



The Viet Nam Triple Deuce, Inc.

An Association of 2 Bn. (Mech)

22nd Infantry Regiment

Viet Nam Veterans

Together Then.....Together Again!.....

Thanks for Being There...&...Welcome Home



Vol. 19, No. 1

Jan. 2013

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Organization Information	1
Dues Reminder	1
President's Message	2
Editor's Comments	2
22 nd IRS Greetings	3
Response to NL Article	3
10 th Mountain Deployment	4
Minnesota Mini reunion	4
Platoon, The Real Story	5
Agent Orange Information	5
Soldiers Helping Soldiers	5
The Deer Hunt	7
Forty Years Ago Today	7
KIA Picture Project	8
New Finds	9
Helloes & Comments	10
Guest Book Hits	11
TAPS	12
Merchandise	13

Editors Dan & Vera Streit D 69
1101 East Main Street,
Beloit, Kansas 67420
785-738-2419 D222@nckcn.com
Copyright 2012
by the Viet Nam Triple Deuce, Inc.

The Vietnam Triple Deuce Website

www.vietnamtripledeuce.org

Steve Irvine B/68-69
Harold Metcalf

DUES ARE DUE

On the VN 2/222 Newsletter address label (following your last name) is a notation of the date through which your dues are paid. So if you are 2012 or prior your prompt payment would be appreciated.. The membership form is included with this newsletter.

OFFICERS OF VN222

President, Lynn Dalpez 503-848-3901,
dalpezc222@yahoo.com

Vice President, Dick Nash 309-537-3536,
nash222@frontiernet.net

Treasurer, Jim May 207-634-3355, jlmay@tds.net

Secretary, Dean Springer 218-244-2326,
desprin@hotmail.com

Newsletter Editor, Dan Streit 785-738-2419,
D222@nckcn.com

Web Master, Steve Irvine 916-749-0923,
svirvine@gmail.com

Chief Locator, Dick Nash 309-537-3536,
nash222@frontiernet.net

HHQ Locator, Roger Helms 281-353-5609,
helmsroger611@yahoo.com

Recon Locator, Erik Opsahl 608-838-4226,
Epopsahlw@aol.com

Alpha Co Locator, Gary Hartt 503-632-6955,
gchartt@bctonline.com

Bravo Co Locator, Dean Springer 218-244-2326, desprin@hotmail.com

Charlie Co Locator, Harless Belcher 276-930-2321,
harlessbelcher@yahoo.com

Delta Co Locator, Dan Streit 785-738-2419,
D222@nckcn.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE WINTER 2013

2013 is here. Happy New Year to all our members, associate members, and their families. Here's hoping 2013 finds you all healthy, happy, and full of life.

The Charlie 2/22 Originals lost our beloved Old Man Jan. 9th. **George C. White III**, our CO during the tough times, passed away. George bound us together as a top notch infantry company back in '67, by correcting operational mistakes, raising morale, and leading us to take it to the enemy, instead of the other way around as it had been. In 2004 he joined "My Men" as he called us, and helped us all in keeping our very special thing going with our mini-reunions. George was instrumental in helping us all to not only face our past, but to look forward to getting together and remembering, together, those days under his command. To say that he will be missed, is an understatement to the max. George is survived by his wife Patti, and daughter, Wendy. We'll see you later George, save us a seat.

George's passing has, of course, got me thinking about losing our guys again. We, of all segments of society, were introduced to loss at a very young age, without realizing at the time, possibly, that facing the issues of loss will continue throughout our lives, even after returning to the safety of our homes and families.

As it was across the pond, Fate will point its finger, as it always has, and that is that. George's heart was not as healthy as the next guys. That is the fate he was born with. However, as it was across the pond when Fate points its finger, we have each other to help us face Fate's finger pointing. The men of the Original Charlie 2/22, will do that in George's honor, as he, and all others before him, want us to.

It has always been my hope, as it has with our Triple Deuce Directors and Officers that we can provide an atmosphere through our society, that

helps our members, and ourselves, deal with what life throws at us. Our membership can recount many of Fate's finger pointing and understands that our character as individuals has been defined by dealing with the outcome of that finger pointing. In my mind, this is the main reason I am so damn proud to be a part of the Vietnam Triple Deuce, and why I rely on our organization to help me keep on the right path in life. I have been doing web searches on Branson MO., the site of the next 22IRS and VN222 reunion. It appears to be an ideal sight for us to have a reunion. The whole town is geared for convention type gatherings, and most especially, veteran reunions. It is smack in the middle of the USA to boot. Having missed the Colorado Springs reunion, I am most anxious to get to Branson and be with my Brothers once again. Let's all try for a huge turnout by asking the Brothers we know personally to attend. ...and tell them to wear there Order of the Red Ant. If they have not been awarded one yet, then you have the perfect incentive to get them to Branson—to get a Medal from the highest authority on the planet. The members of the VN222, Inc.!

Deeds, not words.

Lynn W. Dalpez, DMOR

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As winter strips the leaves from around us allowing us to see the distant objects previously concealed so age takes away some long held beliefs enlarging the potential of the future. Like many of you, I have now turned 65. I have had time to do a lot of thinking and planning for that magical "someday" of retirement that is now rapidly approaching. The joy and prosperity of this season of life is appreciated because of the adversity we knew earlier.

As my dear grandmother used to say:

The future lies before you like paths of pure white snow.
Be careful how you treat it because every step will show.

It seems to me that The Triple Deuce is changing seasons also. The face of the organization may change (Brothers depart his life; other Brothers are finally located) but the work remains important. Sharing the tales of adversity with each other (whether in person at reunions, through newsletter articles, on the website or by phone) does help us appreciate our current status and the freedom we fought to preserve. The decisions our leadership makes and the cooperation with the 22 IRS are pivotal in our ability to continue to seek and serve our Brothers. Anyway that is how it seems to this old soldier.

Dan Streit D/69

Co Ed. Note: These cold gray days allow him to savor a hot cup of coffee and a bad mood

GREETINGS FROM SUNNY SOUTH TEXAS

Embarking on 2013 there are lots of good things happening in the 22IRS. We know our active elements in 1/22nd Infantry and 2/22nd Infantry will both have troops deployed forward out on "freedom's doorstep" during 2013 and I encourage you to keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Look for information in the future on how they are doing and how we can further support them this year.

Already work has started for our 2014 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunion set for Branson Missouri. This reunion will be a chance for some great fellowship and quality family time in a place that really knows how to appreciate the military. Got a great suggestion to call it "STAND DOWN IN FSB BRANSON." Target dates for the reunion are 30 April-3 May 2014. Betty Brennaman is in the lead and has already done some excellent work "on the ground" with contacts in Branson. Look for additional updates and details in future newsletters.

Finally, once again I am honored to have been selected to be in the lead for the Regiment and will continue to work hard towards several hot topics surfaced at the last reunion. As all leaders know, surround yourself with good people and let 'em do their job. That is how I operate. Among those projects working are delivering a 22IRS Challenge Coin before our next reunion, continuing to look for creative ways to generate donations to the Awb Norris Memorial Scholarship Fund and of course seeking more funding for our 22IRS Monument planned at the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Wishing each of you a most blessed 2013 and keep chargin'...

Deeds Not Words

LON D. OAKLEY JR.
President 22nd Infantry Regiment Society
lon@22ndinfantry.org or
LDO82288@hotmail.com

RESPONSE TO OCTOBER NL STORY

I enjoyed reading the article by **Mike Carpentier** (Lt. Carpentier) about **First Sergeant Werner** and the 6x6x6 fox hole.

I don't remember how this all came about but Sgt Werner approached me as a squad leader in the weapons platoon to escort a 'problem soldier' **John Brocato** on one of his disciplinary marches.

I rode the bike while John utilized his leather personal carriers (combat boots). John and I were friends as we were both drafted together out of Pittsburgh Pa. and while he was from Oakmont Pa I was from the adjoining suburb. Having to escort my friend made it difficult for me so we took turns riding the bike to the location for the dig. We deliberated as to whether to do the dig or just kick back and spend time there then re-

turn. The more we thought about it we came to the conclusion that Sgt Werner may have been somewhere in the area with binoculars watching so John dug. I think we laid out a 6x6 area but I don't think John dug it to the 6' depth before re-filling it.

It would be nice to locate John Brocato and see what he remembers about this incident and what he did to cause this disciplinary action.

Dennis Di Bon
B Co 2/22 4th platoon

10TH MOUNTAIN DEPLOYMENT PLANS

LTC Brett T. Funck reports that the Triple Deuce has completed its training at the National Training Center in preparation for the upcoming deployment to the Ghanzi Region of Afghanistan. By the time you read this Triple Deuce may already be back in Afghanistan.

LTC Funck explained that this deployment will be different than previous deployments. The last deployment saw the Battalion spread out with some Companies out fighting bad guys while other Companies were involved in training Afghan Army Troops. This deployment will see only HHC, Alpha, Bravo, Echo and a Platoon from Delta Company deploying. Much of the mission involves training Afghanistan Army Forces. Some of this training will, according to LTC Funck, "...involve advisor teams similar to the Co-Vans in Vietnam. We will have bigger teams, but the idea is to move heavily to the advisor role."(Co Van was a USMC effort. Co Van is Vietnamese for Trusted Friend.)

I am also pleased to report that the Chaplain, **CPT Jason Byers**, is still with the Battalion and will be deploying. Chaplain Byers sends a big TANGO YANKEE to all the VN 222 Vets who "... did a WONDERFUL job during our last deployment..." The Chaplain is referring to the "care package" effort that took place during the last deployment. Over 100 packages were sent to

Triple Deuce Soldiers by VN 222 Vets and their wives and they were well received by those Soldiers who were not receiving mail from home. I have assured LTC Funck and Chaplain that the VN 222 Vets stand ready to provide all the support they might need.

Lon Oakley has asked **Ruth Crocker** to lend a hand in the efforts to support the Soldiers from both 1/22 and 2/22 during their deployments. 1/22 will be deploying to Kuwait later this year. There will be more information on this once everyone gets their assignments from Lon.

Jim May, HMOR
Prov. Co 1968

MINNESOTA MINI REUNION BEING PLANNED

George Dahl, C 2/22, 65-67, has informed me that a Mini-Reunion will be held in Paynesville, Minnesota on April 26-27, 2013. The reunion will be held at the Paynesville Inn & Suites, 700 W. Highway 23, Paynesville, MN 56362, 877-243-4146. Room rates are \$88.20+tax. There's a swimming pool, and continental breakfast included. The American Legion Hall is next to the hotel. Sunday breakfast is at the Hill Top restaurant which is about a mile away.

If you'd like to know more, contact either **Whitey Christensen, C, 2/22, 65-67, 320-260-3188** or **John Mersinger, C, 2/22, 65-67, 320-968-7756**. George wanted it understood that Whitey and John get the credit for are doing all the work.

Jim May, HMOR
Prov. Co. 68



Branson 2014

PLATOON: THE REAL STORY

Lately I have been visiting with a relative who is a reporter for Reuters, the British news agency here in the US. He expressed interest with my recollections of FSB Burt. I forwarded copies of my old write ups of Burt along with write ups from **Larry Watson, Bill Donald, Norm Nishikubo** and a few others. He is very interested in writing a book about the battle at FSB Burt. He wants to interview as many of the survivors as possible to get every ones viewpoint of that unforgettable night. I think it would be great to have this battle portrayed as it really was. None of us are getting any younger, now is the time to do this. I would appreciate all of you getting the word out to all those who would be willing to be interviewed. (we will need to include the 3/22 guys and perhaps others) At the least submit your stories of that fateful night.

The writers name is Nick Carey (nick.carey@thomsonreuters.com). I'll be the first one to be interviewed around the end of this month. Nick also mentioned that he would like to visit the battlefield with some of us, let's hope it hasn't been turned into a shopping mall as yet.

Bob Price

Triple Deuce Bravo Co
2nd Platoon, 9/67 to 9/68

AGENT ORANGE INFORMATION CITED

A Navy friend of mine shared an article and website. Attempts have been made to verify the site and the information. These are reportedly previously classified documents showing a causal relationship between the exposure to Agent Orange (at any level) with veteran illnesses, disabilities, and impact on the progeny of Vietnam Veterans.

For the full report go to <http://gulfwavets.com/ao.html>

SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS

A great mentor once told me: "We never stop soldiering; we simply remove the uniform...but keep taking care of soldiers and remain advocates of our profession". With this sage advice in mind, I was fortunate enough to assist one of our own 22nd Infantry soldiers overcome an administrative issue bothering him since his discharge from 2-22 a few years ago.

When **Dawn Esposito** contacted me this spring to see if I could help former SGT **Adam Decicchio** (A Co, 2-22) overcome a discharge issue, I jumped at the opportunity. Not only was Adam one of THE finest men in the outfit (regardless, I would have helped anyone), Adam had three deployments under his belt and I felt obligated to help. As Dawn keeps reminding me-"Once a commander, always a commander!".

Adam's dilemma was the status of his discharge. He was discharged at a level he thought did not replicate the service he rendered his unit, the men he lead and the Army he served. He had already attempted to obtain an upgrade to his discharge (from a General, Under Honorable to an Honorable Discharge) through what the Army calls a Discharge Review Board, headquartered in Washington, DC. He had one more opportunity to show up in person and plead his case a second time in front of a board of senior officers. After Adam spoke with me, I knew he was on the right path. Dawn and I set out to assist Adam as best we could. I made a few calls to some Human Resource contacts, attempted to obtain JAG representation for Adam and learned as much as I could about the Discharge Review board process. I knew I would be standing beside Adam when he was called to attend the board and I did not want to let him down.

We were fortunate to link Adam up with a superior legal representative on behalf of the American Legion. Afterwards, Adam prepared his

case and was alerted that he would stand before the board. In August, Adam, his counsel, Dawn and I appeared with Adam and tackled the Discharge Review Board. The board was tough and asked some significant and deep questions. I could not have been prouder of Adam as he stood astride adversity, answered honestly and in a straightforward manner. I witnessed an up-standing individual we could all be proud of.

Dawn and I took turns answering questions before the board. By the tone and demeanor of the board of five Colonels, I honestly thought we might have fallen short of our goal of securing Adam an Honorable discharge.

After about 45 days, I was alerted by a frantic text message by Dawn that Adam had won his case-by an astounding 5-0 decision—all of the board members were in favor of awarding Adam DeCiccio an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army.

Victory comes in small and large measures. For me personally, this was just part of doing my duty as a Commander. For Adam, it was likely redemption, although very well deserved. So, I'd like to congratulate Adam and send a message to our brothers to keep on supporting each other. Its what makes us one of the greatest organizations in our country.

Joe Dichairo, DMOR

THE DEER HUNT

Received this note from **Pete Gaworecki**, C/1/22 67-68. He wanted all the deer hunters to know that no matter how the hunt turns out, when you're with Pete, you always go to the best restaurants in the area.

Jim May

Our day of hunting started out about 30 minutes before sunrise Saturday morning. Correction,



Mike , Brett and Connor left Ft. Drum at 0400.

We hunted a 300 acre apple orchard with corn-fields surrounding the orchard. In one area, the orchard has plots of 20 rows of corn growing between rows of apple trees. Deer heaven!

I had previously sent topo and earth view maps of the area to Mike and Brett with the tree stands marked.

I pointed them in the right direction and they found the stands easily. Long story short, no deer spotted in the first three hours. Nine hunting hours total but anyone's guess how many were spent inspecting the inside of eyelids. Mike, Brett and Connor picked apples for a while before lunch. I took them to a local restaurant, The Cottage Inn, for lunch. The Army contingent had a variety of hamburger combinations and I had a delicious Rueben. We all had a cup of homemade tomato rice soup. As usual, the meal was the best part of the day with the four of us enjoying the company. Connor, Brett's gun bearer and son, kept us entertained throughout the meal.

The afternoon hunt went the same as the morning. I heard a couple of shots just after day-break in the area and none in the afternoon. Brett saw a doe poke her head out of the

hardwood for a second and she never showed her body.

As the day ended, the Ft. Drum guys picked more apples. Mike's estimate was about 100 lbs. total and several varieties. They were happy with the haul. Apples are about \$2.00 per lb.

Nothing beats the company of these guys. They are on leave now and we will get together for some perch fishing before Brett deploys.

Plans are already in the works for white deer hunting next fall.

Final score Deer 3 Hunters 0.

FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Forty four years ago today I was in Vietnam assigned to the 2/22 Mechanized Inf., A Co. 2nd Plt., 2nd Sqd. It had been raining most of the night so sleeping was out of the question but when did you really sleep in Vietnam anyway? We arose just prior to sunrise expecting to start our day doing the same routine detail of securing the engineers in sweeping the roads for mines and then waiting for the convoy to come by so we could go on to whatever the upper brass had in store for us.

But on this day to our surprise most of the APC'S were in about 6" of water. We were in a fire support base that had just begun construction so drainage and access in and out was a little difficult. It was decided we would be air lifted out and be dropped off God knows where in the boonies and do a recon looking for Charlie.

Capt. Makita was the C.O., I was told, and we had picked up **Earnest Plattner** of the 44th Scout Dog Platoon and his dog to come along. We were dropped off in a clearing in the middle of some very thick jungle. The rains had stopped and as the day went on it became very hot and muggy. I had been in country for only about a month and I thought I was going to die from the heat and humidity.

It didn't take long before the dog began to alert. Each time the dog would alert we would stop and recon the area. This continued most of the day and each time we found signs of Charlie having been their but no Charlie. The Jungle and RED ANTS were thick in most of the areas we were trying to get through which made our progress slow and exhausting. It was starting to get late and we were still far away from our objective point. The Jungle had gotten even thicker, to the point we were forced onto a trail. The dog continued to alert and we continued to recon the areas when he alerted. We continued to move on and the dog alerted again but before we had time to react all hell broke loose. We all assumed the prone position and were pinned down and tried to become part of the earth with our helmets covering our heads while the brush was being mowed down by the incoming gun fire just inches above our heads. The guy behind me (I don't know his name) reached up to brake a limb off that was hanging down on his neck with RED ANTS on it and when he did he was shot through the palm of his hand. By the time we could regroup and begin to return fire it was over. The guy in front of me had been shot in the face and his eyes were full of blood so he could not see. I low crawled to him and began trying to clean his face and assure him he would be ok. I bandaged him up the best I could and got him as comfortable as possible. I then noticed the Scout Dog was nervously pacing about appearing dazed and confused. I crawled up to the dog and carefully lowered him to the ground. He was confused, disorientated and extremely nervous. Come to find out his handler, Earnest Plattner was KIA. Captain Makita had been shot several times and the medic wasn't sure he was going to make it. I also learned later that **James Hardman** and **Don Hertrich** had also been killed. We had several others who had been wounded so we began chopping down the bush in order to make a clearing for the medevac helicopters to could come in and take the KIA's and wounded out of this hell of a place. By the time we got everyone medevac'd out it had gotten dark. The next thing I heard was the acting CO (Don't know who that was either) called out 2nd

platoon. 2nd squad you got point. I looked around and all that was left of my squad was me and my squad leader **Jim Heaser**. Needless to say you know who was chosen to lead us out of this dark and smelly area. Jim pointed me in the right direction and off we went. We could smell the stench of where Charlie had set up camp. We learned later I led them right through the middle of their camp. It was so dark you couldn't see your hand in front of your face and the only thing I had as a directional point was the honking of a horn from one of the APC'S about a half a click away. We slowly worked our way into a clearing and realized we had finally made it to our objective point. The barbed wire, Claymores and Napalm had already been put into place so we knew we would be here all night.

The squad leaders went to their squad leaders meeting while the rest of us got a hot meal and some well needed rest because we knew we were in for a long night. The squad leaders finally returned from their meeting and indicated we had a good chance for getting hit that night but we had to send out listening post anyway. Well guess what, 2nd and 3rd squads had LP duty so guess who had LP from the 2nd squad. Well **Jimmy Terrell** and I prepared to go out on the LP and luckily we had a standup, sand bagged, bunker that had been dug earlier that day. We had Claymores and Napalm to or left and right. We also had a radio to squelch to check in with the APC'S. Needless to say Jimmy and I were scared stiff and stood back to back in the bunker in order to assure ourselves we would not go to sleep. Hours went by and we were seeing things move that were not even there. All of a sudden, around to our left about a quarter of the way around the perimeter, a drum of napalm and a couple of claymores were set off and the fifties started to roar. We could not see any movement in our sector so we all held fire. A few minutes went by and it was all quiet again. We had no idea what all the firing was about but as long as it was quiet for now Jimmy and I were as happy as anyone could be stuck out in a 48 X 24 inch bunker in the ground. What seemed like forever the sun finally started to come up and it would not be long before we

come get out of this hell hole we had just spent the last eight hours in. When we got the signal to come in we quickly gathered our belonging and returned through the barbered wire as quickly as we could.

When we got back to the APCs the rest of the guys had already begun to pack everything up for we were leaving and some of the other platoons were going to do a recon of the area from the night before. We found out later they had found RPG'S lying around the area in front of the bunker Jimmy and I were in.

This is what I remember of that day and if anyone out there remembers that day or that may be able to identify any of the wounded please send a shout out to me because It is a day in my life I just can't forget and have so many unknown answers of what took place.

Charles "Butch" Jones A 68/69
2/22, A Co. 2nd Platoon, 2nd Squad
Oct 68-Oct 69

KIA PICTURE PROJECT IS UP TO YOU

The start of a new year brings me to review any projects that didn't make the finished pile in 2012, and one that didn't get anywhere near complete is the compiling of a feature on our web site that provides a picture of each of the KIA's of Triple Deuce in Vietnam for all to visit, reminisce, and honor. Several have been gathered, but a photo of the vast majority of our Brothers who fell have not been submitted by us, the members of Vietnam Triple Deuce. Here's the plan:

Dig through your Nam pics for any such picture you may have, and contact your company Locator to coordinate him getting a copy of that picture married up with the name and platoon involved. The names, phone numbers and email addresses of the Locators are included below. They will in turn submit them to me once they are sure that they have them all in hand. Two good things happen when you do this:

1. We get this project finished with the dignity and class it will bring to our web site. If you need an example just check out the web site for Charlie Company, 3/22. They are the inspiration for our effort.

2. You make contact with the Locator for your old company. Any time you are talking to one of the other veterans of Triple Deuce Vietnam it is a good thing that makes other good things happen.

Don't forget the motto, "Deeds, Not Words". It is time for some deeds from each of us.

1. **Chief Locator** - Dick Nash –President (Alpha / HHC 1969) nash222@frontiernet.net Phone: **309-537-3536**
2. **Alpha Co. Locator** – Gary Hartt (Alpha 1965-67) gchartt@bctonline.com Phone: **503-632-6955**
3. **Bravo Co. Locator** – Dean Springer (Bravo) desprin@hotmail.com **218 743 3199**
4. **Charlie Co. Locator** – Harless Belcher (Charlie 1967-68) harlessbelcher@yahoo.com Phone: **276-930-2321**
5. **Delta Co. Locator** – Dan Streit (Delta 1969) D222@nckcn.com Phone: **785-738-2419**
6. **HHC Co. Locator** – Ken Helm (HHC 1969) kenhelm@verizon.net Phone: **757 599 5259**
7. **Recon Platoon Locator** – Erik Opsahl/ Email – Epopsahlw@aol.com Phone: **608-838-4226**

NEW FINDS

Jim B. Frost

1380 Wieneke
Saginaw, MI 48638
989-792-3384
jbfrost385@aol.com

Charlie Co, 4th & 25th ID's Jan 67 to Jan 68.
Comments: "I have missed seeing all the fine men I served with at the reunions. My last reunion was in 2003 in San Antonio, TX. I hope in 2014 I will attend the next reunion. It is nice to see the Triple Deuce is still going strong."

Lucien N. Caron

140 Ramsdell Lane #2
Barrington, NH 03825
HHC/ Recon Platoon, 25th ID, 69-70

HELLOES & COMMENTS

Thomas H. Beg

Phone: 918-482-1202
B Co. 4th & 25th ID, Dec. 65 to Dec. 67
Comments: "I really enjoy reading articles."

Henry J. Kayes

935 Barbertown Rd.
Eldred. PA 16731
Phone: 814-657-3780
A Co. 25th ID, 65 to 67

Stephen P. Murphy

E-mail: shadow32@charter.net
B Co. 25th ID, Mar. 69 to Mar. 70

Robert Paul

Phone: 781-296-0444
E-mail: bionicpoppop@hotmail.com
A Co. 25th ID, Aug 69 to Aug 70
Comments: Robert would like to contact **Dave Shaffer, Mike LaJoyce, Greg Groves and Jim McDonnell.**

Bobby McCollum

221 st East Ave.
Coweta, OK 74429
918-486-0095
B Co. 25th ID, 67 to 68
Comments: Bobby would like to contact **Jimmy May** who he served with at Ft Bliss. Jimmy May was from Paris, TX. Bobby writes, "Can anyone tell me why, at the 'Battle of Burt,' Dec 31 -Jan 2, 1968, there were very few medals awarded? There were approximately 75 casualties on our side and were we credited with over 500 enemy KIA', The men fought all night and I've never heard of a medal, even though there were so many heroes that night. I heard that the General and Colonel got medals even though they weren't there. I am also proud of so many that night, especially the field soldiers who fought like crazy. I remember a guy we called **Mr. Johnson** who fried his hands changing a white hot barrel on a 50 caliber and kept right on fighting. Those who were on LP's and in fox-

holes were all so brave. I had to have God heal me because I called in mortars 500 yards away and then brought them down to less than 50 yards to break up the enemy. A patrol was where the rounds at 500 yards landed and I was later told that a medic was killed by that mortar fire. The medic and his patrol were supposed to be on an AP 1,200 yards out. I suffered with that for years. I am proud that Bravo fought as it did. None of our area was overrun."

Paul A. Plasse

Phone: 413-848-2444

E-Mail: pplasse1@aol.com

Comments: "The Colorado reunion was one of the best I've attended. Thank you to all of you for the hard work you put in. It was a really positive personal experience for my wife, too."

David G. Binder

920-642-0224

binde222@yahoo.com

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

Comments: David would like to contact **Herman Lager**. David writes, "Real nice newsletters. Thinking about all the men I served with and I hope you men and women all have the Best Holidays. Thanks also for the men and women that are on the Wall. I pray they are at peace and I love them. (Some gave some, Some gave all.) Rest in Peace, they are the ones."

Bill Deckard

P.O Box 333

New Harmony, IN 47631

wmdeckard@sbcglobal.net

B-CO 2-22- 1st Platoon 1968 to 69

I got a call the other day from a fellow 2-22-

Name: **Mike Walters**, B Co. Jan. 69 to Jan. 70.

We met at Denny's and sat and talked for 3 or 4 hours. Mike and I were in the same platoon-different squads. We were wondering what ever happened to **LT. Wall and SGT. Jackson**. Jackson got hit in that ambush that went wrong.

We were also wondering about orders for C.I.B.S. Did anybody get it stated on DD214 or is it just a given or how to get it on your DD214. Let me know.

GUEST BOOK HITS

Name: **Michael Bustard**

Location: Alexandria, VA

Email: mbustard1@gmail.com

Phone: 732-406-4047

Comments I'm looking for anyone who served in the HHC motor pool from October 1967 to February 1968.

My father SP5 **Raymond Bustard** was a heavy track mechanic before he went over to the Recon Platoon. Please contact me at mbustard1@gmail.com .

Name: **David Boyce**

Location: Grasham, OR. 97080-8212

Email: davidandbeth@comcast.net

Phone: 503-669-2006

Comments: Great website for the Triple Duce. I was stationed @ Cu-Chi from 12/1966 to 12/67, and again 06/68 to 06/69. Was a 65th. Combat Eng DEMO & MINE-SWEEPS. Anyone remember the night Dau Tieng was over run shortly after mid-night and lasted well after day-break early in early 1969 ? Posted on: Monday - Nov 5, 2012

Name: **David Boyce**

Location: Gresham, OR

Email: davidandbeth@comcast.net

Phone: 503-669-2006

Comments: Well, that night I was over near the PX and swimming pool headed for the bunker-line and discovered when we got there that many of the bunkers were abandoned. Our Sgt was killed there. About 1/2 dozen of us held up in 1 bunker. Got a feeling I should secure the rear door. RPG hit as I stepped out. Posted on: Monday - Nov 5, 2012

Name: **David Boyce**

Location: Gresham, OR

Email: davidandbeth@comcast.net

Phone: 503-669-2006

Comments: Most of our guys got real messed up. Things were real busy that I didn't even realize that the sun had come up until about an hour later. Funny how our perceptions are affected when things are happening. During mop-up, we found 1 dead VC with RPG in the next bunker to our right. Posted on: Monday - Nov 5, 2012

Name: **David Boyce**

Location: Grasham, OR. 97080-8212

Email: davidandbeth@comcast.net

Phone: 503-669-2006

Comments: Was attached to Wolfhounds, 5th Mech at times but never the 222. But I do know who you are. I have a high school buddy who was with 222 after I returned to the "World" and ETS'ed. Any of you know **Greg Devore**? He was a VTR driver with 222. A booby-trap blast messed up his eyes and they sent him home.

Name: **Dorothy Freeman Chambers**

Location: Seattle WA

Email: threerivers550@aol.com

Phone: 425-828-3075

Comments: If anyone remembers this incident or knows these men PLEASE contact me.

12/15/1967 FSPB Hood TayNinh

Four men died , all from Alpha Co 2/22,

+ SP4**Thomas B. Chambers**/

Memphis, T n

+ PFC **Hopson Covington**

Bristol PA

+ SSG **Michael B. Paquin**

Westport, CT

+ PFC **Stephen J. Whipple**

Portland ME

Name: **Debra Ault**

Location: Jacksonville FL

Email: brewski45@aol.com

Phone: 904-483-7016

Comments: Sgt **David K Ditch** was my dad he married my mom 2 yrs prior he was the best thing that ever happened to my mom and us 6 kids he was 25 when he passed I remember the day my mother and I took him to the airport Sept 11 1967. Mom has never remarried. We love Dave.

Name: **Tom Kearney**

Location: Ambler, PA

Email: turkeytk@verizon.net

Phone: 215-646-6247

Comments: Veterans Day greetings to all in the Triple Deuce. Thank you for your service to this great nation. WELCOME HOME!!

Name: **Marie Derry Nelsen**

Location: ILL.

Email: missnelsen@gmail.com

Comments: Thanks for putting together this site.. My husband **DAVID WAYNE DERRY** died MARCH 22, 1968 in Vietnam. .He never got to meet our daughter Trina, but she looks so much like her dad. I pray for all the vet's and understand what they go through. Keep up the good work.

Name: **Dirk L. Zollinger**

Email: zollypops@yahoo.com

Comments: Ellsworth sister is looking for anyone who might have been with him when he was KIA December 1967 With A Co. 2/22. If you have any information you can contact me at my e-mail or contact **Bobby D. Gayton** 38 Bishop Road NW Cartersville, GA 30121-7386 678-431-1884.

Thank You Welcome Home
Deeds Not Words

Name: **KIRK OLSEN**

Email: trout65@yahoo.com

HHC 25th ID, Sept. 67 to Sept.68

Comments: I was supply Sgt. Co. A then S-4 Sept 67- Sept 68. Just want to wish all Triple Deucers a very Merry Christmas!!!!

Posted on: Wednesday - Dec 19, 2012

Name: **Jim Papczynski**

Location: Indiana

Email: pappy.jj@comcast.com

B Co.&HHC,4th & 25th ID, Dec.65 to Dec.67

Comments: Merry Christmas to you and yours

Pap B Co. and HHC 65-67 Boat org.

Posted on: Monday - Dec 24, 2012

Name: **Bob Price**

Location: N Bellmore Long Island NY

Email: bob222bco@aol.com

B/2-22 Sep 67 to Sep 68

Comments: Sitting here thinking about our eventful night 45 years ago @ FSB Burt. Much of that night & the following morning are etched in my memory. I turned 21 that day ,nice of the gooks to through such a big "party" for me. I don't have any photos of the aftermath of the battle, if anyone has any send to me

Posted on: Tuesday - Jan 1, 2013

Name: **James Hamber**

Location: St Louis

Email: jamesmhambert@yahoo.com

I was in the 4th Infantry Division

Posted on: Sunday - Jan 6, 2013

Name: **Johnny R Evans**

Location: Gainesville Missouri

Email: jcowin@centurytel.net

Company C 2nd 22 3rd Bergade Sept 1966 - 1967

Posted on: Thursday - Jan 10, 2013

Name: **Lynn Dalpez**, President

Location: Beaverton, OR.

Email: dalpezc222@yahoo.com

Phone: 503-848-3901

Comments: I am sadden to report the passing of George C. White III, a true American hero, and C/2/22 Original's beloved Old Man. Our hearts are heavy, and with his wife Patti, our beloved Honorary Mother. We will carry on as you taught us George, and see again one day, in a better place.

Posted on: Friday - Jan 11, 2013

TAPS

John Breszinsky (B 2-22 1/68-1/69) died 31 Jan 2012 at age 66.

Originally from Cleveland, John worked in steel mills before retiring to Iron Mountain, MI. He was married to Joann. John came to KC reunion and I think some other(s). From Brad Hull

On 1-10-13 we lost a good friend to us all. **George White**, our friend and Company "C" 2/22 Commander. George passed away at 10 PM with his wife Patti at his side. He died peacefully. May he Rest in Peace.

You may send Condolence cards to: Patti White & Family, 155 Timber Rd., Newbury Park, Ca. 91320. If you wish to offer Condolence to Patti over the phone (805-499-5963),

I will keep you informed as to when & where there will be a Memorial, most likely be in about a month. George will be sorely missed. It won't quite be the same without him...If you have any questions, please call me @ 360-533-0608 or e-mail me.

God be with you George.

Jim Neeley
C Co. & 4th ID, 65 to 67



This tribute circulated the internet and many of our e-mails but the sentiment is so profound I chose to include it here. Dan

Happy Brother's Day

You may have served in Combat or in non-combat.

You may have retired out or you may have served for a short time.

You may have been a draftee or a volunteer.

You may have served in the Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or the Merchant Marines,

BUT YOU SERVED. YOU DID YOUR JOB HONORABLY and for that I am PROUD to call you Brother.

You may have served during Korea, WWII, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iraq or Afghanistan, But you served, you did not run.

You have a DD 214 with those words "HONORABLY DISCHARGED" two of the most noble words in the world.

Again I am proud to know each and every one of you.

To the cool men that have touched my life: Here's to you!! I was never a hero, but I am thankful and proud to have served among them.

A real Brother walks with you when the rest of the world walks on you.

