

# 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



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## The Vietnam Triple Deuce Website

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## Harold Metcalf Steve Irvine B/68-69

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As most of you probably know by now, we are rebuilding our Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc. website. I would like to introduce you to a friend of mine, Harold Metcalf, Portland OR. who is a real-deal computer programmer/analyst that has agreed to help us out in making our website as good as we all want it to be, as well as updated and changed as the membership need in the future changes. Harold is honored to help us out, being a supporter of Veterans his whole life, and being raised by WWII Veteran of the Pacific Theater, he is more than happy to helps us out. Harold was the one of the people that helped me to develop the ORA, in particular, the certificate back in 2003.

Thank you so much for your help Harold, wear your Order of the Red Ant with pride, you earned it, and will earn it again and again with your future help and advice with our website.

I recently returned from our annual Charlie Boat Original mini-reunion in Chehalis/ Centralia WA., and was reminded, as I always am after reunions, what a diverse group we are. We are so different from one another, yet the same in our Soldiers Heart. I believe that we all must be reminded of that fact from time to time. I certainly do. I forget constantly that I am not the only one going through the things that we all go through. The bad memories, the aches and pains, the guilt... Maybe that's another reason to attend reunions, to be reminded of our differences, as well as our camaraderie and good times together. We are a moody lot when you get right down to it. Care must be taken with sensitive subjects that are really out of our hands anyway. We need to concentrate on our mission of finding our long lost Brothers and promoting our society, instead of carrying the world's problems, politics, and morals on our shoulders. Let's deal with our own issues, and show the world how a society can accomplish goals for the good of all, and become a positive force in our lives through our Deeds, not Words. We can be an example of how well people can work together even when they originate from different backgrounds and core beliefs.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage our members to contribute to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society's goal of raising enough money to produce a memorial to all 22<sup>nd</sup> IR soldiers who lost their lives defending our nation throughout our history. We know a lot of guys that will have their names on that monument. We owe it to them to be honored forever at The Infantry Museum in Fort Benning GA., where the monument will stand as long as there is a U.S.A. Our fallen Brothers will never be forgotten. This memorial will stand for that goal.

Thank you all again for your trust in me as your President, and for voting in a great group of Directors that I depend on very much. We are all dedicated to our mission, and to you, our valued members.

> Lynn W. Dalpez, D.M.O.R. President, VN222, Inc

## **EDITOR'S COMMENTS**

It has been a long HOT summer in Kansas. Heat records have been shattered. The garden produce came with much effort (weeding in the heat, watering, gathering and processing) but it will be well worth the effort when we enjoy the produce this winter. Similarly that is where we are with The Triple Deuce. Contacts are being made, phone calls and e-mails exchanged, and Brothers brought home to the organization. Finding our Brothers is the greatest task of the members. Only when we are united can we serve each other and keep the organization vital. Anyway that is how it seems to me.

Dan Streit D/69

## HOLT PLEDGES A MILLION DOLLARS

Peter Holt, owner & CEO of Holt Industries and the San Antonio Spurs, has made a challenge gift to match up to \$1,000,000 in donations to the Education Center at the Viet Nam Wall in Washington D.C.

After a visit back to 'Nam last year Holt was inspired to help get the center done. (Holt served with Alpha Company, Triple Deuce in 1967) The goal at the center is to display the names of all 58,267 on The Wall at THE LEGACY OF SER-VICE along with stories behind the names. In Holt's words, "We don't want America to remember these brave men and women as simply fighting and dying in Vietnam. We want people to know that these heroes were someone's family and friend too!"

The Education Center is scheduled to have planned exhibits (at the COLLECTION WALL) of the thousands of items that have been left by loved ones to honor the names on The Wall. In addition, there will be a WALL OF FACES of the fallen and a photographic timeline featuring key dates of the Viet Nam War and creation of The Wall.

Donation information and additional details are available at the VVMF website www.VVMF.org

## "NIGHT OWL" a series of excerpts from letters home by Karl "DOC" Bergeron

#### November 27, 1966

I am greatly sorry that I haven't written for such a long time. My time for at least the last seven days has been distributed strictly between night patrols and company size operations during the day.

To be truthful, any spare time I have I sleep. I am always tired...It wouldn't be so bad if I didn't have to go on every patrol the platoon sends out, but I do. I'm the only Medic in the platoon and each night a different squad goes out on patrol. I've adopted the name of "Night Owl". Naturally in civilian life most of my activity was at night, but those were completely different circumstances.

Not only haven't I been able to write, I haven't read my mail in seven days either...I've come to a conclusion. If I could get out of the damn infantry and work in a MASH unit I would extend my tour here for six months. That means I would get out of the Army three months later than scheduled, but I would live a somewhat normal life. Whatever that is. Clearly the night patrols are getting on my nerves. Moreover, gaining the experience I would get in a MASH unit would be helpful in terms of gaining acceptance into Dukes Physicians Assistants program.

I have to close for now and get some sleep. . . I can hardly keep my eyes open. . . Have to go out and tame the jungle creatures later on.

### December 5, 1966

Finally I have a chance to write a half way decent letter. It has been so long since I've written anything. You must think I've become a mental midget. The letter that you received from me that was addressed by another person was not done to startle you. I had finished the letter and before I had time to address it I was called out on patrol so I had a friend do it for me. I'm sorry if it caused any alarm. I really didn't mean to give you a scare.

To reassure you that I'm okay I'll just say that I am still in one piece and basically the same old me. . .naturally, I'll change slightly during this years vacation in the orient, but when I return I'll still have many of my old characteristics, I hope.

Yesterday, Bravo Company flew from Dau Tieng (our new base camp) to Bear Cat to pick up the remainder of our equipment and take a few days rest.

I just returned from the PX. They have a wide variety of radios, tape recorders and cameras. I didn't but anything because I couldn't figure out where I would use them being in the field most of the time.

There really is quite a bit to write about. We've been on the move most of the time and seen a considerable amount of this area of Viet Nam, especially the region close to the Cambodian border. Now we are back away from the border. Although we are still attached to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division we are no longer on Operation Attleboro.

I 'm going to cut this letter short and write to M's brother, Bob who is stationed near Danang with the Marines. He wrote me a while back and this is the first opportunity I've had to get back to him. His unit just returned from the DMZ. From what he revealed in the letter he's had a rough time the nine months he's been in country.

I know one thing, I am glad we're not any further North than we are. It is bad enough just being here in the Infantry without going into the areas where combat is almost guaranteed on a daily basis. I know we've only been here a short time compared to many other units, but I've already seen more than I wish to see. It wouldn't hurt my feelings one iota if I never heard another shot fired, or if I never ventured out on another night patrol. Well, rest is over. . .a friend just informed me that we'll be going on patrol tonight. That certainly puts me in a different frame of mind. . .we are also scheduled to go out again tomorrow afternoon. . .some body fed us a bunch of bull shit before coming back to this miscarriage of a base camp. . .REST HELL!!!!!!!

#### December 9, 1966

I just finished writing to my folks and the Raycrafts in Norwich, Vermont. I didn't go on patrol last night and we didn't go out on operations today....one night and one day of rest. . .it feels good.

As usual the rest period doesn't last very long. Tonight the whole Company along with Alpha Company will move out on foot to surround a certain village just North of Dau Tieng. Our mission is to prevent Charlie from collecting taxes which he apparently does on or around the tenth of each month. Additionally, our mission will be to collect Charlie. . .more blood shed on Viet Nam soil is inevitable. War is truly an exercise in STUPIDITY. ...Have I said that before?

Two weeks ago we returned to Dau Tieng from Bear Cat. We arrive back around 9:00 a.m. Before one that afternoon we were on the move again. Our Recon platoon had made contact with an unknown number of Viet Cong. Bravo Company was sent in case they were needed. Fortunately we weren't needed. With Recon in the lead, on point of the convoy, we headed back to camp.

About three miles from base camp the third track in the column hit a mine. When I arrived at the scene everything was in utter chaos. The track was upside down and facing the opposite direction it had been travelling in. Five men were injured and two others couldn't be reached until the APC was up-righted. The five MIAs had a variety of wounds ranging from burns to fractured limbs, and a few broken ribs. The two beneath the track included the platoon leader, Lt. Murphy, and their medic Will Lambert. Bill and I had been together since basic training. We were at Ft. Sam and Camp Irwin together. . .it was very stressful for all of us.

Although everyone worked hard to get the track upright it took a long time to get to the two men pinned underneath. When the track was finally lifted off them and we were able to get to them it was clear there wasn't much that we could do for them. Both men had been crushed to death. The Lt.'s chest was completely caved in. Bill's body from the waist down had no rigidity to it. He had to be lifted onto a poncho by his armored vest. His legs were not sturdy enough to enable anyone to lift him by them. It was horribly gruesome.

The sad part is that Shorty and Bill are from the same small town. There are three others in our unit from the same place. I can only imagine how scared these other families will be when they hear about Bill's death.

We spent the night in the area. In the morning the remainder of the APC was destroyed and we returned to base, deeply saddened and tired.

Each time a track is hit by a mine and is no longer functioning we make sure it will never be operational again. Obviously this is done to prevent the Cong from using it for any reason; as a bunker or for parts that he could use against us.

I know I've mentioned this before, but I think it would be good to bring it up again. I am seriously considering extending my tour here for another six months. I would do this only if I can work in a hospital. I have numerous reasons for contemplating this, but I'd rather not go into them at this moment. I just want you to be expecting it and not be too disappointed if I do. Eventually, if it does happen I'll explain why then.

### December 15, 1966

Once again we are on the move. We've been told we'll be out for three days. We left our base camp yesterday around two in the afternoon and headed north. We were held up twice enroute to our area of operations by sniper fire. Fortunately no one in our unit was wounded. However, we did capture one wounded VC.

We arrived at the location we'll be in around 7:00 pm just before dark. At eight I was scheduled to go on patrol. At 7:45 I casually stepped off the ramp of the track and sprained my ankle. Because I was unable to walk properly another medic filled in for me. Remember the time I sprained my ankle running to the car in the rain? Those were the "good ole days."

Today we're on a search and clear mission. I'm not with the first platoon. Because of my ankle I'm riding in the Aid Track that travels with our company. They wanted to send me back to base camp, but I elected to stay here. Even with a bum ankle I can help if anything happens.

Did I tell you that the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon has a new platoon leader? Well, about a week ago Lt. Pryor was transferred to a higher position at Battalion Headquarters and we got a new Lt. He is young and very inexperienced. He's only been in country a couple of weeks so he'll have to learn the ropes from us. So far he hasn't had to react under fire. Everyone is wondering how he will do. There will never be another Lt. Pryor. He was a bit jumpy at times, but under pressure he always remained calm and collected. We all miss him, but I know he'll do a good job wherever he is. We were lucky to have had him with us for as long as we did.

For the first time I can say that my morale is a little low. Each day the toll of our experience here mounts up. Last week, as I told you, we lost a platoon leader and his medic. Three

days ago the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon returning from a night ambush patrol was hit by a series of land mines. Four men were wounded and one was killed. Their Medic, a German kid from Wisconsin, was quite busy until the Med-Evac arrived.

When I first saw him after they returned I realized that he was really shaken up. It was like he was in shock, rattled to the core. I went to the Aid Station and suggested to our Platoon Sgt. that the medic should go on a three day pass to get some rest and his head cleared. He's on pass now. I hope it helps. Maybe I'll suggest that I go on pass one of these days.

I sincerely hope you have a wonderful Christmas. Give my love to everyone.

## HARVEY NALL'S ACCOUNT of October 12, 1966

Harvey writes, "The article by Karl "DOC" Bergeron was a very good account of the 2-11 arrival in Vietnam. My arrival to Vietnam on October 12, 1966 was with the Recon Platoon. We fell into formation with steel pot, LBE & duffel bag. I did not have a steel pot. My steel pot and .45 holster had been stolen some time in early October 1966. My Platoon Leader said no one will leave the ship without a steel pot!! Only thing to do was requisition one with out doing the paperwork!! So, I started back thru the ship to find a loose steel pot. It did not take long to find a steel pot. The pot I found belonged to a Lieutenant, but it did not matter to me as I now had a steel pot and could make the beach landing with the Recon Platoon. I know some soldiers had to be missing a steel pot when they left the ship but I am thankful to this day that it was not me.

> Harvey Nall, Jr. 336-963-1125 HHQ, Recon Dec. 65 to Sept.67



# FLAGS PLACED AT MT. KILIMANJARO

My name is **Jim Neeley** (C/2/22 4th & 25th Div. VN 66'-67') and I have some info you might want to use in your newspaper. **Nathan Hen-wood**, who is co-webmaster of our "Charlie Company" website <u>www.originalboatpeople.com</u> has Parkinson Disease and has climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro with a group of other climbers that also has Parkinson's or MS. He offered to take our Charlie Company Gideon and the 22nd Infantry Regiment Battalion flags to the Summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

I feel it was a "Great Honor" for Charlie Company, the 22nd Regiment Society, the 25th & the 4th Divisions, that he took this upon himself to carry these flags to Tanzania, Africa, and then to the Summit in Honor of the men in these units!

> **Jim Neeley** C Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 66 to 67



# THE INSIDE TRACK

## Atlanta Reunion 2011

A heartfelt Thank You! to **Bob Babcock**, 1/22, Reunion Chair, and **Skip Fahel**, 2/22, President of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society, for putting on a terrific reunion in Atlanta GA. I had a blast, and hated that it had to end...at least until Colorado Springs in 2012, our next reunion stop. As far as I am concerned, these reunions just keep going on with some delay between locations that we visit.

Visiting The National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, GA. was well beyond my expectations. It sure felt nice being there with a C.I.B. on my chest (My hat, actually, but you get the idea.) It's our museum—Combat Infantrymen. Those that missed it must see it one day. Once you walk in the main entrance of the large, beautiful building and see a huge monolith with a giant C.I.B. on it, you know you are home.

Many of you know my personal highlight of the reunion, that being awarded the Distinguished Member of the Regiment. My humble thank you to the Officers and Directors of the 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS for making it happen for me. My promise to the members and our active duty 22nd IR soldiers in return, is to try my best to live up to the honor, and never forget our motto "Deeds, not Words." I was furthered honored to receive the award along with John Bradley 2/22, LTC (ret.) Mark Woempner 1/22, and Ms. Phyllis Engel Worthman, who received the Honorary Member of the Regiment award. (I think Phyllis was a Drill Sergeant or something.) Great company to find oneself in to be sure.

I was further honored to be elected as the President of the Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc. My fist act of business was to drop all VN222er's who made this possible for 20 pushups. They should be done with them by Christmas time. Excellent hotel choice Bob. Free cooked to order breakfast, and a happy hour in the bar that was indeed happy. The staff treated us with the upmost of care and professionalism.

We are very fortunate have **COL.** (ret.) Ed Schultz, 2/22, as our Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. His name was always brought up when members discussed who should be our next Honorary Colonel. Looks like we all got our wish. Ed was, and is, a soldier's officer of the highest caliber.

## The Website

As most of you know by now, we are revamping our website. We have a team working on it now, and in the future, which will allow us to upgrade, edit, and, and add new information quickly and accurately. Our goal is to make a website that tells our story, as well as attracts new members to join us. So, keep checking the site and send us your thoughts and suggestions. A Special thank you to **Harold Metcalf**, Programmer, **Steve Irvine**, Visuals and technical advice, and our Board of Directors, Management.

## **Charlie Boat Originals Mini-reunion**

Once again we held our annual CBO minireunion in the Centralia/Chehalis WA area. Our host, **Jim Neely** did a great job of setting things up for us at the American Legion Hall in Centralia for our banquet. The star attraction was a talk given by our Honorary Company Commander, George C. White III. Every time George talks about The Battle of Soui Tre, Mar. 21, 1967, more pieces fall into place for us about what happened that day. George brought along some great slides, and maps, that his lovely wife Patti helped him put together. George had the members spellbound throughout his presentation. One thing is for sure-we kicked some serious behind that day.

## Colorado Springs 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS Reunion, 2012

LTC (Ret.) Mark Woempner will Chair the next 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS reunion and promises a fabulous time for all who attend. For those that don't know Mark, he is definitely a leader that keeps his promises. He was, and is, a soldier's officer, and a hell of a lot of fun to be around. Mark's energy and commitment to the 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS and its members will ensure a good time for all. So, mark your calendars and plan on attending. Those of you that will be attending a 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS Reunion for the first time will find camaraderie with members from the WWII era, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and will meet active duty 22<sup>nd</sup> IR soldiers. The history of our crack Infantry Regiment will be in full display. It will be easy for you to see how important the Triple Deuce's contribution was to that storied history. Details can be found website. well on our as as www.22ndinfantry.org. Don't miss it. You will have no regrets by attending.

That's it for this time around. Thank you members for your support with our Triple Deuce cause.

### Deeds, not Words.

Lynn William Dalpez, D.M.O.R. President



## KIAs List as of 9-11 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment Submitted by Brad Hull

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Died with Recon <i>Doc</i> Douglas J Sullivan +	12/07/66
Died with C Carlos Ugarte	01/08/67
Died with B	02/06/67
Doc Ronald Grant Mottishaw +	
	02/27/67
Teddy Wayne Steelman	02/27/07
Doc Bruce Anthony Corcoran +	
Died with A	03/19/67
Larry Buford	04/18/67
John Joseph Thomas	
Died with D 4 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> 196 <sup>th</sup> LII	305/05/67
Mick Michael James Beirne	05/10/67
Doc James Brannon Meek +	
Died with B	11/28/67
Michael Ray Rice	1 11 20, 01
Attached from D 65 <sup>th</sup> Eng	12/26/67
Doc Thomas G Bernardy +	
Died with C	01/02/68
Doc Todd Earle Swanson +	
Died with C	03/13/68
Jimmy Joe Tessadri	03/25/68
Doc Gerald Crawford Mull +	00,20,00
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Doc Wayne Thomas Provenche	
George Coleman Also Serve	d in A
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Doc Michael Cami Wittevrongel	+
Died with A	05/13/68
William Junior Tarpley	05/16/68
Doc Larry Russell Kennann +	00,10,00
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Died with C	06/20/68
Doc Vernon Leon Headrick +	
Died with A	09/19/68
Doc John Edwin Lutze +	
Died with D	11/08/68
William Scott Watts	
Also served in C	11/21/68
Doc Steven Slusher + Died with	
Larry Allen Stark	03/15/69
Doc Roberto Cervantes Duenas	
Died with A	08/19/69
Timothy R Miedzielec	10/11/69

Leslie Fred Shenk <i>Doc</i> Jack William Pomeroy +	11/10/69
Died with C	11/25/69
Doc Robert Eugene Romero + Died with B	12/03/69
Doc Thomas Paul Coffino + Died with D	09/13/70
Recon Platoon Recon in Hq Co Michael Gerald Peterson Doc William David Lambert + Attached from HHC Frank Monroe Murphy	10/26/66 12/07/66
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# **GUEST BOOK HITS**

Name: Noble Wilcox Location: Cayucos CA Email: jannnoble@aol.com Phone: 970-685-9933 Comments Looks great and easy to use. Very sharp. :super:

Name: Lynn Dalpez Location: Portland Oregon Email: dalpezc222@yahoo.com Phone: 503-840-4216 Comments A note from the President.

As you can see, we are making headway in restoring and upgrading our website. We will be incorporating more ideas for additional pages of information about us and our history in the near future. In the meantime, please say hello and tells us your thoughts.

Thank you.

Name: Jim Papczynski Location: LaPorte, In Email: pappy.jj@comcast.net Comments Glad the Guest Book is up and running again. There is a lot of information out there that needs to be shared to keep our history going. Pap Boat Original

## **HELLOES & COMMENTS**

### **David Reese**

dave.reese9@gmail.com 215-350-5847 HHC, Recon Plt, Aug 67 to Aug 68

### Thomas E. Buck

757-440-7722 <u>tebuck62@aol.com</u> HHC, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Aug. 67 to Aug. 68 Comments: Tom writes, "Good story by **Mike Pectol**. I was in that convoy to FSB Burt."

### Vance Gustafson

503-325-2842 vgus@pacifier.com B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, July 70 to Dec. 70 Comments: "I was a Bravo Company Medic. The last two KIA's on the list were in my Company, **Leszek Stanley Karsznia**, 8-14-70, was my squad leader, he was killed by a booby trap. The last KIA, **William H. Van Gelder**, Jr., 8 -15-70, was killed by small arms fire."

### H. Scott Kirkpatrick

860-767-1849 <u>hiskirkpatrick@snet.net</u> HHC, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Mar. 68 to Mar. 69 Comments: Scott writes, "My best to all that were with the 'High Angle Hell,' HQC 4.2 Mortars."

### William J. Mader

715-387-4310 <u>triple\_duece@tznet.com</u> B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, June 69 to June 70 Comments: William writes, "I served with **Joe Williams**, and he was in my squad. I was in the same fire fight on Dec 3, 1969. Rest in Peace."

### Donald L. Maiberger

580-429-8068 <u>fiestypapa1@yahoo.com</u> A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Oct. 67 to Oct. 68 Comments: Don writes, "Hello to anyone in the Maintenance Section. I took over when Sgt Woods left."

### Jack Shishido

831-624-8494 jack\_shishido@mcn.com C Co, 4<sup>th</sup> & 25ID, April. 67 to Nov 67

## Paul Steffy

860-849-6186 B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, April 67 to Feb. 68

Comments: Paul writes, "Best wishes and prayers for all!"

Carl S. Yamasaki 808-203-0910 carlo5836@aol.com A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Jan. 70 to Oct. 70 Comments: Carl would like to locate David Shafer and Lt Joe Yarashih.

#### Allan L. Zwieg

262-792-1015 <u>alzkyz@milwpc.com</u> B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Sept. 67 to Sept. 68 Comments: Allan writes, "During May my wife and I were in San Antonio for vacation and met with **Skip Fahel** for breakfast and a visit to the Alamo. I was Skip's RTO from Sep to Dec. 1967."

### Timothy W. Albright

812-537-0132 <u>twalbrig@hotmail.com</u> Recon Platoon Aug. 69 to Aug. 70

Robert H. Baker 254-939-8085 <u>bbaker1953@gmail.com</u> A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Nov. 69 to Nov. 70

**Thomas Berg** 918-482-1202 B Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Dec. 65 to Dec. 67

Jerry J. Hardy joswybak@iowatelecom.net B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 69 to 70 Comments: Jerry would like to locate **Mike Hudak**.

Jeri M. Neal 319-895-8171 jmn773@gmail.com C Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Sept. 68 to Sept. 69 Comments: Jeri would like to locate Warren "Randy" Dotson and Ernie Pratt. Jeri informs us that Jerry "Grady" Lloyd, Charlie Co., 68-69, passed away in September 2010 Gerry P. Pierce 918-371-1970 gerry@atlasok.com B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Dec. 66 to Jan. 68, 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon

#### **Richard J. Plocinski**

630-254-4031 <u>riplocinski@aol.com</u> B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 69 to 70

**James Salvatore** 

jsal48005@yahoo.com A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, May 68 to Jan. 69

William J. Smith "Willie"

773-764-8986 <u>semajell@aol.com</u> B Co. 4<sup>th</sup> ID, Dec. 65 to July 67 Comments: Willie would like to locate **Milton Jones**, **Caldwell**, **Roy Jones**, **Dillard**, **Ware** and **Willard Smith**.

#### Dennis H. Holt

325-698-9694 <u>mampops@att.net</u> A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Oct. 68 to May 69 Comments: Dennis writes, would like to contact **John Crawford** and **Steve Van Pelt**, both from New Jersey. "Thanks to **Dick Nash and Dennis Luis**, Palooka, for sending the pictures and emails. My family got a kick out of them.

William R. Lechner 770-487-2074

<u>BillPTC@earthlink.net</u> A Co. & HHC, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Jan. 70 to July 70

Kenneth J. Zipp 845-781-2625 kenzipp@yahoo.com C Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Jan. 69 to April 69

## **NEW FINDS**

#### Noble A. Wilcox

35 8<sup>th</sup> St. Cayucos, CA 93430 970-685-9933 jannnonble@aol.com A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Nov 68 to Nov 69

#### **Bill Sealy**

4651 W-130 Court Alsip, IL 60803 773-229-1908 A Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID's, Oct 66 to Oct. 67

Comments: Bill would like to find Don Santi.

### Sam H. Giliberti

687 Maplewood Court Weston, FL 33327 954-349-8542 godfaith66@aol.com 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, B Co. Oct. 66 to Feb. 67

### Ronald L. Henderson

105 Hidden Brook Trail Fayetteville, GA 30115 312-623-0171 <u>hronald55@hotmail.com</u> A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Nov. 67 to Nov. 68

Comments: Ron would like to locate **Ronald Preston** and **Smitty** somewhere in New Jersey.

### Tom Lupei

4 Shamrock Way Pinehurst, NC. 28374 910-215-9459 <u>tlupei@yahoo.com</u> C Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Nov. 66 to Nov. 67

## TAPS

Horace A. "Buck" Shoemaker Newnam, Ga B Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 67 to 68

My name is **John Yoshikane**. I served in the army from March 1967 to March 1969. I enjoy reading the Viet Nam Triple Deuce newsletters.

Could you please add my dear friend's name in the TAPS portion of your next issue. His name is **Buck Shoemake** of Newnan, Georgia. He served in B Co. 25th Infantry Division from 8/67 to 8/68. He passed away on February20, 2009.

Thank you for the great work you do honoring all the men and women that have sacrificed so much for our country.

> Aloha, John Yoshikane B Co. 25ID 9-67 to 9-68

Henry J. Smith A Co. 25tg ID, 1970 Passed away Aug. 13, 2011

I don't know how to post on facebook, so I am sending this file to all the Triple Deucers I have in my address book. I was very honored to attend Smitty's funeral and represent his combat brothers. I think it was a comfort to the family to have someone attend from that period of his life. I hope I don't have to attend any others for a long, long time. Sorry if you received it twice.

Deeds not Words Andrew Diffley 302-547-0477 D Co.& A .Cos. 25th ID, May 1969 to June 1970