

# The *VietNam* Triple Deuce, Inc.

An Association of 2<sup>Bn</sup> (Mch) 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment VietNam Veterans

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In January I received a call from Austin Kreeger. Austin served with Charlie Co. in 1967-68. Austin told me he had a couple of Martinis to work up his courage to call me and find out what to expect if he came to the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society reunion in St. Louis. Some of you know Austin from when he was located and have been corresponding with him on a periodic basis.

During our conversation with each other, we found that we had much in common with our experiences in Vietnam as well as our personal lives since that period. Much to my delight, and after about three hours of sharing stories with each other, Austin made up his mind to come to the reunion. Austin, Cathy and I as well as the Triple Deuce are looking forward to seeing you and your wife Beverly at the reunion.

This quarter's newsletter is primarily focused on the business of the Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc. In compliance with our By-Laws, we will be electing Directors for the Board at the reunion. **We are looking for individuals who will actively work to nurture and grow our organization.** Our Business Meeting will take place **Saturday May 4, 2002 at 1600 hours.** Location will be at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Tower, St. Louis, Missouri. At present, there are four **Board Members.**

Michael W. Groves.  
President - Director

E.Q. 'Skip' Fabel, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vice President -Director

David Milewski,

Secretary - Director

Jim May,  
Treasurer - Director

## Current officers of the Vietnam Triple Deuce are:

William (Bill) C. Allison - Past President

Steve (Doc) Borchert - VP-HQ

John M. Bradley - Trustee

Joseph (Joe) A. Dietz - Trustee

John J. Eberwine - VP - C

Denny R. Head - VP-HQ

Harvey Holter - Trustee

Joseph E. Kasprzak - Chaplain

Teddy Manley - Trustee

Robert Price - VP - B

Kenneth (Ken) Schmidt - Trustee

Dan Streit - VP - D

Allan R. Wetzel - VP - A

George Charles White III - Trustee

We are soliciting your nominations, including write in nominations, for the Board of Director positions. We are also asking for your recommendations of Officer Positions, which will be voted on by the Board of Directors.

**Please contact any of the listed Directors with your nominations for the new Board of Director positions and any recommendations for the officer positions. You can also mail**

**your response to: Vietnam Triple Deuce, Inc., P.O. Box 405, Valley Park, MO 63088. Nominations & recommendations should be received no later than April 12, 2002. Nominations for the Board of Directors will be voted on at the reunion.**

Mike Groves, A/2-22 Vietnam, President

### St. LOUIS NOTES

St. Louis has a great light rail system, the Metrolink. It's a quick, convenient way to go from Lambert St. Louis International Airport to Forest Park (St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis Science Center, Saint Louis Art Museum and the History Museum); Metro St. Louis (City Museum, St. Louis Union Station Shopping Center, National Bowling Hall of Fame, St. Louis Gateway Arch and Laclede's Landing) and Illinois (Casino Queen). The cost is inexpensive: one-day pass for age13-adults is \$4.00; age 12 & under is \$2.50. For more information, visit the website : [www.bi-state.org](http://www.bi-state.org) .

Lambert St. Louis International Airport is 7 miles from the Sheraton West Port Plaza Hotel.

If you are interested in finding out more about St. Louis attractions, visit the website: [www.explorestlouis.com](http://www.explorestlouis.com) ; call 1-800-916-0092 or e-mail [tourism@explorestlouis.com](mailto:tourism@explorestlouis.com) to request the official St. Louis visitors guide, **Explore St. Louis.**

### ST. LOUIS REUNION (THANK YOU)

As the Reunion date draws near, we would like to give special thanks to Renee Eichelberger of the St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission. Renee has answered lots of questions about the St. Louis area and given us many contacts for donations from local businesses. Salutes to Thomas Coffee Company for their donation of gourmet coffee for our Hospitality Suite.(Based on past reunions, Mike thinks this will fill a definite need in the mornings!) Cathy wants to thank the Missouri Department of Conservation for their donation of notepads & pencils. (Mike always comes back from reunions with names & numbers written on whatever was handy at the time-usually napkins!). Thanks to United Defense Ground Systems Division for the posters of the M113A3 ( looks like an Armored Personnel Carrier to Cathy?). Thanks to the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals for the collectible coins and pins. The coins & pins will be available to registered members on a first come, first serve basis until they run out. You know that expression..."The early

bird gets the worm!" No worms, but we are getting some great donations ! Don't miss out, get your registration form in ASAP!

Mike & Cathy Groves, Chairpersons

### E-NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Any of you who would like the Vietnam Triple Deuce Newsletter delivered to you via e-mail can do so. If you do elect to have the Newsletter delivered to you by this method you will help our Organization save money. If you are interested in this method of Newsletter delivery please let Linda or I know. We can be contacted at the e-mail address in the *header section on page 1 of this newsletter.*

Norm Nishikubo, C/2-22 Vietnam

### LETTER FROM A MEMBER

Norm, I would like to thank everybody for the warm welcome given to me at the Dallas and Cleveland Reunions. It was great. I just loved it. I never thought that I would ever see any of you guys again. When I did, it made me real proud and glad to be part of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Reg. Society. To all of the people who were at these reunions thank you for being there. The days of both reunions were the best that I have had in a real long time. The 2-22 is the best unit in the Army that I served in. I spent 7 years, 2 months and 22 days in the Army so I served in several other units and my proudest moments came when I was in 2-22.

Thank all of you for being part of my life.

Dave Binder, C/2-22 Vietnam

### 2002 DUES

The following is a reminder to those of you who have not paid your dues for 2002. ***2002 Dues for the Vietnam Triple Deuce are due by March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.*** If you do not see the letter 'P' at the end of your name on the address label attached to the envelope this newsletter came in you are not listed as having paid your 2002 dues. If you feel our having you listed as not current relative to a dues payment is an error please let Jim May know. All of the information needed to contact him or make a dues payment is stated on the Membership / Renewal form included with this newsletter.

Please note that the record used to determine who has paid their 2002 dues is dated 02-15-02. If you sent your payment between 02-15-02 and the time you read this article and a 'P' did not appear after your name on the mailing label you need not to be concerned. Our record of dues payers is updated on a regular basis.

Norm Nishikubo, C/2-22 Vietnam

### SELF INTRODUCTION

Hello, I am Nick Dragon. I was assigned to C/3-22 shortly after the Battle of Burt. I survived Ap Cho because I was lucky enough to get wounded during the first assault on that Village. My wound was cared for by the lovely ladies at the 12<sup>th</sup> EVAC. You remember them, don't you Norm? I recovered from that wound and was a participant in the Good Friday Battle. Man, I was glad to see the lead elements of C/2-22 coming to assist us that morning. Thanks, you guys.

As a 'leg infantry grunt' I got to take chopper rides and walk all over that nice territory called Tan Ninh Province. It was nice of Uncle Sam to let me take the walking tours with 50 lbs. of gear on my back...ha, ha! I was afforded the opportunity, told to, go into tunnels which was not my favorite thing to do. I left PA where I grew up because I did not want to work in the coal mines. I learned how to use C-4 as a cooking aid and learned about pungy pits. I learned about the personal pain resulting from a friend being killed and the joy of survival. I made good friends in Vietnam but like so many of us I did not maintain the contacts. I have been reestablishing the contacts with the men that I was friends with and it feels good. In fact it feels good to make new friends today with men I did not know in Vietnam but who did cover the same ground that I did.

I will always remember the men who did not make it back alive. Someday we will see them again at the biggest and greatest reunion of all.

Nick Dragon, C/3-22 Vietnam

Norm's Answer: Yes Nick, I do fondly remember them. Indeed, they were/are, lovely ladies in all respects. Based on our discussions about them I now believe that we were cared for by the same ones.

### NEW FINDS

James Anderson

Paul Birschbach

Michael E. Daugherty

Terry Hackman

Billy M. Hardgrave, Jr.

Timothy H. Hilke

Michael Keown

Harvy Nall

Matt Niesz

Daniel Streit

### FIRE FIGHT AT TRANG BANG

I can't recall the date of the battle that I am about to describe but do remember that it was near an ARVN Compound about a mile away from Trang Bang. We set up our laager position near a small village and a small road. A bulldozer had dug depression for our tracks so we had very good defensive positions. We also had two mortar tracks inside the laager and behind us. After we had settled into our positions I went to work cleaning my 50 and myself. I even got to change my socks for the first time in who knows how long. Not long after we had settled in some of the local 'fee minded ladies' arrived and some of the men took part in the available 'pay for excursion' activity. I remained at the 50 position as security while the fun was going on.

Nightfall was approaching and for once I did not have O.P. This meant that I would be able to string my hammock inside the track and sleep in comfort for a change. Dana Dobson was even going to take the first watch that night at the 50 position. We only had about 10 minutes left before total darkness engulfed us so we raised the track's ramp and only left the door open. I took my boots off and got into the hammock. Soon I was fast asleep. It was not even an hour after the time I went to sleep when all 'h' started breaking loose. Green and red tracers crossed each other and Dobson was yelling at me to get into the 50 turret. I had no time to put my boots back on and the peaceful night turned into a nightmare. I got to the 50 and started putting out grazing fire to my firing sector. Dana was busy covering the left front of our sector and covering me when I had to reload the 50. A half hour into the fight one of the mortar tracks got hit by a mortar round. After that the 2-4 track was hit

by an RPG round when it was in route to go and reinforce some other sector of the laager. The next track to be fired on by the VC with an RPG was mine. I saw the flash from the firing of the RPG and the flash from the round when it landed short of my location. I thanked God for that one. After that incident I loaded a belt of incendiary rounds in the 50 and started firing like a mad man at the area the RPG came from. That seemed to stop the firing by the enemy in that sector. At this time I believe I had the only operating 50 for the Second Platoon. Dana did his share to cover out butts. Both of us were shooting everything we could get our hands on at the VC. In turn the VC were shooting everything they had at us.

During one point in the battle it appeared to me that the enemy assault was concentrated on Second Platoon's position. It really looked like one half of the company was going through a 'mad minute' and the other half was not.

About an hour into the battle my 50's barrel burned out. Once again Dana came through by covering me while I changed the barrel out. When the burned out barrel landed on the ground it was hot enough to start some of the surrounding vegetation on fire. I thought to myself, man, what next! The fire did not burn too long which was a good thing. We sure did not need a fire that pinpointed our location during the battle. By this time the bare soles of my feet had received many small burns from stepping on the hot shell casings from the 50. My face and chest also received small burns from the oil I was putting on the bolt and receiver of the 50. The oil would be heated by the hot components of the 50 and would fly back at me because of the recoil action of the MG.

Soon after I was aware of the pain in my feet, face and chest a few Cobras and a Medavac came into the battle. The Cobras worked their mini guns and rockets to the sides of us and the rear of us. Later I heard that they were taking care of a bunch of VC who were coming down the road towards us. I guess that they did because none of those VC ever reached us.

During this battle I went through at least ten thousand rounds of 50 cal. ammo. The second barrel of my gun was a glowing red stick. I believe that we surprised the enemy by the amount of firepower we threw at them. When the end of the battle finally came my feet felt like one big blister each but I was alive and glad of it.

Now a few words about the men that fought with me that night at Trang Bang and all of the men I served with in C/2-22. To the Men of the Second Platoon: Thanks for your efforts to defeat the enemy at Trang Bang. Because of

your efforts I am alive today. To the Men and Offices of C/2-22: I was with and served with the most brave individuals that I have ever known. I thank all of you for your part in getting me home alive. "DEEDS NOT WORDS"

David G. Binder, C/2-22 Vietnam

### The St Louis Reunion

I want to speak to all of those who receive this newsletter and haven't made a reunion yet.

You may never get another opportunity to be with those men that you spent time in the foxhole with, or those you worked with on the berm, or those you sent out supplies to in the field.

It is time to forget all those fears about what will it be like? Who will remember me? How will I feel?

.....**YOU WON'T KNOW...UNTIL YOU GO!**

It doesn't matter whether you spent one day or 350 days in the field, it only matters that you were willing to go to SouthEast ASIA, and not CANADA!

Cindy and I have been to six reunions. Orlando, Saint Francisville (Baton Rouge) Albany, Gettysburg, Dallas and Cleveland. Not all were the large 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS reunions. At Albany, 12-15 of us went to support Jim Nelson when he had his art show there.

It doesn't matter the size of the reunion, but the feelings generated when you walk into a room for the first time and see a friend from 30+ years ago.

At some of our reunions, men actually came face to face with someone they thought had died on the battlefield. Some men were finally able to shake the hand of the man who saved their life in a battle. Some of us were able to talk to others who were involved in Fire Base Burt, Good Friday, the Battle of Tay Ninh, Battle of Nui Ba Dinh, Suoi Tre, etc. ***Some were finally able to cry!***

It doesn't matter when you were there, you will find someone who either was there at the same time, or who heard of the engagement, or knew someone who was there, etc.

Cindy, Rosie and I will not be going to the St Louis reunion this year for two reasons.

One, we went to Disneyworld in October 2001 and as all know, that is quite a trip. Second, we did a complete makeover of the house in the summer of 2001, with all new doors, windows and siding, in addition to a complete new heating system.

Needless to say, this was an

undertaking that was absolutely needed, but puts a dent in to the pocketbook.

That being said, we are going to miss the friends that we have made since April 1996. Even Rosie still talks about Cleveland and the "Brady Bunch", especially, Jessie. We had to promise Rosie that we will go to the next reunion (wherever it may be)

#### LISTEN UP!

From September 1968 until March 1996, I had only talked to Brad Hull and John Clemente. Then in March 1996, Bill Allison and Awb Norris called me and asked if I'd come to the Orlando reunion. I told them there was NO WAY! Not enough time to make arrangements, I couldn't get off work, etc., etc.

In reality I was scared to death to think that I'd drum up old memories that were better left buried. But thanks to Cindy, who took all my objections and turned them into excuses, we went and the rest is history.

I started to find one or two men a week, then they started to find men, and before you knew it, it was 2001 and we had located over 450 men who served with the Triple Deuce in Vietnam.

I'm going to tell you flat out, even if you hated the ARMY for what you *think* it did to you, or even if you hated being in Vietnam, the men you will meet at the reunions were your **friends**, not the enemy. I believe that I speak for most of the men that I've met at the reunion.

Vietnam and the experiences I went through there, made me the person I am today. It made me proud of this Country of ours, proud to be able to say, "I served in Vietnam", and it made me open my eyes and appreciate what we have in this county each and every day. **Hell, I didn't need September 11, 2001 to happen to make me love this Country. I know you didn't either!!!**

If for no other reason, you should come to St Louis to thank all those who preceded you and trained you, and to see all those that you trained who came home after you.

You must, I repeat, **MUST, make the decision now, and register.** I can guarantee that someone or more that one someone reading this now will not be around for the October 2003 reunion don't miss out.....and

#### For the Women who stand by the Veteran

I would encourage you to do as Cindy did for me.....make your guy go.....and you go with him. He needs your support and I promise you that you'll learn a few things about your man that you may never have known, and you'll probably learn some things about yourself, that you never realized were

there before. These reunions are learning experiences for entire families, so bring the kids, even if they are 30+ years of age. They will have new reasons to love and respect their dad.

Thank you, and we'll miss all of you!

#### Love - John, Cindy & Rosie

John J Eberwine - Vietnam Veteran 9/67-9/68  
C 2Bn (Mech) 22nd Inf - 25th Inf Div - Dau Tieng; Cu Chi; Saigon

#### THE GRENADE

It was sometime in August 1967. I had just returned from a glorious R&R in Hong Kong, where I had fallen madly in love with someone whose name I no longer recall. Unfortunately, for me while a bunch of us were sitting around the track one quiet night, I made a big deal about my week-long love affair in front of the guys.

My buddy, Jim Melicz, was a merciless kiddier and he had a common phrase that I still remember. "If you go to bed with pigs, you wake up smelling like garbage." Being from the Bronx, he had an interesting way of saying 'garbage', and it was not lost on me that I was the target of his comment.

Then, he pulled out a grenade, looked me in eye, and said something like, 'if you were any kind of man, you'd pull the pin right now!'

Well, everyone was staring at me, and I knew they were about to question my manhood. So I reached over and pulled the pin.

Rob Harrington led the instant evacuation of the area. I had never seen some of those guys move so fast.

Jim and I had a good laugh over that. Jim then told me to put the pin back in. I picked the pin up, started working it into the grenade, and then it became clear to both of us that the pin wouldn't go back in.

By this time Jim's hands were getting a little shaky. Neither of us were going to admit we had a problem, but I was getting nervous about what to do with a grenade that had no pin.

It took about five minutes to get the pin back into the grenade, but I decided at that moment that Jim and I would have to find better ways to show how tough we were. We would certainly have opportunities to do so in the field.

The next morning, I put the grenade in a can,

pulled the pin again, and buried it with the garbage so the VC could find it and lose their manhood.

Jack Shishido, C/2-22 Vietnam

Norm's Comment: Jack, you felt that I was not going home alive??

#### Details of the 2002 Reunion

**Location & Dates:** *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society's* Reunion will be held in St. Louis, MO from Thurs., May 2 until Sun. morning, May 5, 2002.

**Fees :** A Reunion Registration fee of \$10 per member and \$5 for each guest over 18 are due when registering. If you want a roommate, please note this on your registration form. *The 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society* dues for 2002 must, also, be paid. Upon request, we will delay deposit of your reunion check until April 15, 2002.

**Contacts:** Contact Reunion chairpersons, **Mike Groves** (A 2/22 1968-69) and **Cathy Groves**. Mail checks and registration forms to: **Nathan Palani, Treasurer**, P.O. Box 50370, Reno, NV 89513-0370, (775)746-5727 [Nathan@palani.com](mailto:Nathan@palani.com)

**Hotel & Lodging:** Sheraton West Port Plaza Hotel is located at 900 West Port Plaza, St. Louis, MO. The hotel offers free shuttle service 0630-2300(6:30 a.m. - 11:00p.m.) from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. If driving, see map. Rooms are reserved at the reduced rate of \$89.00 plus 13.725% tax (\$101.22) per single through quadruple occupancy per night. **This rate is only guaranteed if you reserve by April 1, 2002.**

Call Sheraton's toll-free number, 800-325-3535 to reserve your room ASAP. **Ask for reservations for the Plaza and make sure to tell them you are with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society.** Guarantee your reservation with a major credit card, which will not be charged until the actual reunion dates. Amenities at the hotel include free parking; indoor pool; whirlpool and sauna; full service concierge; late night room service until 2230 (10:30p.m.); restaurant & lounge; onsite Avis car rental; in room coffee service, hair dryers, iron & ironing boards; complimentary U.S. A. Today (Mon. - Fri.); T.V.s with pay-to-view cable movies and video checkout.

**Events:** Registration begins Thurs. May 2. A golf outing is planned. The traditional carving of *the Hemingway Smoked Turkey* that evening is followed by a wine (beer) and cheese hour. Business meetings are Fri. and Sat. mornings. The Ladies Breakfast is Fri. morning. The St. Louis tour starts after the Business meeting & Ladies Breakfast. The

Cinco de Mayo Buffet dinner is Fri. evening and the Banquet dinner is Sat. evening. The reunion closes following the Sun, morning Memorial Service.

**Hospitality Suite:** Our suite is open daily. Free beer, mixed drinks, soft drinks (soda, tea & coffee) and snacks will be available to attendees daily.

**Viewing Rooms:** Rooms and tables will be available to display photos, maps and other memorabilia; to show slides and to hold small-group meetings. Groups should schedule room use. Contact Mike or Cathy Groves. Double-stick tape will be available to hang items on the walls.

**Golf:** Thurs. May 2, a round of golf at a local course will be hosted by Daniel Moynihan of Fenton. Tee time is 1200 (noon).

Contact Cathy Groves for more information.

**Ladies Breakfast:** Fri. 800-1000(8:00 a.m.-10:00a.m.).

Features chilled fruit & vegetable juices, cinnamon French toast with maple syrup, fruit compote, breakfast link sausage, coffees & herbal teas. Cost is \$12 per person (tax and tip are included) and children under 12 are free. Attendance gifts.

**St. Louis Tour:** Fri. morning following the Business meeting & Ladies Breakfast, Vets & their families can board an air conditioned bus to tour the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and eat lunch at one of 15 restaurants on Laclede's Landing on the Mississippi Riverfront. Then ride the tram to the top of the Gateway Arch or browse the displays at the Museum of Westward Expansion, shop in the gift shop or view a movie about the history of St. Louis. You will return to the hotel at approx. 1730 (5:30p.m.). Cost per person for the bus tour only \$13; bus tour & tram ride- (adults)\$20; (ages 13-16)\$18; (ages 3-12)\$16.

**Cinco de Mayo Buffet:** Fri., a cash bar opens at 1800(6:00p.m.) with the buffet at 1830 (6:30p.m.). Buffet in the East Ballroom features Chicken Fajitas, Soft & Traditional Tacos, Cheese Enchiladas, assorted toppings, refried beans, Spanish rice, key lime pie, sopapillas, coffee, iced tea and milk. Cost is \$34 per person (tax & tip are included). Children under 12 are free. Casual attire. Entertainment follows the meal.

**Saturday Banquet:** Cash bar opens at 1800 (6:00p.m.). A sit-down dinner at 1830 (6:30p.m.) features a choice of Chicken Breast Dijonnaise (\$32) or Roasted Loin of Pork (\$32). Dinners include dauphonaise potatoes, Caesar salad, rolls, American Apple Torte, coffee, tea or milk. Prices include tip & tax. Children under 12 are free (meal is chicken fingers, fries, salad, dessert & drink). Coat & tie for the men. Guest speaker follows the meal.

**Sunday Memorial Service:** 0800-0900 (8:00-9:00a.m.)

**Raffle:** Items donated by members will be

raffled after the Sat. Banquet.

**Casinos:** Harrah's Casino is 6.3 miles from the hotel. The Ameristar Casino in St. Charles, Mo is 8 miles from the hotel.

**Weather :** Normal high in May is 76 and the low is 56. Record high was 98 and low was 31.

Mike & Cathy Groves

#### KIAs 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment

##### Alpha Company

Larry Allen Rice	11/04/66
John Francis McCabe	11/22/66
Jesse Rice	01/16/67
David Dennis Berkholz	
WIA 01/29/67	01/31/67
Edward Earl Schell	02/06/67
Arthur Clarence Sisco Jr	
WIA 02/06/67	02/27/67
Dennis John Breda	03/19/67
Doc Bruce Anthony Corcoran	
Attached from HHC	03/19/67
Barney Joe Kelly	03/19/67
Russell Lee Root	03/19/67
James C Tarkenton III	03/19/67
Joe Edward Mathew Amato	03/21/67
Alan Wayne Andrews	03/22/67
Charles Eugene Fletcher	03/22/67
Skip Charles Harry Haber Jr	03/22/67
Terry Dane Alsup	
Also Served in 4 <sup>th</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> Mech	07/15/67
John Patrick Collopy	07/15/67
George Alfred Holladay	07/15/67
Alfred Frederick Alvarado	09/04/67
Earl Russell Cobb	09/04/67
Michael David De Camp	09/04/67
Clarence Earl Drakes	09/04/67
William Eugene Hargrove	09/05/67
Fred Kaimi Naauao Kama	
Also Served C 3/22 WIA 09/04/67	09/06/67
Lawrence Adam Woicik	10/14/67
Clayton Arthur Martin	
WIA 09/04/67	10/16/67
Gilbert Thomas Beaupre	10/25/67
Rodger Kenneth Cain	11/21/67
Floyd Allan Hyder	11/21/67
Michael Bradley Paquin	12/15/67
Stephen John Whipple	12/15/67
Thomas Beeb Chambers	12/16/67
Edward L. Clemmon	12/18/67
Hopson Covington	
WIA 12/15/67	12/29/67
Freddie Andray Blackburn	01/08/68
Phelton Herman Cole	01/08/68
Robert Risley Fryer	01/26/68
Larry Douglas King	
Also Served in D 3/22	02/04/68
James Thomas Davis	02/15/68
Lester Freeman	02/15/68
Clyde Richard McAfee	02/15/68
Mural McDonald	02/15/68
Richard Lee Bosworth	02/16/68
Robert S Hutchinson II	02/16/68
Jerome Richard Kelly	02/16/68
Roger Dale Pyne	02/16/68
Earl H Hills	03/06/68
Glenn Sullivan	03/06/68
Warren Martin Beaumont	04/12/68

<i>Cornball</i> Russell Hubard Cornish	04/12/68
Rockford Grey Everett	04/12/68
Gary R Holland	04/12/68
<i>Rich</i> Richard Allen Estrada	04/13/68
<i>Doc</i> Gerald Crawford Mull	
Attached from HHC	04/13/68
<i>Richie</i> Richard Peguero	04/13/68
Wayne A Rhodes	04/13/68
Stanley Spikes	
Also Served in D 3/22	04/13/68
Dennis James Yetmar	04/13/68
Thomas Harold Bailey	05/06/68
George Coleman Also Served in HHC	
Died in D Co 125 <sup>th</sup> Signal Bn	05/13/68
James Donald Hess	05/13/68
James Edward Mays	05/13/68
Patrick Victor McNearney	05/13/68
Joseph Angel Mena	05/13/68
Kevin Henry Ross	05/13/68
<i>Doc</i> Michael Cami Wittevrongel	
Attached from HHC	05/13/68
<i>Woody</i> Richard Dale Wood	05/13/68
O L Midkiff	05/31/68
Steve Julius Dockery	09/19/68
<i>Doc</i> Vernon Leon Headrick	
Attached from HHC	09/19/68
Dennis Lee McCormick	09/19/68
William Richard Turner Jr	09/19/68
James Allen Hardman	11/08/68
<i>Philly</i> Donald Joseph Hertrich	11/08/68
Ernest Melvin Plattner	
Attached from 44 <sup>th</sup> Scout Dog Platoon	11/08/68
Lawrence De Witt	11/09/68
William Gibbs Jr	11/27/68
Joe Irvin Wood	11/27/68
Lewis Curtis Wuestenberg	12/22/68
James Allan Ascher	01/08/69
Dana James Kaerberle	01/08/69
<i>Doc</i> Steven Slusher	
Attached from HHC	01/08/69
George Lee Kellam	02/05/69
Daniel Irizarry-Acevedo	03/08/69
George Allen Demby	03/11/69
John Emery Bladec	04/25/69
Michael Rodney Dorman	04/25/69
Joseph Lawrence Logan Jr	05/12/69
Marion Lora Gardner	05/13/69
David Rockwell Crocker Jr	05/17/69
Jerry N Creasy	08/19/69
<i>Doc</i> Roberto Cervantes Duenas	
Attached from HHC	08/19/69
John David Duncan	08/19/69
William Michael MacKay	08/19/69
George William Pearson Jr	08/19/69
Gary William Lahna	09/05/69
Raymond Bruce Thomas	09/05/69
<i>Pine</i> Kenneth Edward Heath	10/23/69
Donald Alan Clarbour	11/06/69
Roger John Flynn	12/18/69
Robert Charles Housman	12/18/69
<i>Jimmie</i> James Ray Muth	03/07/70
Marvin Lee Ringoen	03/07/70
Donald Ray Wishon	03/07/70
James Chris Shukas	04/12/70
<i>Bob</i> Robert John Zonne Jr	
MIA 04/17/70	
Died in HHC 25 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div	04/20/70
William Eugene Smith	05/26/70
David Frank Santa-Cruz	05/30/70
<b>Bravo Company</b>	
<i>Shorty</i> Clinnis Harrell Jackson	11/07/66
Donald F Lekovich	12/12/66
Raymond Albert Bizzell	01/13/67

George Henry Haddox	01/13/67	Johnny A Chambers	01/08/67	Gary Patrick Hershberger	11/15/69
Henry Wayne Webster	01/13/67	Douglas J Sullivan		John R Naughton Jr	11/15/69
Sydney Uel Goodin	02/06/67	Attached from HHC	01/08/67	Jack William Pomeroy	
Gordon William Stark	02/06/67	Michael Raymond Ishman	01/12/67	Attached from HHC	11/25/69
Carlos Ugarte	02/06/67	Gerry Wayne Lawson	02/08/67	<i>Rabbit</i> Harvey David Rogers Jr	04/17/70
Edward Eugene Fortenberry	02/16/67	Peter Barbera	02/10/67	William Britton	05/18/70
Dale William Moore	02/19/67	Mark Delane Holte	02/10/67	Carwain L Herrington	05/18/70
Larry Anthony Crisci	05/17/67	Otis Lewis	02/10/67	<i>New York</i> James Joseph Wilkinson Jr	05/18/70
Andrew Jonah Short III	05/17/67	Merrill Andrew McKillip	02/10/67	Richard Henry Keith	05/21/70
Allen Kenneth Dearden	05/18/67	Charles Paul Pohlman	02/10/67	Joseph Anthony Cerio	05/22/70
Kenneth Ray Anderson	07/07/67	Rex Wheeler Highfill	02/12/67	Maximiliano Davila-Torres	05/22/70
David Paul Coveny	09/30/67	R C Perry Jr	02/13/67	Norman Anthony Emineth	05/22/70
Anderson Turner	11/11/67	Daniel Paul Donnellan	02/18/67	Pedro Herring	05/22/70
<i>Doc</i> James Brannon Meek		Dennis Richard Morrell	03/20/67	William Norman Jensen Jr	05/22/70
Attached from HHC	11/28/67	Thomas Duane Utter	03/23/67	Lawrence William Theis	05/22/70
Thomas Eugene Priesthoff	12/16/67	Joseph Manuel Aragon	04/18/67	Michael Armond De Masi	
Dave Edward Ashford	12/19/67	David Alan Brileya	06/11/67	Died in HHC	07/12/70
Robert Lewis Campbell	01/01/68	Edward Roy Lukert	06/11/67		
Edward Kubisky	01/20/68	Erik Bernard Wickenberg		<b><u>Delta Company</u></b>	
Thomas Michael Ross	02/02/68	Died in 9 <sup>th</sup> Div	07/06/67	Joseph Adams	05/13/68
Steven Paul Linna	02/04/68	Larry Arthur Merrill	09/02/67	Moses James Cousin	05/13/68
Terry Leo Trainor	03/13/68	Jackie Edward Trosper	09/30/67	James Albert Davis	05/13/68
Joseph Pat Strippoli Jr	03/17/68	Dennis Rex Estes	11/25/67	Gary Joseph Gilin	05/13/68
David Wayne Derry	03/22/68	John A Gibson	11/25/67	Ray William Owen	05/13/68
Jose Antonio Marrero-Rios	04/21/68	Robert Lucian Mlynarski	11/25/67	Harold Alvin Stone	05/13/68
Dan Page Vannoy	05/13/68	Robert Andrew Van Patten	11/25/67	Bobby Clyde Wood	05/13/68
Stephen Rolley Powell	05/14/68	William Carey Janes	12/20/67	Joseph Robert Ajster	10/05/68
John Randolph Cooper Jr	06/28/68	<i>Doc</i> Thomas G Bernardy	01/02/68	<i>Doc</i> John Edwin Lutze	
William Lee Harris	06/28/68	John Wayne Miller	01/02/68	Attached from HHC	11/08/68
Yancy Smith Jr	06/28/68	Willie Petty Jr	01/02/68	Walter Sturgeon	02/23/69
George Bennie Dukes	06/30/68	Anderson Linwood Ruderson		Robert Eugene Romero	12/03/69
Douglas Hugh Kiker	11/21/68	WIA 01/02/68	01/13/68	Thomas Paul Coffino	09/13/70
Lawrence David Kutchey	11/25/68	Joel Kenton Brown	02/18/68		
John Curtis Fitzwater	01/10/69	Lytell B Christian	03/13/68	<b><u>Headquarters Company</u></b>	
Curtis Robert Stocklin	01/10/69	David Kenneth Ditch	03/13/68	Joseph Cousette	Died in C 11/19/66
John Michael O'Farrell	01/14/69	<i>Doc</i> Todd Earle Swanson		<i>Doc</i> William David Lambert	
<i>Jim</i> Merle James Martin		Attached from HHC	03/13/68	Died with Recon	12/07/66
WIA 01/14/69	01/28/69	John Edward Nelson	04/13/68	Douglas J Sullivan	Died with C 01/08/67
Roger Martin Tyner	02/23/69	Benjamin Allen Honeycutt	05/02/68	Teddy Wayne Steelman	02/27/67
Thomas Alexander Becker	03/06/69	Andrew L Heider	05/13/68	<i>Doc</i> Bruce Anthony Corcoran	
Carl Dennis Cain	03/06/69	Ernest Lee Elliott	06/20/68	Died with A	03/19/67
Lowell Roger Groves	03/06/69	<i>Doc</i> Larry Russell Kennann		<i>Mick</i> Michael James Beirne	05/10/67
William Edmond Lee Hart	03/06/69	Attached from HHC	06/20/68	<i>Doc</i> James Brannon Meek	
Jerry Johnson	03/06/69	Sidney Chester Squires	06/20/68	Died with B	11/18/67
David Glen Lovitt	03/06/69	<i>Preacher</i> David Lynn Stockman	06/20/68	<i>Doc</i> Todd Earle Swanson	
Clinton Lee Wheeler	03/06/69	<i>Ronald</i> August Ferrel Bolt	07/01/68	Died with C	03/13/68
Kenneth Michael Frain	03/11/69	Robert Charles Dickinson	07/01/68	Jimmy Joe Tessadri	03/25/68
Alvin Grimes	05/13/69	Fred V Jurado	07/01/68	<i>Doc</i> Gerald Crawford Mull	
Mark Joseph Giron	05/14/69	William Rieves Curry	07/06/68	Died with A	04/13/68
John Philip Craig	06/06/69	Sam Joseph Favata	07/21/68	Gary Edward Rusha	DOW 04/18/68
Robert Michael Fullmer	06/06/69	John Joseph Visser	09/19/68	<i>Doc</i> Wayne Thomas Provencher	05/10/68
Raymond Richard Schiffrin	06/11/69	William Scott Watts	11/21/68		
Roger Lee Glei	07/15/69	William Gilbert Keeler	12/02/68	George Coleman	Also Served in A
Donald Henry McMains Jr	08/09/69	David Vernon Adams	01/14/69	Died in D Co 125 <sup>th</sup> Signal Bn	05/13/68
John Michael Davis	08/16/69	Dwane Lonnie Adams	01/14/69	<i>Doc</i> Michael Cami Wittevrangel	
Raymond P Miller II		Cluster Lee Bearfield	01/14/69	Died with A	05/13/68
WIA 09/11/69	09/21/69	Marvin L McCullough Jr	01/14/69	William Junior Tarpley	05/16/68
Stephen Lamont Sharp	10/18/69	Lyle Thomas Moore	01/14/69	<i>Doc</i> Larry Russell Kennann	
Anthony Jack Carlucci	11/20/69	Gregory Lloyd Rice	01/14/69	Died with C	06/20/68
Frazier Thomas Dixon	12/03/69	Paul Aaron Stone	01/14/69	George Dennis Taylor	
Dennis Wayne Nelson	DOW 02/12/70	John Earl Warren Jr	**MOH** 01/14/69	Attached from A Bty 4/42 <sup>nd</sup> Arty	09/07/68
Kenneth Samuel Dee	03/03/70	Alton D Percival	01/18/69	<i>Doc</i> Vernon Leon Headrick	
James Dean Johnson	03/03/70	Edward Monroe Holtzman		Died with A	09/19/68
Alexander Frank Potas	03/17/70	WIA 01/30/68	02/11/69	Woodie Junior Dean	11/01/68
Freddy Lamar Bratton	05/30/70	Ricardo Joseph Ortegon	03/06/69	Albert Lummis Gay Jr	11/01/68
David Graham Campbell	06-/2/70	Philip Ray Baily	03/11/69	Daniel Charles Patterson	11/01/68
Michael Alfred Rasmusson	06/02/70	Thomas Poldino	03/11/69	<i>Doc</i> John Edwin Lutze	Died with D 11/08/68
Leszek Stanley Karsznia	08/14/70	Robert Alan Banks	DOW 05/09/69	<i>Doc</i> Steven Slusher	Died with A 01/08/69
William H Van Gelder Jr	08/15/70	Larry Paul Jones	05/13/69	Larry Allen Stark	03/15/69
		John Charles Nelson	05/13/69	<i>Doc</i> Roberto Cervantes Duenas	
<b><u>Charlie Company</u></b>		Robert Glenn Sekva	06/11/69	Died with A	08/19/69
Joseph Cousette		Michael Dennis Kelly	08/06/69	Timothy R Miedzielec	10/11/69
Also Served in HHC	11/19/66	Duane Alan Clefish	08/30/69	Leslie Fred Shenk	11/10/69
Frank Monroe Murphy	Died in Recon 12/07/66	Ernie Lee Wallen	08/30/69	Jack William Pomeroy	Died with C 11/25/69

Robert Eugene Romero  
Also Served with D 12/03/69  
Michael Armond De Masi  
Also Served with C 07/12/70  
Thomas Paul Coffino Died with D 09/13/70

**Recon Platoon**

Michael Gerald Peterson 10/26/66  
*Doc* William David Lambert  
Attached from HHC 12/07/66  
Frank Monroe Murphy  
Also Served in C 12/07/66  
James Essary 01/17/67  
Edward Ralph Glenn Jr 01/17/67  
*Heeb* Yvon Andre Hebert  
Also Served in A in Basic 01/17/67  
Dale Clarence Schummer 01/17/67  
Joseph Thomas Melendres 03/18/67  
Michael Francis Smith 03/18/67  
Houston Clifford Box Jr 01/02/68  
Emerson Paul Cole 03/28/68  
Marvin Dewayne Canterbury 02/23/69  
James Frederic Uttermark 02/23/69  
Rufus Newton Stevenson Jr 05/14/69  
Donald Ray Webb 03/09/70  
Milton Perez-Rivera 05/02/70  
Charles F Armentrout 05/22/70  
Orla Daniel Hammack 06/07/70

**Unknown Company**

Raymond Perez 11/24/67

**Passed Away At Home****Alpha Company**

Victor R Arrisola 10/06/97  
Larry G Travis 04/16/99  
John Kronnich 02/21/01

**Bravo Company**

Arthur A "Top" Werner 10/16/98

**Charlie Company**

Omer C Lockridge 04/25/69  
John W Hilsmeier 12/04/77  
Steven E Tyler 01/01/88  
Joseph Brighter 92 or 93  
Robert "Red" L Dodd 04/01/96  
Jim Wagner 07/30/97  
Donald Shackett 10/01/97  
John MacGlaughn 09/?/67  
James "Sammy" D Kay Jr 09/18/98  
Don Brady 04/15/00  
Theodore G Angus 08/04/00

**HHC**

Forest David Church 07/16/99  
William N Hedge 09/27/99

**2-22 KIAs Company Unknown**

John Gaylealon Davis 11/24/67  
Millard Wade Farbrow 11/24/67  
Richard Howard Parker 11/24/67  
Raymond Perez 11/24/67  
Jerold Jerome Shelton 01/28/69  
Lavalle Walker 01/28/69

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**TWO THOUSAND ONE, NINE ELEVEN**

Two thousand one, nine eleven,  
Three thousand plus arrive in heaven.  
As they pass through the gate,  
Thousands appear to wait.

A bearded man with stovepipe hat,  
Steps forward saying, "Lets sit, and chat".

They settle down in seats of clouds,  
A man named Martin shouts out proud,  
"I have a dream!" and once he did,  
The Newcomer said, "Your Dream still lives."

Groups of soldiers in blue and gray,  
Others in khaki, and green then say,  
"We're from Bull Run, Yorktown, the Main",  
The Newcomer said, "You died not in vain".

From a man on sticks one could hear,  
"The only thing we have to fear".  
The Newcomer said, "We know the rest,  
trust us sir, we've passed the test."

"Courage doesn't hide in caves,  
you can't bury freedom, in a grave,"  
The Newcomer had heard this voice  
before,  
A distinct Yankees twang from  
Hyannisport shores.

A silence fell within the mist,  
Somehow the Newcomer knew that this  
Meant time had come for her to say,  
What was in the hearts of the three  
thousand plus that day.

"Back on Earth, we wrote reports,  
watched our children play in sports.  
Worked our gardens, sang our songs,  
Went to church and clipped coupons.

We smiled, we laughed, we cried, we  
fought;  
Unlike you, great we're not."

The Tall man in the stovepipe hat  
Stood and said, "don't talk like that!  
Look at your country, look and see,  
You died for freedom, just like me."

Then, before them appeared a scene,  
Of rubble streets and twisted beams.  
Death, destruction, smoke and dust,  
And people working 'cause they must.

Hauling ash, lifting stones,  
Knee deep in hell, but not alone.

"Look! Blackman, Whiteman, Brownman,

Yellowman,  
Side by side helping their fellow man!"  
So said Martin, as he watched the scene,  
"Even from nightmares, can be born a  
dream."

Down below three firemen raised,  
The colors high into the ashen haze.  
The soldiers above had seen it before,  
On Iwo Jima back in '44.

The man on sticks studied everything  
closely,  
Then shared his perceptions on what he  
saw mostly. "I see pain, I see tears, I see  
sorrow - but I do not see fear."

You left behind husbands and wives,  
Daughters and sons and so many lives,  
Are suffering now because of this wrong,  
But look very closely. You're not really  
gone.

All of these people, even those who've  
never met you,  
All of their lives, they'll never forget you.  
Don't you see what has happened?  
Don't you see what you've done?  
You've brought them together, together  
as one.

With that the man in the stovepipe hat  
said,  
"Take my hand," and from there he led;  
Three thousand plus heroes, Newcomers  
to heaven,  
On the day, TWO THOUSAND ONE,  
NINE ELEVEN!

Sent by Dick Nash, A/2-22 Vietnam

**For The Ladies****Amazing Woman**

Joe finally decided to take a vacation. He  
booked himself on a Caribbean cruise and  
proceeded to have the time of his life – at  
least for a while.

A hurricane came unexpectedly. The ship  
went down and was lost instantly. Joe found  
himself swept up on the shore of an island  
with no other people, no supplies, nothing.  
Only bananas and coconuts.

Used to four-star hotels, he had no idea what  
to do. So for the next four months he ate  
bananas, drank coconut juice, longed for his  
old life, and fixed his gaze on the sea, hoping  
to spot a rescue ship.

One day, as he was lying on the beach, he  
spotted movement out of the corner of his  
eye. It was a rowboat, and in it was the most

gorgeous woman he had ever seen.

She rowed up to him. In disbelief, he asked her, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?"

"I rowed from the other side of the island," she said. "I landed here when my cruise ship sank."

"Amazing," he said, "I didn't know anyone else had survived. How many of you are there? You were really lucky to have a rowboat wash up with you."

"It's only me," she said, "and the rowboat didn't wash up; nothing did."

He was confused, "Then how did you get the rowboat?"

"Oh simple," replied the woman. "I made it out of raw material that I found on the island. The oars were whittled from gum-tree branches, I wove the bottom from palm branches, and sides and stern came from a eucalyptus tree."

"But, but, that's impossible," Joe stuttered. "You had no tools or hardware – how did you manage?"

"Oh, that was no problem," the woman said. "On the south side of the island, there is a very unusual strata of exposed alluvial rock. I found that if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into forgeable ductile iron. I used that for tools, and used the tools to make the hardware."

But enough of that. Where do you live?

Sheepishly, Joe confessed that he had been sleeping on the beach the whole time.

"Well, let's row over to my place then," she said. After a few minutes of rowing, she docked the boat at a small wharf. As Joe looked onto shore, he nearly fell out of the boat. Before him was a stone walk leading to an exquisite bungalow painted in blue and white. While the woman tied up the rowboat with an expertly woven hemp rope, Joe could only stare ahead, dumbstruck.

As they walked into the house, she said casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Sit down, please. Would you like to have a drink?"

"No, no, thank you," he said, still dazed. "I can't take any more coconut juice."

"It's not coconut juice," the woman replied. "I have a still. How about a pina colada?"

Trying to hide his continued amazement, Joe accepted, and they sat down on her couch to talk. After they had exchanged their stories, the woman announced, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable."

Would you like to take a shower and shave? There is a razor upstairs in the cabinet in the bathroom."

No longer questioning anything, Joe went into the bathroom. There in the cabinet was a razor made from a bone handle. Two shells honed to a hollow-ground edge were fastened to its tip, inside a swivel mechanism.

"This woman is amazing," he mused. "What next?"

When he returned, the woman greeted him wearing nothing but vines – strategically positioned – and smelling faintly of gardenias. She beckoned for him to sit down next to her.

"Tell me," she began suggestively, slithering closer to him, "We've been out here for a very long time. You've been lonely. There's something I'm sure you really feel like doing right now, something you've been longing for all these months? You know...." She stared into his eyes.

He couldn't believe what he was hearing: "You mean..." he replied, "I can check my e-mail from here?"

From Robin Harrington, C 2/22 Vietnam

### **Men Never Grow Up**

A couple had been married for 40 years and also celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

During the celebration a fairy appeared and said that because they had been such a loving couple all those years, she would give them one wish each.

Being the faithful, loving spouse for all these years, naturally the wife wanted for her and her husband to have a romantic vacation together, so she wished for them to travel around the world. The fairy waved her wand and boom! She had the tickets in her hand. Next, it was the husband's turn and the fairy assured him he could have any wish he wanted, all he needed to do was ask for his heart's desire.

He paused for a moment, then said, "Well, honestly, I'd like to have woman 30 years younger than me." The fairy picked up her wand and boom!

He was 90 .....(Don't you love fairy godmothers!!!!!!)

From Gary Krek HHC 2/22 Vietnam

### **Brings a Smile**

In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. "I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces.

The only hope left for you loved one at this time is a brain transplant. It's an experimental procedure, semi-risky and you will have to pay for the brain yourselves."

The family members sat silent as the absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "Well, how much does a brain cost?"

The doctor quickly responded, "\$5,000 for a male brain, and \$200 for a female brain."

The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile avoiding eye contact with the women, but some actually smirked. A man, unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask.

"Why is the male brain so much more?"

The doctor smiled at the childish innocence and so to the entire group said, "It's just standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used."

From Cathy Groves

### **CONCLUSION**

This is it for this edition of the newsletter. Norm and I wish all of you a very nice Easter. Enjoy the Reunion. I feel that it will be the best ever. I'm sorry that I won't be able to be there with all of you.

Expect the next edition of the newsletter in early June.

Regards, Linda



