

What this is all about!

Many of you may not know me, but some might remember me. I served with 2nd Platoon, C 2/22 from 9/67 to 9/68. So much has happened in my life the last year, so I'll try to condense it. I started to receive telephone calls from people that I had almost forgotten, from Vietnam. I started to receive newsletters from the 22nd Infantry Regimental Society (IRS), as some of you have probably received also. I talked to Awb Norris, the Battalion Commander of 2/22 in 1967 to early 1968, to Bill Allison, Company Commander of C 2/22 from 9/67 off and on til 6/68. I spoke to Gordon Kelley, Platoon Leader of Mortars and 2nd Platoon from 9/67 to 9/68, who also served as Company Commander numerous times. I also spoke with Brad Hull, a great guy from A 2/22 who locates guys for the 22nd. The bottom line is, the 22nd IRS had a reunion in April, 1996 in Kissimmee, Florida and we had our own mini-reunion. In addition to meeting the above men, I ran into Jim Nelson, a renowned "Combat Artist" who exhibited many of his oil paintings and prints of scenes from Vietnam. I have volunteered to compile a database of anyone who has ever served with C 2/22 from 1966 through 1970, in Vietnam. I have written for rosters and some morning reports, have approximately 150 names on my list, with many more to include, but need to find many more men. It will take time, but if you know of anyone at all, either call me or send me their name, address and telephone number. If you were with a different unit of the 22nd, I can put you in touch with your unit statistician.

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

We have been graciously invited to join in a joint mini-reunion of C 3/22 and C 2/22, and other units, for a spectacular Veterans Day (weekend) Celebration by Chuck Boyle, former CO of C 3/22 during 67-68. Chuck teaches ROTC at a school about 20 miles northeast of Baton Rouge in Clinton, LA. This will consist of his ROTC cadets parading in full dress with all of us on the review platform and Colonel (Ret) Awb Norris the reviewing officer. That's right a "Parade" in your honor. The entire weekend is being planned to allow for getting to know each other all over again, and getting to know "new" friends also. Many of us will bring our wives or friends, as the case may be, anyone is welcome. Guests become family in short order.

Reunion 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. Also 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 a memorial service set for Sunday morning. Check out will be Sunday, 11/10/96. (Unless you wish to stay longer)

You must make the reservations directly by calling: (504) 635-3821 and speak to Dan Hays, the general manager or Becky, our hostess. 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. Their mailing address is: St. Francisville Hotel on the Lake, PO Box 440, Hwy. 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 football game is this weekend, so don't wait or all rooms may be taken.

Airlines fly into Houston, Texas and New Orleans, then shuttle flights are available into Baton Rouge. We are already booked on Continental. The sooner you book a flight, the cheaper the price of the seats. Prices for the Banquet will be forthcoming as will any other details as they come in.

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!!!!

22nd Infantry Regimental Society (IRS)

The 22nd IRS is an organization that I have joined recently. 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, a Vietnam Veteran was elected to be President of the society and in April, 1996, for the first time, Vietnam Vets joined in a reunion. We had a fantastic time. Many of us made last minute arrangements and are so glad we did. It was an event of a lifetime. I am encouraging everyone to send in your dues, to join the 22nd IRS. This would be sort of a parent organization, so we can meet men from other units within the 22nd, however, the C 2/22 organization could hold smaller reunions, one would not harm the other. **To join the 22nd IRS write to Bob Babcock, President, 22nd IRS, PO Box 70161, Marietta, GA 30007. Bob's e-mail address is:**

rbabcock@vnet.ibm.com

or you may write to Awb Norris, Secretary, 965 Troon Trace, Winter Springs, FL 32708-4319. E-mail address is: sirron@ix.netcom.com

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 you were with and the time in Nam. This is a great organization and they will be holding their **next large reunion in October, 1997 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.** Being a member will assure you of receiving the 22nd's newsletter. **IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE BATON ROUGE IN 11/96, PLEASE TRY TO MAKE GETTYSBURG IN 10/97**

MY APPEAL TO YOU

In order to continue producing this newsletter, I am asking each of you to send me a couple of dollars, or whatever you can spare, to cover the cost of copying and postage.

My address is: John Eberwine, 5018 Fernwood Ave Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234-9689. Tel (609) 653-3025, fax is the same but you must call me to activate it, e-mail vietvet@juno.com

If you wish a list of names of persons on the database, a write up from Fire Base Burt 1-2, 1968, or our KIA's from some of the larger battles, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope. Also, if you wish to volunteer to locate men from our unit, either by writing letters or calling them, please let me know.

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

WELCOME BACK & THANKS FOR BEING THERE

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!