

REUNION NEWS**Reunion in Baton Rouge,
Louisiana 11/7 to 11/10/96**

We have made great strides in forming up this reunion and all is underway for a great time to be had by all. I want to stress to you all right now, that when you see Chuck Boyle at the reunion, you owe him big time. He and his staff have done momentous work putting together this affair. Remember, this is *YOUR* reunion, *YOUR* parade, *YOUR* tribute, so don't pass it up. ▶

Details

The reunion will be held at the Saint Francisville Hotel on the Lake in Saint Francisville, approximately 20 miles northwest of Baton Rouge and 20 miles from Clinton, where the ROTC Program will take place. Arrangements are being made for shuttles from the Baton Rouge Airport to the Hotel and shuttles into Baton Rouge for sightseeing and to the Casinos. Arrival and check in will be 11/7/96 with the Parade taking place on Friday, 11/8/96. ▶

There will be a hospitality room available. Friday evening will be sort of casual. We will have a Buffet style banquet on Saturday evening with entertainment and a memorial service set for Sunday morning. Check out will be Sunday, 11/10/96. (Unless you wish to stay longer) ▶

Reservations

You must make the reservations directly by calling: (504) 635-3821 and speak to Dan Hays, the general manager or Becky, our hostess. *Make sure you mention you belong to the 22nd Infantry Reunion Group.* A credit card will hold the room, payment at check out. Or you may send a check for one nights rent to hold the room. Rooms are: \$40 for a single; \$45 for a double. The fax number is (504) 635-4749. Mailing address is: St. Francisville Hotel on the Lake, PO Box 440, Hgwy. 61 & LA 10, St. Francisville, LA 70775. ▶

The sooner you book the room, the better, as we have only blocked out 40 rooms until we know if we need more. The LSU-Alabama homecoming football game is this weekend, so don't wait or all rooms may be taken. Airlines fly into Houston, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana then shuttle flights are available into Baton Rouge. The sooner you book a flight, the cheaper the price of the seats. If ever you had thought, you would never see anyone from Vietnam again, like many of us thought - now is your chance to put that to rest. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!!!! ▶

P.S. Registration form for Reunion is enclosed.

**22nd INFANTRY
REGIMENT SOCIETY
(IRS)**

The 22nd IRS is an organization that many of us have joined recently. I spoke of this in the last newsletter. Since it will undoubtedly be a long time before we (C 2/22) would be large enough to even think about incorporating our own charter and non-profit status, I would encourage everyone to join the 22nd IRS. This way we are a sub-chapter so to speak, and will receive their newsletters and information about the larger reunions. It makes a lot of sense. The 22nd Infantry goes back to "Custer's" days, however, the present organization came about because the men fought in Germany during WWII. They formed the 22nd IRS and have been holding reunions every 18 months to 2 years since. In 1995, the 1st Vietnam Veteran, Bob Babcock, was elected President of the society and in April, 1996, for the first time, Vietnam Vets joined in a reunion. ▶

I am again encouraging everyone to send in your dues, to join the 22nd IRS. To join the 22nd IRS write to Bob Babcock, President, 22nd IRS, PO Box 70161, Marietta, GA 30007. E-mail: rbabcock@vnet.ibm.com or you may write to Awb Norris, Secretary, 965 Troon Trace, Winter Springs, FL 32708-4319. E-mail is: slrron@ix.net-com.com or fill out the application form included with this newsletter. ▶

Dues are \$10 per year, or Double Deucer rate of \$22 (gets you the same but may help mail newsletters to those less fortunate). When writing, give your full name, address, telephone, fax, E-mail, unit and the time spent in Nam. ▶

This is a great organization and they will be holding their *next large reunion in October, 1997 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.* If you can not make Baton Rouge in 11/96, please try to make Gettysburg in 10/97

TO CONTACT ME:

My address is: John Eberwine, 5018 Fernwood Ave, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234-9689. Tel (609) 653-3025, E-mail vietvet222@juno.com ▶

PLEASE, you must let me know if you will attend the Baton Rouge Reunion - I am the co-ordinator for our group - Thank You

Re-printed from last newsletter FOR THE LADIES by Cindy Eberwine - John & I have been married 12 years and it wasn't until April, 1996 at the reunion of the 22nd IRS, that I have learned or appreciated what happened in Vietnam. It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. By meeting and talking with the men my husband fought with, I have developed a greater insight and understanding of just how important it was for these men to get back together again. Vietnam was a part of my husband's life which I wasn't a part of, but during the reunion, the men of the 22nd, helped to bridge the gap. They were so caring and patient as they explained to me what their role was while in Vietnam. I am writing this directly to the ladies, who stand by the men, who fought in Vietnam. I want you to know how truly important it is for you to join your husband/friend at one or both of the upcoming reunions. You will both gain so much by attending!

TAPS

Robert L. "Red" Dodd, Track Driver of "Reds Little Pecker" with 2nd Pltn C 2/22 from 4/67 to 4/68. Passed away April 1996

James W. "Jim" Wagner, One of the *Originals* who shipped over on the boat. Served with C 2/22 from 1966 to 1967. Passed away July 1996

Our heartfelt sympathies to their families. I am sure there are many more men who have passed away since coming home. If you know of any, or KIA's, please let me know.

We have found two men who supported us at Fire Base Burt the night of 1/1/68 with the 188 Assault Helicopter Company - Jim Wilson and Dick Detra. Here's hoping that we will see them in person to shake their hands.

**WELCOME BACK &
THANKS FOR BEING THERE
SEE YOU IN BATON ROUGE!!!**

.....Those Definitely Attending.....

Awb & Jo Norris, Bill & Martha John Allison, Bob Babcock, Jim & Sharon Nelson, MC Toyer, Stan Winkler, Jim Wilson, Cindy & John Eberwine, Phil Swaney, Jim Tobin, Chuck Boyle, Jim Asher, Dennis Adkins, Bill Barbrow, Eddie Runge, Horatio Santos, John Erby, Jerry Brown, Bob Duplechain, Charles Milton and many more are expected. These men represent 2/22, 3/22, 188 AHC and a variety of other units. Come join the fun!

CLOSE WITH and ENJOY!