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22nd Infantry Regiment

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again Triple Deucers,

Hey, we are getting real close to reunion time again. If you haven't made that decision to go yet, it's time. Nuff said.

In this issue you will again find the order form for a memorial brick at the Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning Georgia. Vietnam Triple Deuce would like to make an offer to those of you who are reading this but are having some money trouble right now.

We have always offered a loan program to any of our members who may need assistance in financing a reunion trip, and we'd like to extend that offer to you who need a little help with getting your brick in place at the museum (forever). We will cover the \$200 fee for placing a brick in your honor with the understanding that you will pay us back whenever you can, no interest, no payment plan. When you get the bucks, pay the loan with no complications. And these transactions will be completely confidential between you and our Treasurer, Jim May. I don't know how much easier it can be made to get your name among the 40 plus bricks already in place as a legacy to your time in the Triple Deuce. Jim's contact info is on the front page of this newsletter. Use it...

Dick Nash , A Co. & HHC, 69

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The next Reunion is just around the corner, so if you haven't registered and made your reservations, get your ass in gear and move like you've got a purpose. If you haven't requested a paver for the National Infantry Museum, you need to do that as well. Our Brothers who fell in battle are memorialized on the Wall, but this is a way for those of us who survived to be remembered as well.

There is a notice in this newsletter about a reunion for the men who fought in the Battle of Suoi Tre, as well as a stirring account by one of the men who fought in it. This largely forgotten battle was the biggest one Triple Deuce was involved in during the Viet Nam war, and the men who fought in it deserve recognition. Within the next couple months I will be publishing a novel based on the events of this battle, and I have to say that researching and writing this book have been both an inspiration and a revelation. This was 3rd Brigade at its finest, with outstanding courage shown by the men of Triple Deuce, 3rd of the 22nd Infantry, 2nd of the 12th Infantry, 2nd of the 77th Artillery, and 2nd of the 34th Armor, supported by 145th Combat Aviation and other aviation and artillery units. The battle earned Triple Deuce a Presidential Unit Citation.

If you are interested, the novel will be titled BODY COUNT.

DEEDS NOT WORDS

David Allin, A Co. & HHC, 69-70

REUNION UPDATE

The 22nd Infantry Regiment Society reunion has been rescheduled for September 30 to October 3, 2021. It will still be in Dallas, TX. If you registered for the original date, last year, and submitted your registration fees to the 22nd IRS, those fees carry over to the new date. To verify your registration status, contact **Martin Oelklaus**:

moelklaus@aol.com [If no email, call 816-805-0845]

If you made hotel reservations for any of the previously scheduled dates, those were canceled, and you will need to make new reservations. It will be at the Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central. The link for making hotel reservations is on the 22nd IRS website (www.vietnamtripledeuce.org), or you can contact the hotel directly at (972)234-3300. Be sure to let them know you are with the 22nd IRS reunion to get the special rate.

WEBSITE UPDATE

There are new items on the VN222 website (www.vietnamtripledeuce.org). You can read about the latest items in the Announcements and New Items section. These include hundreds of map locations for fire support bases, and daily locations for each unit in the 2nd of the 22nd Infantry from January 1967 through December 1968 and more.

Also, if you scan through the picture albums and recognize someone, send the webmaster (Steve Irvine, svirvine@gmail.com) the person's name. If you have ideas for the website, let Steve know.

NOTICE

**If your mailing label shows
“2020” then your membership is
expiring and you need to send
in your dues.
ASAP**

NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM LEGACY PAVER UPDATE

Below are the 35 22d Regiment Paver names currently in section 22A at NIM as of 1 June 2021 (in alphabetical order and extracted from attached photo). Please check spelling of what we have listed and my apologies if I can't read from photo correctly. Also, I need help from anyone who has submitted a form but does not see their names in 22A yet. (Give me the submission payment details and I will track)

PLEASE NOTE: If you have existing paver at NIM, we can get a duplicate made and placed in 22A if you desire. We cannot move your existing paver, since it is a different material than the ones in 22A now. Contact Lon Oakley (LDo82288@icloud.com) for questions or details. We will have an update on the Pavers project and forms available at the Reunion for anyone still wanting to get a Paver. Remember, you can also use the form from the newsletters to submit to NIM. Cutoff date to NIM is 10/8/21 to get it done for Veterans Day Dedication Ceremony at NIM.

Lon Oakley 3rd Plt, Alpha Co, 1969



NATHANIEL "DOC" AGUIRRE
 DAVID ALLIN
 WILLIAM ALLISON
 PATRICK ATKINS
 HAROLD BALTZEY
 DENNIS BOTH
 DALE CHUHA
 DUANE CLEFISCH
 DAVID CROCKER
 DENNIS DI BON
 SKIP FAHEL
 JOSEPH FRASER
 JEROME GIANNAPOULIS
 ROGER D. HARRIS
 CHARLES "BUTCH" JONES
 JOS ED KASPRZAK
 MICHAEL KUSH
 WILLIAM LECHNER
 DENNIS LUIZ
 SALVADOR MARTINEZ
 JIM MAY
 ERIC MCKINNEY
 DAVID MILEWSKI
 RICHARD NASH
 WILLIAM NELSON
 AWBREY G. NORRIS
 LON OAKLEY
 MARTIN OEKLAUS
 WARREN OLDHAM
 PAUL O'LEARY
 DENNIS OTTER
 ARLEY PHILLIPS
 KENNETH SCHULTE
 EDWARD SCHULTZ
 BRUCE SEWALL
 TED SIBERELS
 CHARLES TRENT
 DENNIS WALKER
 ERNIE WALLEN
 MARK WOEMPNER

SUOI TRE REUNION

We are having a 55th Anniversary reunion of the Battle of Soui Tre 17th to the 22nd of March 2022 in Colorado Springs, Colorado . We understand it's early, but we would like to get a tentative count on how many will attend.

This will include wives and family members. If you know any relatives of the fallen or wives and family members of a recently deceased Battle of Soui Tre Veteran, please let us know so we can invite them to attend.

The Hotel Elegante and Ft Carson will be accommodating us with activities and special room rates. Looking forward to seeing everyone together again.

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SUOI TRE REMEMBERED

(Editor's Note: This letter was sent to me as research for my upcoming book, a novel based on the real events of the Battle of Suoi Tre. It comes from a soldier from our sister battalion, 3/22 Infantry, and vividly describes the battle and our battalion's arrival just in time to avert the base being overrun.)

March 21, 1967

I was a rifleman recently transferred to 2nd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, based at Dau Tieng; from 2nd Platoon, Company B, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, based at Tay Ninh when the battle occurred.

The 1st Platoon ambush patrol was supposed to come in and we were preparing to go out on patrol as soon as they entered the perimeter. We heard small arms fire that quickly increased. We attempted to return to our positions on the perimeter, but they were already overrun! Bob Fell and I managed to gain the cover of a shallow ravine that bisected our perimeter just to the left of an M-60 machine gun position. We were defending our position in that ravine. Bob Fell got wounded with what looked like a small steel dart which stuck in the lower rear of his head. I removed the dart from his head and tied on a field dressing as best I could. We had been using grenades and rifle fire to keep the VC from passing up the ravine into our perimeter. We ran out of grenades, and they were still trying to come up the ravine, so we hollered to the M-60 gun crew and began low-crawling to their

position. We continued firing from there as artillery and air strikes hit just beyond our perimeter. The concussions, smells, and noise were unbelievable!

At one point, as I ducked down to reload, Bob Love from the M-60 crew went up and started firing. A mortar round went off under his arm. I got a shrapnel wound on my left index finger which I didn't know about until I was trying to help Love. He dropped down and I tried to recover his weapon. Only a part of the action and stock remained. Blood was pumping out of his left arm, so I tied on a tourniquet and prayed for help while continuing to fire.

We were running low on ammo when we saw the APC's and tanks entering our perimeter. I was so thankful I cried. One APC maneuvered in front of our position, and they open a small door on the back and pulled us in. They got us to the center of the perimeter where a chopper medevacked us to Cu Chi. I was really surprised they were able to save Bob Love's arm. As I recall, he lost two fingers.

God willing, I'll never go through that kind of thing again as long as I live! It still gets to me, usually at night or when I smell gunpowder or blood, though I try and try to put it behind me and just be thankful.

Andrew M. Stanley

(More editor's notes: The 105mm howitzers at the fire support base used beehive rounds for the very first time ever in combat during that battle, which may account for the metal dart Andrew found. The APCs that came to the rescue were from Charlie Company, Alpha Company, and Recon Platoon, Triple Deuce, along with tanks from Second of the Thirty-Fourth Armor. The howitzers belonged to Second of the Seventy-Seventh Artillery. It was truly an

epic battle, with over 800 Viet Cong killed. Thirty-one Americans were killed, and 187 wounded.)

APPEAL

We always need more stuff for the newsletter. I received some recently, but I can always use more. Please send in any stories or articles that are appropriate. Don't worry if they aren't polished—I'll edit and massage them to make them entertaining. Send them to dnjallin@gmail.com. Thanks

INFORMATION REQUESTS

Re: George Haddox

My name is Jody Broom. I'm a 32-year-old man from Columbia, MS. I've recently become interested in family genealogy and want to try to correspond with some men who may have known my great-uncle, George Henry Haddox (SP4, B Co, 2nd Bn 22nd Inf, 4th Inf Div). I know that he began his tour in September 1966 and was killed in action on 13 January 1967. I'd love to find some radio transcriptions or commander notes from the time, but I know these documents are tough to locate. Thanks for your time, your help, and your service.

Jody Broom
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Re: Original Boat People

My name is Kaleb Dissinger, and I'm curator of uniforms, textiles, and personal equipage at the US Army Heritage & Education Center, in Carlisle, PA. I'm writing to you because we're in the middle of updating all of our artifact catalog records. The collection I'm currently working on contains a number of canvas berths from the USNS General Nelson M. Walker, which were removed and preserved by Art Beltrone's "Vietnam Graffiti" project 20 years or so ago. To the point however, the berth I'm currently working on has three names I'm trying to get information on for the following individuals:

SP/4 Roy Taylor
SP/4 Tom Ebert
PFC William Terebayza.

Under Taylor's name on the berth is his unit: Headquarters & Headquarters Co., 2nd Battalion (MECH), 22nd Infantry, with some additional information. Terebayza's unit is not listed. The ink and handwriting appear to be the same. The dates for sailing, or at least written down is 22 September 1966. Ebert's listing is in different ink, he too left from Fort Lewis is September '66, so I'm guessing he may also have been in the same outfit.

Ultimately, I'm wondering if you, or any of your members can confirm that Terabayza was in HHC, 2nd BN, and also if anyone has additional information on Taylor. A quick hunt through ancestry didn't turn up anything with a positive match. So he may still be alive, or perhaps additional information may help confirm his identity. I know Terebayza passed on in 2014. I have

not yet done any digging for Ebert, but if you're able to provide any information, I'd be most appreciative.

Thanks much,

Kaleb Dissinger, CIV USARMY AWC (USA)
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Re: Andrew Short

My cousin Sp4 Andrew J. Short, III served B-2/22 Inf Dec 66 to his death 17MAY67 as described so well by Skip Fahel. In looking at my cousin's profile shown on The Virtual Wall, I noticed that there was no CIB awarded. His MOS was welder but obviously he was serving as 11B20. Does anyone have a copy of blanket orders from the time that may list him and maybe the other 6 who died that day?

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IN MEMORIAM: GARY HARTT

Gary Hartt passed away in the early morning on January 25, 2021. It is with this sad news that so much has to be said about this "gentle giant"! Gary didn't always get along with some, but to many he was one so loved and cared about in so many ways, because. . .he was himself and you have to love and appreciate him for that!

Without Gary Hartt, many of the 2/22nd, A Company guys, and other outfits, would have never re-united; but he did it! He found them across the country, and because of him, so many of the units have since gotten together, not only for the 22nd Infantry Regiment's Reunions, but many smaller gatherings. That has since happened many times, and we all have remained close friends, because Gary made those phone calls in 2000. He continued trying to find many of the guys from that day on.

I have been with Dwight since 1975 and he never spoke about his tour in Vietnam, nor did he ever suggest getting together with any of "the guys," his "brothers," other than a couple close friends from the service that he had kept in contact with. They were mostly from areas close by that a few were inducted from. So many had moved, changed addresses, gone on with their new lives after Vietnam, and then Gary started looking up ALL THE GUYS, starting with A Company. He continued through many years, looking up many in the 25th Infantry, and he continued to find many, some who joined in with the group in many reunions.

It all began when in 2000, Gary phoned, and he suggested the guys get together at a 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion in St. Louis (most were never aware of any reunions before Gary's call). That's the first reunion Dwight and I attended, as did many others from A Company, and I must say, I did have to convince Dwight to go. Great things then happened and continue to happen, with friends and "brothers" from the past and so many others we have met at reunions throughout the years. After the first reunion in St. Louis, we all started planning for many "mini-reunions"

in recent years. We decided every 18 months was too long to wait to get together again!

Now, years later, many others have joined at the Infantry Regiment reunions and "mini-reunions," some bringing family and friends. Having these people attend with the veterans was an important aspect of getting the Veterans to open up and discuss their times and pent-up feelings, for long-needed sharing of their stories.

It was absolutely a time to remember, in St. Louis to start, with most of the guys getting together for the first time in so many years. They were so "reunited" with good stories and camaraderie that they enjoyed every moment of getting together. It wasn't a time of dwelling on the terrible times in war, it was more of a gathering of friendship and reconnecting with each other. The wives also were ready to befriend each other, for they have lived the lives of the Veterans and could immediately connect. We all have remained that way to this day.

I have always felt, from day one on our first trip to the 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunion, that the wives were a huge part of getting the guys to open up and feel as though they were a group, brothers that went through an experience that had to be shared with all, including family, wives, children, etc. Since we had all decided that 18 months was too long to wait to see each other again, we made a decision to have mini reunions in between the Regiment reunions. Now, to date, we have had many: several in Florida, four in Tennessee, two in Michigan, and cruises to the Caribbean and even Alaska, with our "Friends Forever". Each time we have more joining in.

It was Gary that started this "get-together" effort with reuniting "brothers", and it worked, for all the veterans, family and friends!

What great tribute to Gary!

These are the REAL Friends...the "old, new" friends that we still are enjoying every time we get together! Friends who all have the same feelings for Veterans and their wives. We have all had hopefully many new friends, but, "Brothers are Forever", and they always be. And we all have had the wonderful feelings for all: "Brothers and Wives" as well.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Gary's family, Scarlett and daughters that have had a terrible loss. But to know that Gary had done so much for so many must help them know how everyone feels their loss as well.

Gary will always be remembered in love, and sometimes laughter, sometimes just being himself, and sometimes being a butthead when he wanted to be. But God Bless, we all love Gary, and he will be remembered always by all of us who knew and loved him, and who accepted him as he was. And we all enjoyed many happy times together and will remember them as well!

Donations will go to the Oregon Vietnam Veterans Wall where Gary and Scarlett read the names each year, and in the summer of 2021, the family is planning to have a "Celebration of Life" Memorial service for Gary at that location. The service is planned for July 9th at 10:30 a.m. at Willamette National Cemetery. The Memorial is at a pond where the Hartts had the Veterans picnic every summer, the

following day, July 10. Scarlett has welcomed anyone who wishes to attend.

Betty Brenneman
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HELLOS & COMMENTS

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