hotel and takes you all through downtown OKC (\$1 per person, \$.50 for seniors).



We plan to provide transportation for a Golf Outing to one of the city's best golf courses, and tours of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and the First Americans Museum. For those members who are more active, there is the Riversport area that offers white water rafting, kayaking, and other such activities, and it is the official site for some of the 2028 Olympics events.



For those with children or grandchildren, the OKANA resort nearby has the world's largest indoor water park. The price for the hotel is only \$149 per night, and below is the link and phone number to make your reservations. Parking is available in a garage connected to the hotel by a covered walkway, with in-and-out access for only \$10 per day. The Directors are currently reviewing the menu options for our buffet and sit-down dinner, but they look to be less costly than was required in Nashville. The hotel has a restaurant for breakfast and lunch, and there are many other restaurants in the area.

For those who might be worried about twisters, the hotel is on a system of colorful and well-lit tunnels that connect many of the downtown buildings, and those tunnels serve as tornado shelters, although downtown OKC had not had a tornado in the last century. The tunnels provide an air-conditioned walkway to the OKC Bombing Memorial, as well.

OKC is the hub of three interstate highways: I -35, I-40, and I-44. Two of them, I-35 and I-40, actually cross only blocks from the hotel. If you fly, Will Rogers International Airport is only 15 minutes from downtown, and it is a very easy airport to get around in. The hotel does not provide a shuttle, but there is a pay-per-ride shuttle service at the airport, or you can use Uber or Lyft. Currently it costs around \$20-\$30 for the trip. Buddy up and split the cost. If you travel by Amtrak, the train station is two blocks from the hotel.

As always, we will have a raffle after the Saturday dinner. Please, if you have any craft skills, donate some of your work to the raffle. Or donate purchased items. The more items we have, the more money we can make for charitable purposes and to offset the costs of the reunions. The raffle is always the highlight of the reunion. Let's make this the biggest and best reunion ever. While Oklahoma City has many fun and interesting places to visit, please remember that the ultimate purpose of the reunion is to reconnect with your old battle buddies. Nobody really understands what you went through except the guys who went through it with you. They are family.



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Or call 1-800-325-3535 and give the operator the group code: **GU8 - 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion.**

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

DUES DUE

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THE BIG BOOK OF VN222

To ALL members of the Triple Deuce who served from 1966 thru 1970 in Vietnam:

This organization has entered the twilight of its existence as you all know. The very name Vietnam Triple Deuce set that parameter for those of us who have been a part of her for the quarter century plus it has existed. The good done by it and through it cannot be measured. The reconnection with those who walked the walk together so long ago has been by far our highest accomplishment individually and as a group. I am proud every single day to call myself one of you and will until my end.

BUT we are now all old men (and women) who will slowly lower the numbers of us still alive as this time thing goes on. Several of us were talking a while back and hatched the idea of creating a book that will provide a history of VN222 and the people in it that we could all leave in the hands of family and other loved ones to remind them of our accomplishments as VN222 then and now. I

will need at least nine copies to make sure my immediate family has a copy to pass down to future generations still to come.



This project is now happening and we need YOUR INPUT about YOUR VN222 experiences in Vietnam and since you joined this outfit of proud veterans. Of course one of the best sources of printed matter is the many letters to the editor of the newsletters published quarterly since our beginning. We are scanning them off of the website for those that stand out as something that will add to our story well. But this book is to be YOUR book, not a group of editors book. So get yourself onto the web site or that file drawer of old newsletters and other papers that you have kept all these years and put together a sample of what YOU want to tell about your time with us half a century ago and since 1996 when VN222 was born. You don't have to be an expert writer at all. Just get either a text written that lists the stuff from newsletters that you want to see included or make hard copies of stuff you have that would help us tell our story and send them snail mail to me so I can get them to the other guys working on the book. Or do write a story about what this connection has meant to you for the last half century plus. We are not professional writers or editors so look for mistakes to be made

here or there, but know that a handful of your fellow VN222 vets are sincerely and vigorously trying to make you a history of this part of your life to keep and leave for those who in the future want to explore what we were and what we did.

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**Dick Nash, DMOR
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(MORE ABOUT) VN222 Book

YOU ALL ARE NUMBER 1 GI - VC NUMBER 10

I was approached a month or so ago to contribute to a book, with a handful of men, that will encompass the Triple Deuce from their training at Fort Lewis, Washington, through their boat ride to Vietnam, and everything of note until leaving for the United States in 1970. Most of what I am writing is about how we started finding men over about four years, so we would be able to create our association, which we accomplished.

I am gathering any incidents or stories that you were part of, or saw, or just heard about while you were part of the 22nd Infantry in your tour in Vietnam.

Also, if anything funny happened to you at your first reunion, it might be of interest.

I have some stories that men had sent to me from 1996 to 2000, when I was writing the newsletters. These are about where they were and what they were doing in any skirmishes, including Soui Tre, Soui Cut, and others that I was not aware of. I am forwarding these to the person who is editing this book.

We are creating a Book that will be passed from generation to generation. And you will all be part of the book and encouraged to purchase as many as you want for your family members.

Please feel free to send anything, the editors will determine where it should go into the book.

Thanks Much!

DEEDS NOT WORDS, EXCEPT WE NEED THE WORDS TO CREATE THE DEEDS!

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EVEN MORE ABOUT THE BOOK

Steve Irvine has suggested some of the things we would like to have in the book:

Title: The Vietnam War Era History of 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, aka "Triple Deuce"

Printable Book Section

Art from Babcock on the cover.

Forward (Dick Nash, current Triple Deuce President)

Brief Regiment History until Vietnam (taken from 22nd IRS History Site)

The history of the 2nd battalion during Vietnam

Chronology of when we arrived, areas of operation, major battles and operations (Sui Tre, Burt, Cambodia, etc.)

More depth on battles with pictures

Take pictures from albums of people who were there and comments

Maps and locations

The battles viewed by official docs (after action reports)

Our weapons (page of pictures, M113, 50 cal, M60, M-79 grenade launcher, grenades, Claymores, signal rockets

M16, (couple of pages) maybe pictures with people!

Letters from Triple Deuce Vets from the website (25 pages worth from website)

Letters taken from newsletters

Our fighting partners (Artillery, scout dogs, gunships etc.) (brief outline)

Formation of Vietnam Triple Deuce Inc. The Officers and appointed offices, as well as past commanders in Vietnam

Electronic Only Sections(Archive of the Website in PDF format on the regiment Website, hopefully)

Steve Irvine

LAST ARTICLE ABOUT THE BOOK (FOR NOW)

I have been volunteered to edit the book and prepare it for Bob Babcock to publish, so you can send your ideas and contributions to Dick, John, Steve, or me. My idea is to start with the background of the battalion, and then go year by year, including synopses of official after action reports and maps followed by letters and newsletter articles written by the men who were on the ground, giving their personal impressions. We will also include photos from our members showing the reality of our existence and the incredible camaraderie that kept us sane. I already have many of the official reports, and access to all the old newsletters, but what I don't have is any information or impressions of the Cambodian incursion. If you were in the battalion for that, please send me any information you have. Thank you.

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

4ID REUNION

I will tell you what a wonderful time Jerry and I had at the 4th ID June Week we had on 27 June. The VN war was the subject this year, celebrating The Battle of Soui Tre. As you know this all started about 3 months ago when you, Bill King, I, Errol Paige Lanier, Paul Gutter, and Jerry Cupp were invited to attend the PT portion of June Week. As it happened. Paul Guetter had a problem with his leg and had a DR. Appointment that Friday so he had to

cancel. Bill's wife had a death in her family and had to cancel. So that left Jerry and me. We went to 4th ID HQ AT 05:00 where we met the DIV CO MG Patric J. Ellis. At this time we had Cpt Sophia Suri who was our guide for the day. We also had SFC Webster and a 1LT as the staff car driver. From this point Jerry and I were VIP. We were taken down range to a place known as The Wilderness Area of FT. Carson. There was over 800 soldiers forming up to do the PT run. Jerry and I were at the top of the first ridge. The troops were released and up the ridge they came. As they came past us they all broke to stop with us and shake hands and give us a hug. After they all passed us we were moved to the finish line. Again we could observe the troops as they were at the bottom of a huge training area. They had a number of obstacles' to go over or under. We were able to watch all of the activities. As they finished the area they came up the hill to the finish line where we were waiting for them, As they came up they had to pass us and again each and all had to come by to shake hands and give hugs. We were greeted by all and thanked for being there with them. From there we went to a training area close by where the CG gave awards to a lot of the troops. It was a most wonderful day for Jerry and me. This being the 58 year anniversary since Soui Tre, there were only 7 or 8 us for this year's Memorial Service. I thought our 60th year is a full year away so make plans for our 60th year. Maybe there is interest in one last Memorial Service. Please let me know your thoughts. I am sure the BNS will carry on with small Memorials as we have been doing.

E.Paige Lanier

FO attached to A Co., 1966-67

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE



Almost all of our members earned the CIB, and wear them proudly, but how many of us know the full story?

In the early months of World War II, the Army had trouble recruiting enough men for the Infantry. The reasons were obvious. Of all soldiers, it was recognized that the infantryman continuously operated under the worst conditions and performed a mission that was not assigned to any other soldiers or unit. The Infantry, a small portion of the total Armed Forces, was suffering the most casualties while receiving the least public recognition. Lieutenant General Leslie J. McNair, at the time the commanding officer of the U.S. Army Ground Forces, pushed the idea of an award that recognized the unique dangers faced by infantrymen. In October, 1943, the War Department formally established the CIB, and ordered that the CIB is the highest of all awards, and would be worn above all other medals on the uniform. As Medal of Honor winner Major Charles W. Davis put it, "It would be wonderful if someone could design a badge for every infantryman who faces the enemy, every day and every night, with so little recognition."

For those of us who made the Army a career, we quickly learned how important and prestigious the CIB is. Those who wear

the CIB are treated with respect, and earn promotions at a faster rate than others. For officers, it is almost a prerequisite for promotion to General. For a while in Nam I worked with a Military Intelligence lieutenant who was always trying to finagle the system so he could be awarded a CIB. That never happened, of course, because he didn't meet the requirements. To receive a CIB, you must have an infantry MOS (11-series) for enlisted or be in the Infantry Branch for officers in the rank of Colonel or below, and be assigned to an Infantry Regiment or lower unit that is actively engaged in combat with the enemy. The Army has expanded that requirement to include Special Forces (18-series MOS). In recognition of their own sacrifices, medics assigned to infantry units in combat earn a Combat Medical Badge. Throughout my years on active duty, I earned a number of awards and medals, but the one I am still most proud of is the CIB. It proves that we were there in the mud and the blood, and no one can take that away from us. We did the dirty work, and we survived.

Deeds Not Words

Dave Allin, DMOR
A co./HHC 1969-70

James Papczynski

My name is Lynn Hudak from Sumter SC. I wanted you to know that my brother James (Jim) (Pappy) Papczynski had a severe stroke and is at the Munster Community Hospital in Munster IN. Room number 256

2 years ago he had a stroke and laid in his garage for 24 hours before someone found

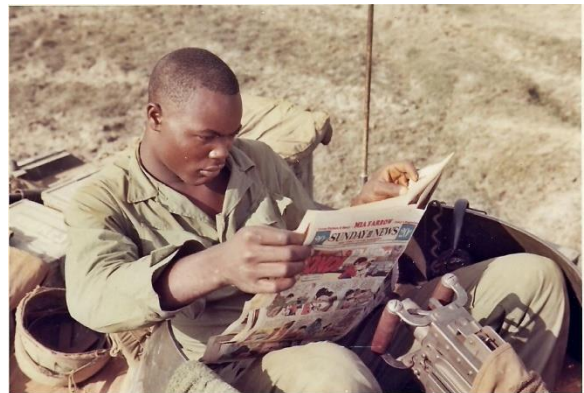
him. This time he was getting meals on wheels and when they delivered it on Friday they found that the meal they delivered on Thursday was eaten by animals. So they called the sheriff for a wellness check. Jim was lying on the living room floor unconscious and severely dehydrated.

As of today (August 16th) they are still taking tests on him.

Please pray for him sir. He doesn't talk much about being in the Army. But sometimes I could get him to open up and have a conversation.

Sincerely
Lynn Hudak

TAPS



I have one to report from Charlie Co 2nd plt. Charlie Jackson passed in 2022 .He served 68-69.

From Harless Belcher

MERCHANDISE



Five panel hat, \$20.00 Available in Khaki and black. One size fits all



Summer Hat \$20.00. Available in white and black. One size fits all



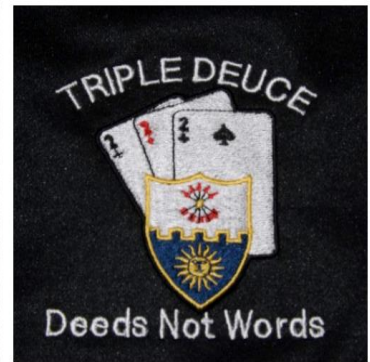
Six Panel Hat, \$20.00 Available in khaki and black.



6 Panel Hat, One Size Fits All.
\$22.00 ea.



Denim long sleeve shirt with pocket.
 \$43.00 sizes small to XL
 \$47.00 sizes 2XL and 3XL
 Special colors add \$5.00



BLACK POLYESTER POLO SHIRT WITHOUT A POCKET. Small thru XL \$33.00
 Sizes 2XL and 3XL \$37.00



Ash or Blue polo shirt with pocket.
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Lightweight ORA, 25% lighter than the traditional medal. \$3.00 + \$6.00 shipping
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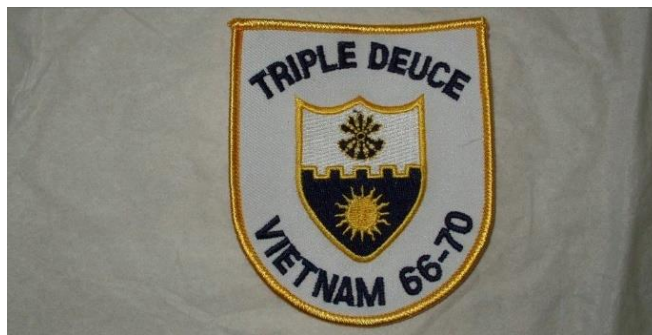
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15 Coins \$9.00 ea. + \$24.00 shipping

20 Coins \$8.00 ea. + \$32.00 shipping



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



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