



“THE IVY DRAGOONS DISPATCH”

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TAX RELIEF...

Many veterans fall under the category of 100% Permanent and Total Disability due to combat. Many States offer TAX RELIEF for the veterans under this category. Taxes that are paid by escrow accounts can be reimbursed and in most cases it is 100% of the tax for the county and city. Either the city or county will write for verification. This should be done after the first of the year, each year as a renewal.

Check with the court house of your county and city and/or your local tax collector. Take the following:

1. DD214
2. A copy of Army or VA disability rating.

The Lighter side of Vietnam/Military Service

We are looking for humorous stories from your Vietnam or military service. Please submit your story to the editors, Ken Howe or Levie Isaacks or to chapter president, Steve Edmunds. Please try to keep your story limited to 500 words

President's Message...

As 2005 winds down, I take some time to reflect on this past year. The major event of the year was our reunion in Las Vegas. The biggest and best reunion to date!! More information follows in this newsletter. Of equal significance is that we have added about 65 newly found Brothers to our roster and have been in contact with several families of our “gone, but not forgotten” Brothers. With your help, many questions that have lingered for years with these families have been answered. In an effort to raise money for our chapter, we have made available several items: polo shirts and baseball caps with our logo embroidered on them and a new challenge coin, which was introduced at the reunion. This coin was, specifically, designed for all Dragoons who served with the battalion in Vietnam from 1966-1970. The significance of these items is to instill pride in our battalion and the sacrifices that we made so many years ago. The coin is to unify the battalion, regardless of your MOS, company affiliation or the year of your tour. We are a “Band of Brothers”. Through the efforts of Ed Goehring, B/3/8 66-67 and with the assistance of Jim Hill, A/3/8 66-67, we will be recycling ink jet cartridges and cell phones as another means of raising money for our chapter. Please contact me if you wish to participate. I wish to extend to you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you find peace, happiness and good health in the upcoming year. And thank you for having the trust and confidence in me that I continue as President of the Ivy Dragoons Chapter.

I remain, Steadfast & Loyal

Steve “Ed” Edmunds, C/3/8 RVN 67-68



Quilt presented to Steve Edmunds at the reunion.

SEEKING INFO...



I am looking for information about Richard Edward Wilkins, who served with C/3/8 and was KIA on 26 May 67. I am Richard's cousin and am trying to put his story together for his three younger brothers. What can you tell me?

Thanks for facing the memories... I did two tours serving with the SeaBees and Marines in I Corps 67, 68 & 69.

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Fort Hood Gift Shop Reopens....

<http://4idforhood.org/gift.html>

Shop Hours: Wed – Fri 11:00am to 3:00pm
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VETERAN'S DAY - 11 NOVEMBER 2005

After Action Report: wreath laying ceremony

On Thursday afternoon 11-10-05 at 1500hrs, the recon team reached its night location (Sleep Inn, Rockville, Md.) Upon establishing the night location, the recon team (Ed & Mary Ellen Goehring) proceeded towards the objective.



Reaching the objective, we found very few friendly forces, and no resistance. After observing the area for about one hour, we withdrew to the night location for rations and rest.

On 11 November, we left the night location, by mechanized transportation, and arrived at 0815hrs, approx ½ click from the objective. After carefully camouflaging the transport vehicle, we moved on foot to the staging area. There, we left our supplies. We then started to recon the area again. Soon, we received a radio transmission (cell phone) from our reinforcements and were directed to rendezvous at there location.. We met up with Kurt "Doc" Nagl and Jim Adams. We patrolled the area, met and welcomed home a lot of brothers, as the friendly forces gathered heavily in the area. Still no sign of resistance.

At 1100hrs, I heard artillery fire, in the form of 21 rounds, coming from the direction of Arlington National Cemetery. At 1200hrs, we returned to where we left our supplies, gathered it up and "hurried up and waited" to carry our wreath to the staging area for the program. Doc Nagl and Jim Adams carried the wreath while I took Point. Moving out at 1240hrs, we went to the staging area located along one side of The Wall. We took our position in the V.I.P. seating area located next to the speakers platform.

Many speakers were present, but the two best speakers were Brig. Gen Evelyn "Pat" Foote, USA (Ret.) whom Doc Nagl commented that he must be related because most people call him "big foot". Also, General Peter Pace, USMC Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff. He commented about his start in the Corps, as a Platoon leader, in Hue city, Where he lost quite a few good men. His voice cracked with emotion as he mentioned each ones name. He than spoke about the war In Iraq, & Afghanistan. He said the enemy has to be stopped there, because they want to destroy our way of life. He, also, said if the enemy gets past the 2.5 million troops in his command, he knows they, then, have to get by about 15 million Veterans. At that point, all forms of noise discipline, were lost. Then, country music star and spokesman for Paralyzed Veterans, Aaron Tippin, sang his hit song, "Where The Stars And Stripes And Eagles Fly". Again, noise discipline was lost.

At the end of the keynote speech, we took our position with our wreath, and Jan C. Scruggs, called each unit to lay their wreath. Of course they saved the best for last, and called us as the 4th Inf. Division. Fifty wreath's were laid, and we were number fifty.

After the program, we continued to meet and greet Brothers, till we left for the evening. I noticed a young veteran amputee sitting in a wheel chair, obviously a veteran of this war. I went over, and welcomed him home, and he returned the favor. I felt small in the presence of a young man who gave so much. I mentioned to his mother, to make sure he gets counseling, and she should also, because she went thru as much

TAPS...

William G. Tripp passed away on April 16, 2005 after suffering from a battle with cancer. Bill served with 2nd platoon Charlie Co 3/8th in RVN 1967-1968. At the time of his death, Bill was residing in Pittsburgh, IL. Bill was a member of the Ivy Dragoons Chapter 4IDA. Bill is survived by his wife, Mary, and a daughter from his first marriage. In recent years, Bill had the opportunity to spend some time with his comrades in arms, Bob Brown, Gary Holliman, Pat McClelland, Terry Faulkner and Monte "Doc" Lunde. Bill had looked forward to attending our battalion reunion in July 2005, but that was not to be. May he rest in peace.

Remembering Bill Tripp...

In the fall of 2003, I got a call from Bill Tripp. We hadn't seen each other since the early 70's, and in those days, Bill was having a lot of trouble adjusting to life after Vietnam. During our initial visit in 2003, Bill told me that he had been fired from every coal mine and had been in almost every jail in southern Illinois. If Bill told you something, you can bet it was true! In the late '90's, Bill hit bottom and went to the VA for some help. He received counseling and some PTSD compensation. Bill turned his life around. He did volunteer work at the VA and helped other veterans with problems similar to his. After the fall of '03, we got together at least once a month. Bill was really enjoying life. He was very content. In the fall of '04, Bill was diagnosed with lung cancer. He lived another 6 months. I am so glad his last years were good ones. I miss our brother, Bill Tripp. He was a grunt that anyone would want in their fox hole.

Bob (Charlie) Brown, C/3/8 67-68

11TH Charlie Co Reunion June 22 – 25, 2006

Location: Best Western Fairfax
3535 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Call 703-591-5500 to make room reservations and mention that you are with the Charlie Co 11th Veterans Reunion. Room rates are \$89.00 per night plus tax. To view the motel, go online to www.bestwestern.com/fairfax. There will be a hospitality room. All meals are on your own. Bring your favorite snacks to the hospitality room. A visit to Arlington National Cemetery is tentatively planned for Saturday. A group picture will be taken at the 4th Infantry Division National Monument located at the entrance.

For more information, contact: Robert Richards,
606-674-8188 or e-mail @ rtrichards@alltel.net

(Veterans Day - 11 November 2005)

as he did. Overall, it was a great mission.

The weather was sunny, and cool, with a slight breeze, the area was open, with large trees. The canopy with colorful leaves that were falling in great amounts.

Lessons learned:

Call the Vietnam Memorial Fund early to get on the list, so as to not be last.

Try to get three new representatives for next year, as we had our turn.

I registered as the Ivy Dragoons Chapter of the National 4th Inf. Div, thus the mix up, in calling us up.

Don't walk next to Doc Nagl, as he makes you look short!

Thank you brothers for the opportunity to represent The Dragoons

Edward G. Goehring B Co. 3/8th 9/66 ~ 9/67

Delta Co Mini-reunion...

Jan 3, 2005

Happy New Year everyone

Made it back from Florida after spending 2 weeks between Orlando and Coral Springs over the holidays. Weather in Orlando was not the best and after checking out Orlando decided that this is not where Polly and I are going to relocate. We liked the Coral Springs area and will be focusing our search within this area. Joined up with John "Frenchy" Roy and Richard Ciavarra for a mini reunion over Christmas at John's sister Anne's house. Anne and her husband are wonderful hosts as always and it was good to see them also and to see that they did not receive too much hurricane damage to their house. Unfortunately, Capt Mike Daugherty had family over for the Christmas holiday and could not join us at Anne's house. It would have been great to touch base with him also. After spending some time chatting we left Abbe's house and found a small Chinese take out where, John, Richard, my wife, Polly, and I had some lunch. I had taken a couple photo's and will upload them in a few days once we finish unpacking. It is always great to get together with any brothers that I served with and would be great seeing everyone again. Hopefully, if all works out I shall be at the reunion. Also going to attempt to head back to Florida during the gathering at Melbourne this year, which I have heard is a great turnout. Well just wanted to update all, and hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's and that every one is doing well.

Michael Boxer, Delta Co 68-69



Left to right: Michael Boxer, John "Frenchy" Roy and Richard Ciavarra

(continued A Wife's Perspective)

still handsome and I enjoyed my conversation with one of his two daughters present at this function, Charlie Flood was great as usual, Katchie Lynch it was nice seeing you again. The Gamboas, Goehrings Jims' Hill, Bury and White as well as Gary Holliman, Alex Quintanar, Dan Grzyb, Walter Gross, Doc Lunde, Skip Franges and Levi Isaacks have attended every reunion, Rachel Bury came with her Dad this time, she was our resident Vanna White this year during the raffle and she did a great job along with Jennifer Edmunds(her new best friend), Briar Kinnan and Darius Harris, Tre Hill helped on Friday. There were a few others whom I am sure were there in spirit but due to circumstances beyond their control could not attend, Bob Williamson, we are looking forward to seeing you and your family at the next one, Bob Hillsberry, we missed your smiling face, Fred Watson, several people asked about you, Don and Sharlene Fields missed you and great job on the comforter, Albert and Isabel Jacquez other people were looking for you, no reason, we just missed you. Pablo from Texas, I hope you are feeling okay, missed you at the dinners. Bob Walkowiak, it was a pleasure talking to you. Johnnie Bing, it was nice to see you again

Many of us are from small communities and while we are all different, our husbands share a common bond and we have the opportunity to create friendships with each other that includes sharing information that can be beneficial to all of us. Most of us were able to reach beyond ourselves and for us this is becoming a close knit community. Alex's has a great family and I am looking forward to the rest of us meeting them. Levi, we cannot allow you to have a teenage daughter and sleep at night, Jim, Steve and I need someone to commiserate with, please bring your daughter the next time. Bob Williamson will also hold hands with us, he has two and two more right after he starts feeling free again.
(Elsie Edmunds)

SEEKING INFO...

I would like to locate any family members of LT Larry Wade (Pottstown, PA), CAPT John Falcone (New Hampshire) and Bruce Wagner. All served with B/3/8 and were KIA at Hill 724 during the Battle of Dak To, November 67. Send any info to e-mail address.

Ed Pippin, B/3/8 7/67-11/67
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SEEKING INFO...

This is a wonderful Website, I am glad I found it. I was at the WALL on Veterans Day 2005 and saw the Wreath that you had there for the Ivy Dragoons. It is very special to me because it has caused a series of events to take place. I found that our last KIA, Leonard W. Knox was the first casualty that I witnessed. Through the internet I have located his daughter Michelle, who was 2 years old at the time. I wanted to tell her more about her father, but because I was a Cherry at the time I don't have a lot of information about him. If anyone can help me please contact me. Does anyone remember the events of Sept. 29th and 30th of 1970? I remember it was in a Saper training course that we cleared an LZ. While clearing brush I was the one who asked " Does anyone know about this Green Snake I have in my hand" Someone said "did it bite you?" I said "no". They said " good, thats a bamboo Viper. There was a short fire fight later that afternoon that resulted in the Knox KIA and another WIA. The next day or maybe later that day another firefight broke out with my squad and all I can remember is— This Huey with twin Mini-guns parked over the top of me and hot brass burning me all over. I don't remember a thing after that, My mind has blocked out everything that happened for a couple of months afterwards. If anyone can shed some light on this please contact me.

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SEEKING INFO...

My name is Stanley Wesley Dix. I am Stanley's nephew and namesake. His younger brother, Joe, is my father. It was nice to see the picture of Stanley on your web site. If you have any other pictures of Stanley, it would be great if I could get copies. Stanley's mother, my Grandmother, passed away in 1993. In her will, she left me Stanley's belongings. In his wooden footlocker, I found his Purple Heart, Silver Star and the rest of his personal effects. Among his effects was a 1/3 of a dollar bill. Do you happen to know who the other two soldiers are that had the other 2/3? Thank you,

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DRAGOON'S REUNION - A WIFE'S PERSPECTIVE....

We did it again this year, we topped ourselves. This year's turnout was even greater than the last. Made some new friends and I am beginning to see some great friendships being forged. For the first time, the women had their own play date, we had breakfast. Not only was it well attended, it was fun and it gave us a chance to talk to each other without our husbands.

Linda and Dan Massey have known each other since fifth grade, they like the McMillans, Pierces, Harris', Hills and McNultys', have been married for almost forty years. Shirley Harris(Pappy) and Josie Pippin(Ed) both Georgians got a chance to talk to each other. Yet Peters whose husband Richard served with Joe Garcia got a chance to talk with Irma (Joe's wife) and had the opportunity to find out that Joe not only survived but fathered five boys, one of whom made the nice shirt he was wearing and Joe, like Richard is now a grandfather. Bob and Brenda Brown, like Jim and Helen Hill had another grandchild and Betty and Rea Sparks had their first since our last meeting. The Marineses are about to become In laws. Joann Phillips, Ed and Josie Pippin's aunt was back with us this year, it was great having her and her husband Went join us again. Went, like Joyce's husband(Richard Peters' guest) and several other guests including Ruth Adams are veterans, just not a part of this battalion.

Helen Hill's mother joined us for breakfast, four generations of her family dined with us at the buffet and banquet, in addition to having great genes the woman can sing. Kim Kinnan is still Briar's mom but I can stop addressing her as Briar's mom or Byron's wife, nice woman and Briar was a lot of help with the raffle. I missed Briar's rivalry with Bob White this year, they kept winning at the 03 reunion, with her jumping up and down and Bob being very vocal about everything he won or did not win, they kept us laughing. Bob won the coveted Beer Stein donated by Ed and Mary Ellen Goehring, he felt so bad about winning, he would not give it away and was still grinning the next day when I saw him, I even offered to take all that guilt off his hands, he would not let me. That's all right, I love my bracelet, it will encourage me to work on being girly. Kim's personality meshed well with Mrs. Ranney(John) who was there for the first time and with Brenda and Linda close by, I knew they would have a great time. Mary Ellen's sister joined us, that disposition must be a family trait, she too was very pleasant and a breath of fresh air to all of us but especially Alice McNulty, another Pennsylvanian. Before I forget, Ed Goehring spoke at the buffet, his routine was funny and put everyone at ease. Sue McMillan, Irma Garcia and

Ruth Adams(Jim) helped to pull Gail Pierce out of her shell. Thanks for participating in Alice McNulty's old English lettering class, Alice I hope to see you again.

I was asked several times about my ability to remember everyone's names, I do not, I occasionally miss one or two, there were four Lindas' two Sues' and at least four Jims', that made it easier but coming from a large family in a small community with more cousins than most people can imagine, my sisters and I realized years ago the advantages of misbehaving in front of neighbors and relatives who often misidentified us together and apart. I was determined not to become one of those adults, I look for something unique and likeable in each person I meet and have had no difficulty finding either. I am a mother/stepmother of three girls and grew up in a house with ten women, all unique with their own strengths and look beyond the packaging. After meeting Linda DeGrave, I knew immediately why Betty liked her, she is fun, Mary Ellen Goehring and Sue Nagl are both very warm. For the first time I had a one on one conversation with Diane Hahn and found out that I actually liked her. Joan Shelton was not well enough to attend our breakfast but she and I had a nice conversation. Lizzy(Doc Lunde), Debbie(Skip Franges) Linda McClelland, Shirley Harris, Brenda Brown and I have actually spent time together, we visited Pappy Harris last summer since he was not well enough to make the 03 reunion, we talked to each other while the men hung out. If any of you get a chance to visit Pappy and Shirley, get off your diet, the woman can cook and she made it clear to us, she's a country girl and military wife, no one leaves her house hungry, they also have a great extended family. Mikia, their granddaughter sang for us. Linda DeGrave and Betty Sparks have also visited and it was a pleasure to see their bond. Linda Marinese and Brenda Brown met at the last reunion and obviously got along well and picked up right where they left off. Betty brought us all home grown pecans, they were fresh and tasty and I doubt that any of those bags made it back home and into pies, I ate mine straight from the bag. Thanks Betty.

Every one of the women were very likeable, every woman who made even the most minute attempt to reach out to another wife or girlfriend or daughter was accepted with open arms. The joy on the men's faces is always a great reward. For first timers like Dan Massey, John Roy, Ken Howe, Richard Peters, Clay Andrews, Don Tienhara, Wayne Brown, Mark Towns, Byron Adams, Doc Nagl, Leo King and Ross DeGrave, I enjoyed my conversations with you and/or your spouses/significant others. There were many new faces whom I met briefly and a few I never spoke with, the Elliots' had three generations of men present, okay, one was still a boy. Pancho Gutierrez was far more relaxed this year, I was glad to see him, Charger is

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**Silver Star Awarded to
John Bauer**



Dragoon's Reunion 2005

Alpha Co



Delta Co.



Charlie Co



**Flames of
Remembrance Ceremony**

Bravo Co



OBTAINING COPY OF UNIT ROSTER...

Q. How may I obtain a roster of personnel in my unit?

A. Print out the Standard Form 180 referenced above. Fill out as much information as possible on the first side, and mail it to address in box number 14 near the bottom of the second side. Include a check for \$8.30. They will bill you if the charge exceeds that amount. Ask for a specific month and year, selecting the time when you think you'd be most likely to find the names you're looking for. From past experience, request just one monthly roster at a time. Asking for rosters from a range of months often generates a reply that the National Personnel Records Center doesn't have them. Requests for these same rosters individually by month, however, are often successful. To the best of my knowledge the rosters were compiled once a month, near the end of the month. During the month changes were often penciled in, and the Morning Report was used to keep track of the daily transfers, wounded and KIA changes.

Forms can be found at:

http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records/standard_form_180.html

Please send a copy of any roster obtained to: Steve Edmunds, 2212 Shady Hills Dr, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. This will be placed in our archives.

SEEKING INFO ...

I am interested in locating any photos of PFC Ralph Barlett B/3/8 KIA 11/11/67. Ralph was my brother-in-law and we are trying to obtain any photos of Ralph while serving in Vietnam. I can be contacted by phone at 618.395.1451 or e-mail at jmil@otbnet.com

Thank you for your consideration.
Gerald Miller

SEEKING INFO...

William Ferguson (KIA 1 Oct 1968) was in my basic training company (Co., A, 2nd Bn) at Fort Dix New Jersey. William was assigned to D 3/8 and I was sent to B 1/35. Do you have any records of the 1 Oct 1968 incident? Where were they operating 1 Oct 1968?

Dave Fogg
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SEEKING INFO...

I have been fighting with the GVT a long time for a Purple Heart from shrapnel that I got from what I believe was from a mortar attack from NVA forces on 29 April 1967 at Ban Me Thuot. I have sent a copy of Significant Events that I obtained from the 4th Div Archives, and a letter from Jim Manual, a soldier that observed the wound. I have been advised that this along with the VA declaring the wound as Service Connected is not enough. I am very unhappy.

The Pentagon suggested that I obtain a copy of the After Action report for the A/Co 3/8 1st Pt. for that date. The problem is that six of us were injured but we did not go in for treatment since there was a war to be fought. Does anyone have a copy of the AAR for that date?

Larry Molitor
A/3/8 RVN 66-67
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Suggestion: One way to get some action on these types of situations is to get your congressman/woman involved. Write them a letter accompanied with any documentation or other means to substantiate your claim.

SEEKING INFO...

Does anyone have any pictures of the Xmas party in 1967 that the Civil Affairs team took at the orphanage at Tan Cahn, just outside of Dak To? We decorated the gun jeeps like Santa's sled and the 6 ft. 6 in. Red Cross rep was dressed as Santa. I would love to see any pictures you may have, Gen Peers made a surprise visit to it. I lost all of mine.

Thanks
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SEEKING INFO...

It would be great to hear from anyone who served with my big brother, Rod Collins, who was killed 10/24/69 along with two other soldiers (short 4.2 round). He served with B/3/8 and was only there for one month.

Thanks,
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Reunion Comments...

Thanks, thanks, and more thanks. I can't tell you how much the reunion meant to me. I have spent the last 38 years trying to forget Viet Nam and at the same time trying to remember all the brave men that I now call my brothers. This past weekend was the first time since I left Viet Nam that I spoke to a man that actually shared my experience and could fully understand what we endured together. The names had been forgotten and the faces had changed but the spirit was overpowering at times. I thank you again for the devotion you have unselfishly committed to the task of bringing us all together again. I just hope that in some small way I can repay you, Elsie and your family for giving you to us. You all have truly done an overwhelming job.
Thanks, (Clay Andrews C/3/8 67-68)

Steve - Thanks so very much for all your efforts. We had another wonderful reunion. A special thanks for enabling me to obtain Charlie Flood's book. Am wearing my new shirts & hat, great idea. The 4th Division coin was a special treat! I'm sure everyone had a grand time! Great to see all the brothers. (Bob Maranise C/3/8 67-68)

It was a real pleasure meeting you and your family. Becky and I really enjoyed being around all of our brothers and their wives. I was afraid at first not knowing anyone there but really made some good friends. I anxiously await the

next reunion because I know it will be even bigger because I know the news will now begin to spread and it will grow. This was the first real healing experience I have encountered. I am proud of you and all you have done to bring this band of brothers together. I would like to know more of your project in Vietnam. Besides what is written in the newsletter, is there anything else in writing somewhere? Love your brother, (Bo Boudreaux B/3/8 69-70)

3/8th Infantry Reunion-Delta AAR

For many of Delta our SRRP's since Nam have turned into LRRP's. Delta reformed in force to such a degree that it took two CO's, Mike Daugherty and Terry Bell to attempt to bring the company up to standards. The EM's were ready for R&R and being led by my platoon 6, John Bauer, the rebellion began. Happily the CO's joined in the rebellion reinforced by the artillery of FO Hank Castillion. Breakthroughs for the men of Delta occurred. Fortunately the sarcasm of the EM's played an important part in the rebellion. Delta Thanks Steve Edmunds for the hard work in making the R&R successful who couldn't have done it without the support of Elsie.
(Byron Adams D/3/8 68-69)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

After a happy Thanksgiving and stuffed to the brim, we now look to another time of thanksgiving. A time that many celebrate, materially, and that's okay. We celebrate at a time when others try to eliminate our special holiday in the name of tolerance and political correctness.

To all my Christian friends, Merry Christmas. And to my non-Christian friends, I wish you well in your holiday season. But in my only way of knowing how to greet you, I wish you a Merry Christmas, as well, since this is Christ's birthday celebration. This holiday named for Him, who died for the sins of the world, I pray finds you all well and happy. And God's richest blessings be upon you and your family during this joyous time.

Many of America's finest are risking all for us to still be able to celebrate. Let us, who have known what war is, to never forget to keep them in our prayers and that God will direct our leaders to find a credible way of bringing our men and women home and honorably so!!

To all of the 3/8th, 4th Infantry Division Vietnam Vets, my prayer for all of you is peace, joy and love. May all who are still bearing scars be comforted in knowing the Prince of Peace will someday bring lasting peace and we pray as John the Revelator prayed in the last prayer of the Bible, Revelation 22:20..... "even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Your Brother in Christ

Ed Pippin B/3/8 RVN 67

Chapter Update:

Following are those that have joined our "Band of Brothers" as new members, those that have opted to renew their membership and those that have committed to a life membership in our chapter. These memberships are for those received between April 30 and November 2005. My sincerest thanks to each of you. If you have not yet renewed your dues I urge you to do so, we need your continued support. If you have not been a member, please consider doing so as it is not the cost of membership, but the price you already paid to be eligible to become a member of the Ivy Dragoons. Annual dues are \$15.00 Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2005. Paid for life memberships are available, if interested. Note: This update does not include the renewals already received for 2006. They will appear in our next newsletter.

New Members: William "Clay" Andrews, C/3/8 & 1st Brig. LRRPS 67-68; Rick "Doc" Arouzet, HHC/3/8 RECON 66-67; SFC Al Garron, Ret., C/3/8 8/67-11/67; John K. Hale, D/3/8 3/68-8/68; James H. Kreisel, C/3/8 8/66-8/67; Kevin C. (Long) Leonard, B/3/8 5/69-10/69; Otto Merz, B/3/8 7/68-9/68; Kurt H. "Doc" Nagl, B/3/8 8/66-10/67; Julio Nazario, HHC/3/8 9/67-8/68; James M. Peters, A/3/8 68-69; David a. Orbell, A/3/8 10/67-10/68

Renewals: Edward F. Gray, A/3/8 8/67-8/68; Ernest Hicks, A/3/8 5/68-5/69; John D. Maloch, E/3/8 RECON 7/68-7/69; Doug Milliken, E/3/8 RECON 12/69-8/70; R. David "Doc" Pickett, B/3/8 66-67; Stuart White, E/3/8 RECON 8/67-8/68;

Paid For Life: Ruben "Doc" Bonilla, A/3/8 4/68-4/69

NATIONAL 4TH INFANTRY (IVY) DIVISION ASSOCIATION Membership Application Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2004

Name: _____
Company: _____ Dates in RVN: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____ Dues: \$ _____
Spouse: _____ Donation: \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

If interested in a Life Membership, let me know and I will send you an application.

Make checks payable to: Ivy Dragoons Chapter 4IDA

Mail to: Steve Edmunds
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Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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coin specifically designed for the Dragoons who served in the Republic of Vietnam from 1966-1970. Then, all Dragoons were asked to come forward to the platform to receive their coin, which was presented by "Charger". This coin was introduced to unite members of the battalion, regardless of their company affiliation, tour of duty or MOS. More raffle prizes were given away and an auction was held for some of the items donated. The evening festivities were concluded with the "Flame of Remembrance" ceremony, which was conducted by Clay Andrews and Ed Pippin to remember our Brothers who made the supreme sacrifice. Concluding the evening's events with the playing of "Taps" and a rendition of "Amazing Grace" performed by Mikia Caston. The Dragoons broke into company elements for "photo ops" with the time remaining.

July 24 Departure

All Dragoon Brothers received a key chain with the Vietnam Service Ribbon fashioned from colored beads and secured with leather with the compliments of Albert Jacques, A/3/8 69-70. (Albert was unable to attend due to family commitments, but was with us in spirit). We wish to thank the following for the raffle prizes which were donated: Don & Sharleen Fields, Ed & Mary Ellen Goehring, Angela Hill & Wayne Perron, Mark Butler, Charles Flood, Debbie Weaver-Higgins, Alex Quintanar, Steve & Elsie Edmunds, So. Calif. Illumination, Cole Lighting, Cooper Lighting, Lutron Electronics. And would, also, like to thank the following with their help in selling raffle tickets and/or distributing the prizes to the winners: Elsie & Jennifer Edmunds, Rachael Bury, Briar Kinnan, Darius Black and Alexandra Hill.

Dragoons Attending DRAGOON'S Reunion 2005:

Byron Adams, D/3/8 68-69; Jim & Ruth Adams, B/3/8 67-68; Alex & Delia Alegria, B/3/8 66-67; Wm. Clay Andrews, C/3/8 67-68; Rick "Doc" Arouzet, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67 & Bob Goulding; John Bauer, D/3/8 68-69 w/ Jeff Clifford, USMC; Terry Bell, D/3/8 67-68; Johnnie Bing, A/3/8 67-68; Stan Bode, A/3/8 67-68, Ruben "Doc" Bonilla, A/3/8 68-69; Rellius "Bo" & Becky Boudreaux, B/3/8 69-70; Michael & Polly Boxer, D/3/8 68-69; Bob & Brenda Brown, C/3/8 67-68; Wayne "Doc" Brown & Guest, C/3/8 66-67, Jim Bury

& daughter, Rachel Bury, B/3/8 67-68; Mark Butler, C/3/8 67, Hank Castillon, D/3/8 68-69 FO; Jack & Ingrid Crumley, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67, Mike Daugherty, D/3/8 68-69; Ross & Linda DeGrave, C/3/8 67-68, Doug "Doc" & Judy Dettman, C/3/8 67-68; Pablo & Anna Maria Diaz, C/3/8 67-68; Gordon Dixon, A/3/8 67-68, Steve, Elsie & Jennifer Edmunds, C/3/8 67-68, Kenneth Elliott & Sons, Kenny Jr, Gary, & Justin, B/3/8 67-68; Charles B. Flood, war correspondent/author HHC/3/8 66-67; Skip Franges & Debbie Weaver-Higgins, C/3/8 67-68; Bob & Robin Gamboa, B/3/8 66-67; Joe & Irma Garcia, B/3/8 67; Jim George, B/3/8 68-69; Ed & Mary Ellen Goehring + (Joan & Ammon Seyler), B/3/8 66-67; Walter Gross, D/3/8 67; Dan Grzyb, D/3/8 67; Wonnie "Pappy" & Shirley Harris w/ grandchildren: Mikia Caston, Darius Black, C/3/8 67-68; Ralph & Diane Haun, A/3/8 67-68; Jim & Helen Hill & family (four generations present): Angela Hill, Christine Hill, Alexis Hill (11), James "Tre" Hill III (9), Anna Hill (1), Marcus Hill (9), Angie Dubois, John Hill, Ronnie Hill, Alexandra Hill, & SFC James Hill, A/3/8 66-67; Gary "Hollie" Holliman, C/3/8 67-68; Ken Howe, D/3/8 68-69; Levie Isaacks, B/3/8 67-68; David & Sherry Jack, A/3/8 67-68; Jim Jewell, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67; Leo C. King, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67; Byron, Kim & Briar Kinnan; D/3/8 67-68; Kevin (Long) & Connie Leonard, B/3/8 69; Monte "Doc" Lunde & Lizzie Zierer, C/3/8 67-68; M/Gen Tom "Charger" & Katchie Lynch, HHC/3/8 66-67; Bob, Linda & Elaine Maranise, C/3/8 67-68 & Greg Magni; J. Dan Massey, B/3/8 67-68; Pat & Lynda McClelland, C/3/8 67-68; Gary McCluskey, D/3/8 67-68; John & Sue McMillian, D/3/8 68-69; Pat & Alice Ann McNulty, D/3/8 FO; Kurt "Doc" & Sue Nagl, B/3/8 66-67; Steve Pannell, B/3/8 67-68, Bill Perkins, C/3/8 67-68; Richard & Yet Peters, B/3/8 67-68; Richard David "Doc" Pickett, B/3/8 66-67; Ivan & Gail Pierce, C/3/8 67-68; Ed & Josie Pippin + (William & Jo Ann Phillips), B/3/8 67; Alex Quintanar, D/3/8 67-68; John & Kathy Ranney, C/3/8 68-69; Bill Rick, D/3/8 68-69; John Roy, D/3/8 68-69; Dennis Sanchez, A/3/8 67-68; Rick & Sherilan Schlafer, D/3/8 69; Sam & Joan Shelton, B/3/8 66-67; Steve & Pat Shlagel, B/3/8 68-69; Larry & Ann Skoglund, C/3/8 67-68 FO; Ed. Sleichert & James Bialka 199th LIB, E & B/3/8 68-69; Rea & Betty Sparks, C/3/8 67; Bruce "Tom" & Ann Thompson, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67, Don Tienharra & Guest, C/3/8 66-67; Mark Towns, A/3/8 66-67; Marion Valentine, B/3/8 68-69; Bill & Sandy Vigil, A/3/8 67-68; Bob Walkowiak, B/3/8 67-68; Jim White, C/3/8 68-69, Bob White, C/3/8 67-68; and Charlie Young, A/3/8 67-68.

DRAGOONS REUNION 2005 - AFTER ACTION REPORT

- July 20 1800-2200** Due to the number of early arrivals, a squad secured a tight perimeter in the Monterey Room to begin registration.
- July 21 1000-2000** Elements from the battalion re-secured the perimeter in the Monterey Room to continue with registrations
- July 22 0800-1700** An advanced element secured Salon H and established a perimeter
Registration continued. Photo albums, topographical maps and memorabilia were laid out on the conference table. What followed is difficult to express in words, but suffice to say that the camaraderie was enjoyed by all. For some, this was the first contact with Brothers in Arms, since their tour so many years earlier. It is a heartwarming experience to see Brothers reunited for the first time. Polo shirts and caps with our battalion insignia embroidered on them were available for purchase. Jim Hill had a number of unit crests and certificates on the 8th Infantry Regiment available for purchase, as well.
- 1800-2300** A SRRP was sent out to establish a perimeter in Salon E in preparation for the hot chow being provided through S-5. As it was buffet style, we did not require volunteers to serve in the chow line. After a brief welcome, festivities commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance which was done by our children/grandchildren and led by Tre Hill, 9 year old grandson of Jim & Helen Hill. This was followed with the benediction by Byron Adams. At the conclusion of dinner, we enjoyed guest speaker: Ivan Pierce, author of "An Infantry Lieutenant's Vietnam". This was followed by the "Lighter Side of Military/Vietnam". Steve Edmunds related his story, "The College Boy". He was followed by, Ed Goehring who shared his "lighter side" experiences of his military service. Ed concluded his talk with a presentation to chapter president, Steve Edmunds, of a woven replica of the US flag. Steve was caught, totally, off guard and was filled with emotion over the gift, which was donated by members of our battalion. Steve's wife, Elsie, was also the recipient of a bracelet. The gifts were a token of gratitude and appreciation of their efforts over the past years. To complete the evening, many of the raffle gifts, which were donated, were awarded to the prize-winners.
- July 23 0800-1100** Two recon patrols were sent out on a mission to secure Salon H & Salon E. Through the efforts of S-5, provisions were made to supply a continental breakfast, at each location. The ladies gathered at 0900 in Salon H to conduct their meeting (See Dragoon's Reunion - A Wife's Perspective) and the battalion conducted their business meeting in Salon E commencing at 0900. Among other items discussed, a reunion committee was formed to determine a location for our next reunion in 2007. At the time of this writing, it appears that it will be held in Nashville, TN. (Note: we decided to have annual reunions, but this was changed to continue with the current policy, every two years). The committee consists of the following: Byron Adams, Terry Bell, Clay Andrews, Ken Howe, Mark Towns, Mike Boxer, Pat McNulty and John Roy.
- 1100 - 1500** Dragoons from "Operation Wayne Grey" established a perimeter in Salon H to discuss the events that occurred in March 1969. While, others remained in Salon E to enjoy the fellowship together. Slides presented by Skip Franges during his tour in 67-68 were shown for those interested.
- 1600-2100** After elements re-secured Salon E, we proceeded to prepare for the evenings festivities. A few words were spoken by our President, Steve Edmunds. This was followed with the benediction conducted by Ed Pippin. Upon completion of the evening meal, a presentation of the Silver Star was awarded to (LT) John Bauer by B/Gen Hank Castillon, Ret. (Capt) Mike Daugherty and John Roy for heroism in combat during Operation Wayne Grey. Guest speakers included M/Gen Tom "Charger" Lynch, BN CO 66-67 and Charlie Flood, author of "The War of the Innocent" and war correspondent 66-67. This was followed by the entertainment segment with songs being performed by Mikia Caston singing "My Girl" and Angie Dubois with her rendition of "How Great Thou Art". Both received an arousing applause for their performances. Then Steve Edmunds requested M/Gen Tom "Charger" Lynch to come forward for a special presentation. "Charger" was presented with a unique challenge
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Welcome Home

I was at Ft. Lewis October 16th, 1969 for 14 hours from the time I entered the fort to when I left it. The processing was that quick. The airport at Seattle was the next stop and then a ticket to Chattanooga, Tennessee the closest airport to my home in Georgia. An elderly lady came up to me asking if I had been in Vietnam. I was in my dress greens. Advising her I had, she questioned if her son was going to be OK. Her son was a doctor. No matter what her son's mos was, I would have told her the same, "Yes, he will be fine". Her face had such deep worry lines.

Out of Chicago, few passengers were on the plane as it was about 3 AM. One was a base camp commando telling the stewardess of his exploits. She came back to me and inquired if I was OK. She said she knew what the ribbons and CIB was. We talked the whole way back with no mention of Nam.

I was the last one off in Chattanooga. It hit me, whoever I was I was no more.

That weekend I was at my old college seeing friends, that were soon to be past tense friends. "How many did you kill" they ask. I am told I cussed them out and almost ripped the door off the hinges. Another group of past tense friends and I were at a restaurant. I introduced myself to a man I did not know before leaving college for Nam. He had just got back from Nam and had been in the 2/8th Mech. He was in the Bam Be Thout operation with D Co., 3/8th. I ask the others why we were not introduced and the answer was "we didn't want to hear about Nam". Yes, past tense friends they became.

The MTSU campus was an unfriendly place and I had my run in's. One was wearing a state side fatigue shirt with crossed rifles on it. The insults came. A teacher I knew had to tackle me as I was going for him.

The faculty at MTSU went out of their way to help the returning vets. Two teachers bumped my grades up to keep me from failing out.

One family at church made me welcome in their home no matter what the time it was. I will remember them for the stability and love they gave.

Byron Adams D/3/8 68-69

A MAJOR'S SON...

The following was received prior to our reunion July 2005

Dear Dragoons:

I am extremely sorry that I cannot attend the reunion this year. My professional organization meeting is the same set of dates.

I am deeply honored to know that some of you served with my father Major TE Pace XO from April 67 to April 68. Heroes' come in many forms. Dad and those who went into combat were mine. Something Hanoi Jane and the SDS

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DRAGOONS PROFILE...



Edward G. Goehring was inducted into the US Army on 2 Dec 65 in Allentown, PA. He was a resident of Coopersburg, PA when he received his draft notice. Ed took his Basic Training and AIT at Fort Lewis, WA. He was assigned an MOS of 11 Bravo 20, Light Weapons Infantry (90 MM Recoilless Rifle Gunner). In September 66,

Ed was sent to Vietnam and arrived there aboard the USS Gordon after a three week cruise. Thus, he would later become known as one of the "boat people". After about a month in Vietnam, it was realized that they did not have much use for a 90mm recoilless rifle and Ed became his platoon leader's RTO (8259 Charlie), carrying the PRC-25. Ed took his R & R at Camp Zuma, Japan and says "I was too young and dumb to have any stories." When Ed's tour was completed, he returned to the US and was discharged from the army in Oakland CA. Ed returned to his hometown and went back to work as a woodcrafter for Knoll Inc, where he has been employed for 40 years. Ed married his lovely wife, Mary Ellen, and became the proud parents of one son, Thomas, who is now 33 years of age. Ed is a member of the Ivy Dragoons Chapter, National 4th Inf. Div Assoc. He, also, is a Life Member of the VFW and holds membership in the VVA, Life Endowment member of the NRA and belongs to various local gun clubs and fire company's. His hobbies include: hunting, collecting antique John Deere tractors, gardening, cooking and travel. Ed indicated that he would like to become a volunteer National Service Officer, but has little time due to his current employment. Ed and Mary Ellen have attended all of our battalion reunions to include the National Reunion in Wash. DC in 2001 for the dedication of the 4th Inf Div Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. "At the dedication of the memorial at Arlington, I was proud to be a veteran of the 4th Inf. Div. However, I feel a greater sense of pride at our Battalion reunions than I did at the National reunion."

could not take away or make me feel guilty about.

My father spoke highly of you men and was proud of the 3/8th. I know he would have loved to have been a part of this reunion.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way possible. Thanks again for your service to our country. I will never forget.

Respectfully,

Mike Pace (son Major TE Pace XO)