

Who Am I?

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Arrived RVN: September 1968
Left RVN: June 1969
Company: C
Platoon: 2nd
Squad: 1st
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Harless Belcher

My name is Harless Belcher, I served with C Co., 2 plt, 1st sq with the Triple Deuce from Sept '68 to June of '69. I have several photo albums of myself, the guys I served with, our equipment, and the surrounding area.

A little information about the men in these pictures: I was wounded 6/11/1969, lost my right arm, and wounded my right leg. Charles Paree helped me, put a tourniquet on my arm. He made it back home. Melvin Grey was wounded too, but returned home. Thomas Poldino was KIA 3/11/1969.
Harless Belcher

More from Harless:

Here is Harless Belcher's army story: I was drafted April 3, 1968 at Roanoke, VA, & sent to Ft. Bragg, NC for basic training, where they tried to train us to death!!!!

We trained 7 days a week. From Ft. Bragg I was sent to Ft. Polk, LA. Everyone knew what that meant: VIETNAM. After surviving Ft. Polk, I indeed was sent to VIETNAM> with a 11B MOS. I arrived in Nam Sept. 3, '68. After a week of orientation, I was assigned to C-Co. 2-22, & chosen by SSGT. Block into the 2nd PLT.

As memory serves I moved to a different squad later. My 1st day out we managed to kill a water buffalo. The 2nd day out, Sept. 19 '68, I got my 1st taste of combat & death. War is never pretty. After 3 months of humping my M-16 & the M-60, I moved to .50 gunner, & then on to driver of the APC.

There is too many battles to mention all, but 1 needs to be mentioned. 14 Jan. '69. C-CO. lost 8 good men that day. I will never forget. Of the 8, 1 was awarded the medal of honor, Lt. John Earl Warren, Jr.....R.I.P. to all who died in this war. I was wounded 11 June '69 when my right arm was shot off by shrapnel from an RPG. Lucky to survive, thanks to quick medical aid from Doc Bruce Smith & Doc Riley Nedela, I made it. But my friend did not, Robert Glenn Sekva "Augie". I think we all ask 'why not me instead'?

In 2010 I became a member of the VietnamTripleDeuce.org. Since then I have enjoyed re-connecting with the man of C.Co. that I served with, & helping others to re-connect. Since joining, I have been fortunate to be able to visit Charlie Paree in Tampa, FLA, Jim Lally in Jackson, Ga., Mike Poldino in FLA {Mike is the brother of Thomas Poldino, who was KIA 11 March '69}....& most recently, I visited with "Doc" Bruce Smith in PA. Several of the guys have also visited me in my home in VA, including Charlie Jackson from Allentown, PA, & Malcolm "Bullwinkle" Carroll, from Durham NC. {also Paree & Lally have been here}. I have talked by phone or e-mail with many others---it's always a thrill to hear from these guys after 40 + yrs.!

Harless "Bird" Belcher

Hope to see you in Atlanta,

I was SP-4
C. CO.
2nd BN,
22ND INF REG
25th DIV
Sept. '68-June '69



Harless Belcher and Charlesparee.jpg
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Melvin Grey.jpg (803x630)



Thomas Poldino1.jpg (749x675)



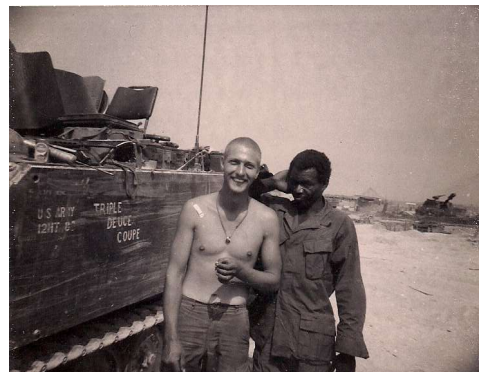
Harless Belcher and Thomas Poldino.
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George Burns from Indiana.jpg
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Malcolm Carroll and Earnest Malone.jpg
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Harless Belcher and Unknown.jpg
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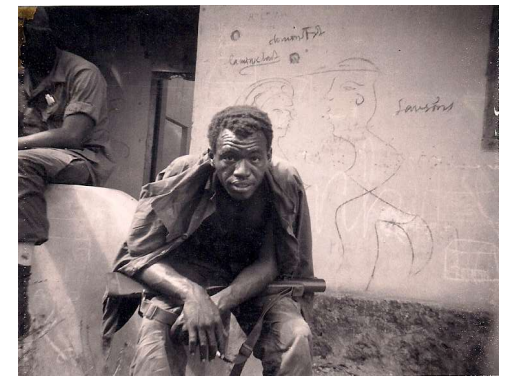
John Combs from Nebraska and Floyd Burnette from North Carolina.jpg (749x675)



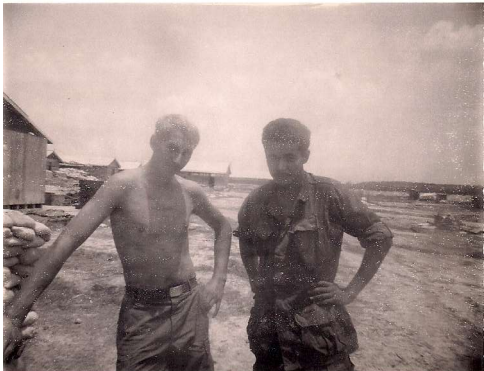
Dennis Bill Ed Danny Conners inside track.jpg (749x675)



Danny Conners from NY.jpg (803x576)



Ernest Malone.jpg (747x576)



Harless Belcher and Kenneth Chinn from Hawaii.jpg (749x675)



Sgt Stoney (Stoneman) from Texas on left.jpg (597x653)



Harless Belcher fall of 1968.jpg (574x851)



SSG Allen from Texas.jpg (749x576)



William Durden from Virginia.jpg
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Harless Belcher with a squad APC.jpg
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Joe Jacob from New York and Gary.jpg
(752x627)



Harless Belcher and Sgt Stoney.jpg
(656x664)



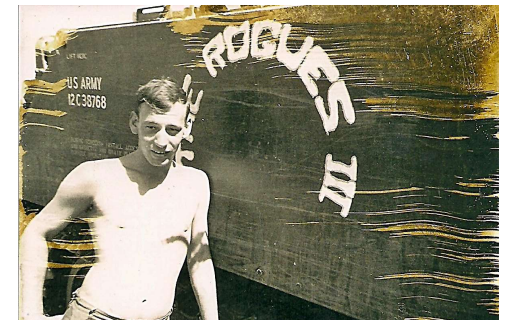
Harless Belcher wife's favorite.jpg
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Augie.jpg (600x656)



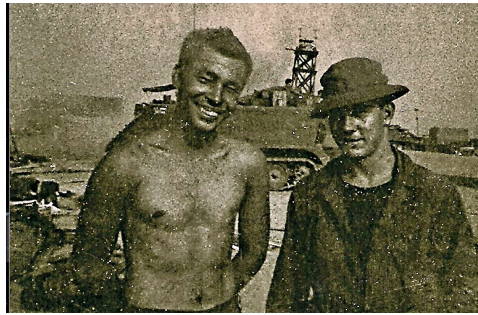
Group on road.jpg (685x984)



Floyd Burnette.jpg (1190x790)



Durden Combs Belcher.jpg (1195x809)



Terry Argenbright and Sam Carter.jpg (1209x781)



Doc Riley, Steve Hamm.jpg (456x616)



Augie with coke girl.jpg (651x688)



HB at Ft Bragg.jpg (614x618)



The bird augie in the 50.jpg (1152x789)



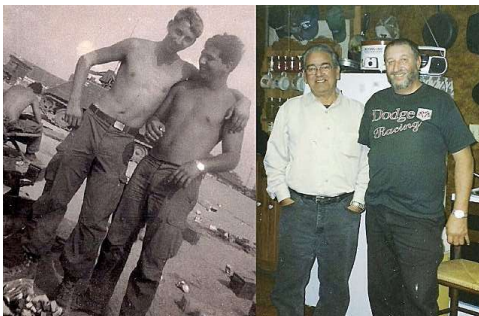
Augie Sam Stoney in back George HB. jpg (1196x789)



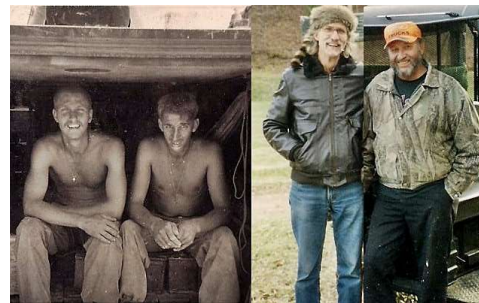
Stoney Augie Sam Malcolm Ed HB.jpg (609x560)



Jim Lally and Harless Belcher then and now.jpg (1000x410)



Harless Bird Belcher and Charlie Paree 1969 and 2010.jpg (640x417)



Malcolm Bulwinkle Carroll and Harless Bird Belcher 1969 and 2010.jpg (640x398)



Harless Belcher and Harold Martin 1969 and 1999.jpg (1115x496)



Bill Williams, James Curry, Lt John Warren.jpg (1171x767)