

# **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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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014 is upon us and it looks to be a great year at the Dalpez CP. While I have retired from Graphic Products, Inc., I will continue my positions as Aid to General Dalpez, and as your President. Many of you have warned me that retirement is a fantasy if one believes it means you can do what you want, when you want. Still, I do wish to continue with those two positions, and will be able to treat myself to a new dream car and a trip to the 22IRS Reunion in Branson, MO., next May. General Dalpez is planning to deploy us to Disneyland in 2014 as well. ... sounds like a great year to me.

At the reunion, we will hold our VN222, Inc. Business Meeting. The Directors' promise to you members is that we will hold an organized meeting that will cover the mandates of our Corporate by-laws, such as the reports from our officers, and issues brought to the attention of our Directors by you Members, and our parent organization, the 22IRS. We will work off of a printed itinerary that will be passed out at the reunion, as well as printed in the NL. So, we will all play off the same page and get our business done quickly and efficiently. Of course, being Triple Deucers, you have the right to throw the plan out the window and tear the place apart anytime you want, but we ask that you to please wait until the meeting is over to have your fun.

Our meeting will start off with the introduction of new members, and telling them about being fully qualified to receive The Order of the Red Ant, and that they may have the sponsor of their choice sign their certificate. We may still play it by ear as to when the awards will be presented—spontaneity has shown its merits in the past, but it has also caused some deserving members to go home without one. So, I will make it clear, that I am the man to see before they leave for home without an ORA around their neck.

Next up, your Officers and Directors will be introduced, and give their reports. ...quickly. Secre-

tary, Dean Springer will read the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer, Jim May will give the Treasurers Report, Chief Locator Dick Nash will give the Locator's Report, and introduce our valued Locators. I will layout the plan for you members to buy me my Presidential APC M113, with engine upgrade, refined interior, and the chrome .50 cal. machine gun on top, and the vehicle numbered C31, after the vintage APC that was destroyed in Jan. 1967, and its successor, which was blown a year later. On second thought, maybe I'll go with a different number. After that, a quick report on our website by our Webmaster, Steve Irvine, and myself, speaking for our Programmer, Harold Metcalf, who will not be in attendance. Then, we will move quickly to the most important part of the meeting, the election of our Directors. Please remember that by our Corporate By-laws, it is the Directors that appoint your officers, and work towards attaining the goals that you members wish to see.

This is the serious part of our meeting, but that doesn't mean that we cannot have some fun with it. Nominees will need to be willing, and available to help us deal with our most important issues, such as our contributions to the All Wars Memorial at the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, GA., the Awb Norris Scholarship Fund, support our Locators, website, newsletter, etc. It is your Directors that will oversee the legacy that Vietnam Triple Deuce Veterans have left to the military history of our nation. As time marches on, those future historians will learn that the VN222 can stand proud with any other fighting machine that the USA has ever produced.

We will close with any questions, thoughts, tirades, and maybe other introductions of notable people that slipped into our meeting as you members indicate. The floor will be yours to decide when the meeting turns back into party-time, mayhem, and general political incorrectness, a personal favorite of mine.

I was very pleased to read in the 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS NL that CSM (ret.) Pete Martinez, DMOR was selected as our Honorary Sergeant Major of the

Regiment. With all the retired Colonels in our two groups we'll need him to help square them away, keep them in line, and help them find their rooms as the parties wear down. I would like to see a better shine on his boots however.

Are you considering attending your first 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS reunion? Well let me assure you that it will be something very special for you. I know the two people putting on the show. Betty Brenneman, and Ken "Lumpy" Schulte, know how to make you feel as if you are part of the family, which you most certainly are. Along with the President of the 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS, Lon Oakley Jr., they are working towards providing an outstanding venue for us to all be together having the time of our lives. The first reunion can be intimidating, until you arrive. Then, you will experience what the rest of us have, and never regret walking through that door. I still have the grin on my face from my first reunion in San Antonio in '03. (Go Spurs! ... please). Grab a buddy to go with you, or bring your wife along. She will love it too, especially meeting the other wives including Betty, another household General, and her Aid, Dwight Brenneman, A/2/22 Boat Original. (Boat Originals are those that went to Nam on the Walker in '66. I'm proud to be one myself.) I'm asking you to take a leap of faith and join us. All members are eager to meet you, and hear of your story from across the pond, and add it to our VN222, and 22<sup>nd</sup> IRS legacy. Gentlemen, check your birth certificate. How many more years can you let this go by? Please, come join us.

Congratulations to our Treasurer, Jim May, for surviving an Elk hunting trip in Oregon with two of my fellow Chargin Charlie brothers, Rich Miller, and Steve Cowlthorp. The elk are still laughing their asses off, and Jim should get out therapy in a year or two. Yep, they got skunked. The guys told me that the temperature changed, so the Elk left. A likely story, but knowing them, it was more like a problem seeing the barn door, let alone hitting it. and they use claymores, not rifles!

That's it for this issue. Thanks for hearing me out, and especially for allowing me to be your President, an honor that has overwhelmed me in a very good way.  
Deeds, not words.

**Lynn Dalpez, DMOR**  
C Co. 4th ID, 65 to 67  
President

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I have been thinking a lot about retirement lately. In fact as of January 1, 2014 I will be officially retired. January 1, 1973 found me as a new employee of Mitchell County as the noxious weed director. It is a job that has evolved over the years. It has allowed me to work with many farmers and land owners and spend time in the great outdoors. It has forced me to learn about noxious weeds, to know various weed eradication modalities, and to address governmental/legislative and consumer concerns. It has been rewarding. But I digress.

Retirement is one of the many experiences a working person has to endure. It is a new beginning -- the third stage of life -- which has its share of joys and sorrows. The first stage my childhood/youth I was born and raised in Tipton, Kansas, I enjoyed the benefits of rural living: hard work, close family ties, hunting and fishing. My dad was a World War II fighter pilot. We had a small two seater private plane that we used for spotting coyotes and other pleasurable activities.

My adult life began in 1966 when I graduated from high school and studied welding at the local vo-tech. On December 6, 1966, I joined the National Guard. After school I went to work for a local farm machinery manufacturer as a welder. My high school sweetheart and I were married. Our first child was born in August of 1967 while I was in basic training. In April 1968, while welding with the radio going in the background, I heard a news flash regarding outfits being called up for active duty. Surprise. Surprise. Our unit was activated. On May 13,

1968. we went to Ft. Hood, Texas. Shortly after, individuals were selected to be sent to Vietnam. February of 1969 I went to Vietnam and settled into Company D 2/22 at Dau Tieng. We did maintenance on the APCs. March 1969 our second child was born. Later on I was on the advance party to move to Tay Ninh to set up the base camp. I returned to the US in August of 1969. We had two more children and later the marriage ended. Around 26 years ago I moved to Beloit, which is the county seat. Vera and I were married in 1991.

After retirement we plan to travel, spend time with our family (we have 5 children, 9 grandchildren and one great grandchild) and friends and enjoy a slower pace. We have some travel plans; have the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel ready to roll and the old Harley dusted off. I have struggled with the thought of not simply retiring but having something to retire to. . I will work in a part time capacity and continue some of my service oriented jobs and hobbies and most likely develop a few more. Recently I added amateur astronomy and beer making to my plans. I view retirement to be the ending of one phase of my life but certainly the beginning of a new one; a time when I will be free as a breeze (and have roughly the same income as one.)

Since my wife's retirement will take place soon after mine I must share some related thoughts. . When I retire I will just switch bosses—from the one who hired me to the one who married me. (those of you who know me know this is already the case). Retirement is the day when I come home from work. . and say Hi, dear, I am home. . forever. It is the time I become her full time job.

All of that being said, pending election results at the next reunion, I may remain the newsletter editor. If you need to reach me, and no one answers. the home phone. . use e mail, the cell phone or text me. . after all I will be retired. . anyway that is how it seems to this old (retired) soldier.

**Dan Streit, D-69**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS at Branson reunion**

The upcoming reunion means it's election time for Vietnam Triple Deuce Board Members. Nominations and seconds may be made on the VN 222 Group e-mail or by submitting the nominations and seconds directly to Dean Springer, secretary [desprin@hotmail.com](mailto:desprin@hotmail.com) or 218-244-2326. Ballot preparation will be much easier if Dean has the names of all the nominees as soon as possible.

As a reminder, there are five Board positions. The elected Board Members are the only Officers who vote on VN 222 issues. Their first order of business is to elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Board also appoints other officers, such as the Chief Locator, Web Master, Newsletter Editor and Quartermaster.

Election to the Board and acceptance of an appointment as an Officer require that the individual have the desire and the time that is necessary to devote to VN 222 activities. There is much to do and much that needs to be done.

## **GREETING MY BROTHERS**

BRANSON REUNION— January has arrived and time to start the count down to close the loop on any outstanding items for Stand Down in Branson. Pam Brown, Betty Brenneman, Ken Schulte and I wired our heads together and made sure we have good handle on things. I want a solid agenda in stone by first of the year so our brothers can access on either 22IRS site and/or Gatherings Plus website. I know there continues to be some message traffic regarding some of the costs ,etc. We will try to make that as clear as possible with a reminder we are welcoming anyone who wants to attend as long as we have room and they pay as they go for whatever events they want to participate in. I believe the Grand Pavilion at The hotel can house over 300 for the Saturday night banquet. I want to take a

moment to give big thanks to Bruce and Sue Gass for working with the local VVA in Branson to make sure we have color guard for Saturday night. Also to Bruce for coming up with a "50-50" Raffle to generate funds for Awb Norris Scholarship Fund. That will be out of the way before our regular raffle event gets underway.

COMP ROOMS- Guys I have been assured we will have four comp standard rooms to use for any brothers with the need. I will depend on you guys to alert me to those situations as they come to light. Otherwise it appears room registration is going well. Newsletters from 22IRS and Vietnam Triple Deuce will have information and cut off dates in next issues as a reminder.

CD- The CD for Saturday's HITS OF THE 60s salute to 22IRS is coming together. Of course we have about 100 times as many photos as we can use that have been suggested but I am tinkering with a way we could not only give them the 30-35 they need for the production, but maybe use ALL OF THEM on a CD set to music that we make available in 22IRS store so we could generate some revenue through donations. I have a daughter who has said she can help me with that.

22IRS COIN- Jim May and I will bring all the 22IRS coins we have to Branson so brothers can pick them up for a suggested donation price. Jim will have that posted once we get there. It is my hope we don't bring any home

22IRS REUNION GIFT TO ATTENDEES- Still looking for ideas on a gift we can give each of our attendees. Several suggestions have come in to include coffee cup or nice coasters like ones first given out in Orlando. Unit price for gift at \$5 per head would cost us under \$2000. Let me know if you have an idea please. We need to get that going in January for sure. Pam Brown said we can drop ship stuff to her for safe keeping if need be.

Now three final topics that continue to be on the minds of many of us

1) MONUMENT AT INFANTRY MUSEUM FT BENNING - 4thID and 25th ID have their monuments in place. As I understand it we still have a place reserved but we are not a division and fund raising for the monument has hit a glass ceiling that needs to be broken. Do we continue with the idea on the table now or look to scale down the project to try and reach a less expensive goal? I am open to hearing what anyone has to say but I know this project is not moving as quickly as we would like.

2) AWB NORRIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND- We have an excellent plan and worthy candidates for scholarship money. I am asking Skip to take one last hard run at this and give us his best guess on when we can make this a reality? Yes, I know it all comes back to dollars available to do it!

3) SOCIETY vs. ASSOCIATION - I continue to have conversations regarding us remaining a society while all other military organizations around us are labeling themselves associations. We have a long and proud heritage as a society and we need to consider what our founders had in mind before bringing this issue to a vote. Just think it over and be ready to give your input since we tabled it at last reunion.

As always so many of us find ourselves even busier in retirement than if we were still in the everyday workforce. My Brothers keep chagrin' and let's have a grand time together in Branson.

**LON OAKLEY JR A-69**  
President 22nd IRS

**High on your list of  
resolutions for 2014  
Submit your story, thoughts or  
feedback to your  
TRIPLE DEUCE NEWSLETTER**

## KIA's PICTURES SOUGHT

We have talked quite a bit about our project to place a picture of each of the 339 KIA's from Triple Deuce's Nam time onto our web site. Now you can see what we are going to achieve by looking at just exactly that project completed by Charlie Company, 3/22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry. Click their web site at Charlie Company 3/22, and if you will take a moment to look it up and click on the KIA link, you can see what Vietnam Triple Deuce will make happen with your help.

We must have you take the time to submit to your company locator, me ([nash222@frontiernet.net](mailto:nash222@frontiernet.net)), or Steve Irvine ([svirvine@gmail.com](mailto:svirvine@gmail.com)) a copy of any picture you have of one or more of our Brothers lost in Vietnam. Any information about the circumstances of that death, and any tribute you may want to make to that Brother can be sent but are not required. A list of the company locators is in this newsletter. All that is needed is a good copy of the pictures (keep the precious original).

If all else fails, bring the pictures to the Branson reunion in Spring 2014. We will have scanning equipment there to make sure that every picture is recorded and returned to its owner. Deeds, Not Words, Brothers. This one is very important to the legacy we leave.

**Dick Nash-** Chief Locator  
A Co. & HHC 1969

## LIPP REPORTS GOOD NEWS

I received a kidney transplant from a 30 year old heart death on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013. I was released and returned home Monday, Oct. 28th. and I am doing wonderful.

Thanks to all who stood by me during my 3 years and 5 months of daily dialysis. Approx. 1245 days straight.  
Love and Best Wishes to all,

**Bill Lipp** A 68/69

## VISIT TO FT. DRUM N.Y. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 22<sup>nd</sup> Inf, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div

I attended two significant events at Fort Drum, NY, 24 and 25 October 2013. Pete Gaworecki met me at the Syracuse Airport and we drove to Fort Drum, picked up room keys and went directly to the Bn Memorial site where Pete had been working on the memorial area for several days. I helped him finish mounting the Operational Name plaque and SSG Michael H. Ollis' name plaque to the memorial pedestal.



**Services to Honor SSG Michael H. Ollis:** 24 October 2013 – 1400 Hrs at Battalion Memorial site, attended with key Bn/Bde Leadership personnel a small family memorial for SSG Ollis. SSG Ollis' parents, Robert and Linda Ollis and other family members attended. SSG Ollis' Father is a Vietnam Veteran. SSG Ollis was born on 16 September 1988, in Staten Island, NY and enlisted in the Army on 3 August 2006. He was killed in action at FOB Ghazni, Afghanistan on 28 August 2013.



SSG Ollis had numerous awards and decorations including the Silver Star, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Air Assault Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

24 October 2013 – 1630 Hrs at the Commons Facility, attended 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team Memorial and Silver Star Award Presentation. Chaplain (CPT) Jason H. Byers opened the service with an invocation. Tribute speakers included COL Stephen L. Michael, 1<sup>st</sup> BCT Cdr and MG Stephen J. Townsend, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div CG. Silver Star Award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ollis by MG Townsend. Taps, Amazing Grace on Bag Pipes and a moment of silence was followed by the Benediction. Dawn Espisito (Gold Star Mother) was also in attendance.

#### **Change of Command, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 22<sup>nd</sup> Inf, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div:**

25 October 2013 – 1000 Hrs at McGrath Gym, attended Change of Command Ceremony



for 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment. LTC Brett T. Funck relinquished command to LTC Robert J. Schexnayder.

LTC Schexnayder has spent 9 years off and on in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div/Bde/Bn and took A Co, 2/22 to Bosnia under LTC Mike Steele. Also went to Normandy with LTC Steele and did the water/run to the beach and on up to the high ground. He is a West Point graduate and his awards and decorations include the Ranger Tab, CIB, EIB, Senior



Parachutist Badge, Pathfinders Badge and Air Assault Badge. Foreign awards include German Jump Wings, Polish Jump Wings, Russian Jump Wings and Venezuelan Jump wings.

LTC Funck, the previous Bn Cdr had commanded the Battalion since 27 May 2011, in His farewell address, he referred to us as the “old goat squad” and I feel sure we will be seeing more of him.

**Ed Schultz, HCOR/DMOR**



Pictured here (L to R) are **Joe Fraser**, Ct./Fl, **Lou Gross**, MI, **Paige Lanier**, CO, **Dick Leins**, AR/PA, **Rich Martin**, MI, **Rich Wylie**, PA, Capt. **Ken Both** (the Birthday Boy in front), **Gary Hartt**, OR, **Bruce Blakeslee**, FL, **Dwight Brennerman**, FL (missing from photo, **Alan Davis**, AR, and **Ed Davis**, NJ)

## CELEBRATING Capt. Ken Both's Birthday

November 9th, 2013...

The guys from A Company, 2/22 helped celebrate their Company Commander's 80th Birthday! Robyn, Ken Both's wife went all out with entertaining and inviting the guys (and gals) and hosting a wonderful surprise party (and breakfast to boot) for Ken at their home in Las Vegas.... !And the guys came from all over the country to join in the occasion!

After all the years, this was an amazing tribute to an Officer that these men of A Company served under in Vietnam, as they have always held him in the highest esteem. There were others that couldn't make it due to other commitments and health reasons, however, all of A Company was there in spirit. The girls of the group are in the background of this photo, but all that attended, along with Ken's many friends and family...about 60 in all, had a wonderful time surprising him for his very special birthday!

Of course, since we were all together again...we toured Vegas, went on a cruise on Lake Mead, visited several casinos...played a

couple slot machines (just to help the economy there!... but none of us needed a truck to bring home any money!) and we all had a truly wonderful time, once again, "Friends Forever"!

Betty Brennerman

## VIETNAM MUST HAVE BEEN A BAD DREAM

I may have to quit the 2-22 Regiment Society & the Vietnam Triple Deuce organizations. I recently tried to schedule an agent orange screening with the VA and was informed that they have no record of me serving in Vietnam. I of course starting laughing and said to them are you F\*\*\*ing kidding. I guess the 366 days in country, walking point for 7 months, 3 Purple hearts, almost dying of malaria, jungle rot, going weeks on end without showers, lack of sleep and good food was all a F\*\*\*ing dream ( or maybe a nightmare). I guess the idiots at the VA have been sending me a disability check since 1969 for nothing. I was going to ask them if they wanted me to bring in my Purple Hearts, bring in X-rays to show them the shrapnel and a piece of bullet that I brought home as souvenirs and show them my scars. I had to send them my DD214 as proof of service.

I had a good laugh with the woman that called me back to schedule my appointment. She said that I should enjoy my screening, the woman doctor doing the testing spent 3 tours in recent years in Iraq and Afghanistan and loves talking to combat veterans. In case I get there and the VA somehow loses me in their system again I may be putting in a panic call to a number of you to vouch for me. Let me know if I can remain in both of our organizations or do I have to send in F\*\*\*ing proof.

Hope to see all of you as a full member in both organizations in Branson unless I have to sign up as an associate.

**Bob Price B 67/68**



## GUEST BOOK Hits

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I was reading the latest news letter Sept 2013, article by **John Eberwine** Remember the situation at the culvert my \*! mortar plt was securing the highway at the time C2/22, 1968 remembering the RTO taking off his equip. and laying it down and following the wire. Camp at Quarry below Nui Ba Din at night

Posted on: Sunday - Sep 22, 2013

Name: **Butch Chavez**

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I'm friends with two of your warriors here in Pueblo. **Rudy Sandoval** who is my therapist and **John Holland**. Both are very honorable men and if the rest of the Triple Duece are like them then you all are awesome! Thank you for your service and WELCOME HOME!!

Posted on: Monday - Oct 28, 2013

Name: **Ed Smith**

Location: Montevallo, Al.

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Served with C-2-22 mortars for a short time in March 1969. Don't remember any names or even faces but I have often visited this site. Thanks to all who have kept this site going for all these years. Welcome home!

Posted on: Monday - Oct 28, 2013

Name: **Richard Center**

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I was in C Company 2nd 22nd from 6/68 until 6/69, **Lt Warren** was our LT, who got the Medal of honor, that day I lost 4 guys in my squad, **Paul Stone, Dave Adams**, and others

Posted on: Saturday - Nov 9, 2013

Name: **Vernon Evans**

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Boat Original- Hope you all have a great Veteran's Day! HHQ, and A co. 1966-1967. Check out [www.lestweforget.org](http://www.lestweforget.org) It's a great organization dedicated to educating schools, and everyone about what our veterans went through to stay free. Thank you, and WELCOME HOME!

Posted on: Monday - Nov 11, 2013

Name: **KIRK OLSEN**

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Just want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Smiley

Posted on: Tuesday - Nov 26, 2013

Name: **Larry Nuckolls**

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I just wanted to let everyone know that **Joe Spado** just passed, while on a trip to South Dakota. I believe it was a heart attack. He served with B 2/22(M) from about Feb '69 to Feb '70 in the 81mm mortar platoon.

Posted on: Monday - Dec 2, 2013

## NEW FINDS

### **Willis E. Cobb, III**

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B Co. & HHC, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Apr 69 to Apr 70

Bill would like to locate **Bob Hurd & Joe Krock**, both from Chicago (I have sent contact info of Joe Krock.), **Jack "Old Man" Williams** from South Carolina and **Larry Kassnavoid**. Bill writes, "I served about 9 months in B company then was transferred to Headquarters Company and operated a radar unit until DEROS."

### **Fred Gibbs**

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C Co., 25th ID, Oct 68 to Nov 69.

"Thank you for what you do. For forty years, I wake up grateful to see another day. This is all "Frosting on the Cake." "Earn this, earn it." A quote from the movie *Saving Private Ryan*. Never, ever forget our friends that did not make it back alive.

### **John Schultz**

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Long Prairie, MN 56347  
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D Co., 25th ID, Nov 69 to Nov 70

John would like to locate **Dwight Race, Charles Gibbs, Ernie Schultz, Mike Leadbetter, Rick Alderson**.

### **Kenneth NC. Drum**

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Charlie Co., 25th ID, Mar 69 to Jun 69

Ken would like to contact **Ken Zipp, Ron Dennis** and **Gary Fassett**. Ken writes, "Ron Davis and I arrived at Dau Tieng together and after a while became track drivers. I drove over a land mine around the end of May 1969 and lost part of my left thumb and had wounds to my left foot and leg. Gary Fassett was my track commander and went to Japan with me. I've always wanted to talk to whoever pulled me out of my track after I hit the mine. I received a medical retirement with the card. It's been one hell of a ride. I am now retired from the Army Corps of Engineers."

### **Robert L. Noon**

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Alpha Co., 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Jan 65 to Apr 66

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Recon Platoon, Nov 67 to Nov 68

Ray would like to get in touch with **Doc John Prpich, John Germick, Jake Jones, David Reese, Eloy Lozano, Lt Erik Opsahl** and any other Recon guys he served with.

### **Jerry R. Buckner**

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HHC, Sep 66 to Dec. 67

Ken writes, "I took basic training with Charlie Co., 2BN, 22 INF. After basic I got transferred to the support platoon in HHC. I went to Nam on the General Nelson M. Walker."

## HELLOES & COMMENTS

**Thomas J. Taluzek**

630-985-1397

B Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Sep 66 to Sep 67

"Willie Smith, Skip LaCass, Ray Lee, Tom Izbicki, Chuck Anderson and I regularly meet at the DAV."

**George W. Obrien**

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C Co. & HHC, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Mar 68 to Apr 69

"Hope to see you in Branson at the reunion."

**Butch Jones**

A Co. 2nd Plt, 2nd Sq. 68-69

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Ok guys, I spent \$ 800.00 this week end on airline tickets for my wife and I to go to the Branson 2/22 reunion. It would be nice to see ALL of you this April.

## TAPS

**James J. Pasquale C Co. 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> ID, 67-68**

Margo Pasquale, Jim's wife, informed me that after a long illness Jim passed away on 10-13-2013. Jim served in C-2/22/4th and 25th Divisions in 67 and 68. He was a participant in the Battles of Soui Tre and Soui Cut(BURT). Per Jim's request his final services will be performed by the Neptune Society only.

Condolences may be sent to Margo Pasquale...2226 247th St...Lomita, CA 90717.  
 By **Norman T.Nishikubo**

**Wayne McDole** 60, of Louisville KY served in A 2-22 25th Div 1970 and died 2 Jan 2011.

*He was a retired Chief Fireman on the Bell of Louisville, an U.S. Army Veteran and a decorated Vietnam veteran. He was preceded in death by grandmother, Anna Myrtle McDole and grandfather, Marcus McDole. He is survived by his mother, Myrtle Braye and brothers, Joe Davis (Pat) and Aaron Braye (Vicky). Burial was in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY. Cremation was chosen. - See more at:*

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/louisville/obituary.aspx?pid=147757065#sthash.388pCzSP.dpuf>

**John C Keinroth** of Independence, Iowa, born 28 Oct 1946 and died 6 Oct 2011. He served in A 2-22 25th Div July 1970 and some other unit until DEROS July 1971. John had been located and sent newsletters, but never joined the Society. His Obit read:

*John C. Keinroth, 64, of Independence, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo. Inurnment: Woodlawn Cemetery, Oelwein. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, where a military memorial service will be held at 7 p.m.*

*John was born Oct. 28, 1946, in Chicago, Ill., the son of Frank and Clarice (O'Neill) Keinroth. At the age of five John moved with his family to Oelwein, Iowa, where he graduated from high school. He attended North Iowa Community College, Mason City, for several years. He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from July 10, 1969, through July 9, 1971. Following his discharge John became employed with the Fareway Stores, working in Ottumwa before becoming store manager in Independence in 1991. He was married to Renee M. Kanne on March 20, 1990, in Las Vegas, Nev.*

*He was a member of the Independence Rotary, Independence Ambassadors, American Legion and VFW.*

*He is survived by his wife, Renee; three sons, David (Piper) Keinroth of Sioux Falls, S.D., Jeff (Lisa) Keinroth of Waukeet and Andrew Keinroth of Independence; two grandchildren, Mason and Hutton Keinroth; a sister, Barb (Bernard) Shannon of Oelwein; and a brother, Frank Keinroth of Enid, Okla.*

*John was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Gail Keinroth, in infancy.*

By **Jim Ross (A 2-22 1970)**

**Rickey Skains**, A Co. 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Aug 69 to Aug 70

**Rickey Skains (04-25-2013)**  
Funeral services for Rickey Skains, age 64, of Bastrop, LA, were 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at the Chapel of Golden Funeral Home with Revs. Rubin Weaver and Paul Carter officiating. Interment followed in the Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery, Farmerville, LA. Mr. Skains, a retired employee of G.P. in Crossett, AR and member of Faith Baptist Church, passed away Friday, April 19, 2013 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Monroe. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam war and recipient of two Purple Hearts. His pride and joy was his two grandchil-

dren. He also received great pleasure through helping others by using his various talents, such as welding and building.

Mr. Skains is survived by his wife, Peggy Skains; son, Chad Fisher and wife Shelley of Bastrop, LA; mother, Linnie Mae Skains of Farmerville, LA; sister, Judy Dison of Farmerville, LA; two brothers, Kim Skains and wife Gloria and Mickey Skains both of Farmerville, LA; two Grandchildren, Madison Fisher and Zoey Fisher and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Arley Skains.

I just wanted to let everyone know that **Joe Spado** just passed, while on a trip to South Dakota. I believe it was a heart attack. He served with B 2/22(M) from about Feb '69 to Feb '70 in the 81mm mortar platoon.

**Larry Nuckolls**  
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## JUST DO IT—NOW

New Year's Eve is like every other night; there is no pause in the march of the universe, no breathless moment of silence among created things that the passage of another twelve months may be noted; and yet no man has quite the same thoughts this evening that come with the coming of darkness on other nights. - Hamilton Wright Mabie. Since many readers have already made New Years Resolutions which 45% of the population usually do, since only 10% of people over 50 (are any of us that old??) achieve their resolution each year, and only 46% maintain the resolution beyond 6 months, perhaps our readers would be better advised to follow the Nike slogan and **JUST DO IT** when it comes to contributing to YOUR 2-22 Newsletter

As they say on the public radio/TV station (only slightly paraphrased ) Readers like you are what make the newsletter meaningful and keep it going. Your contributions are essential.