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VA “FORMAL COMPLAINT”

In a past issue, the “Formal Complaint” was addressed. This cannot be over-emphasized. Formal Complaint is a VA term that is taken very seriously. If the VA attention cannot be gotten, this will. Address the letter to the director of the facility in question. His name does not have to be known. In the subject part of the letter put “RE:FORMAL COMPLAINT”. Other wording and the letter will not be given as quick of attention. Send a copy to the patient advocate. Normally he is the first one to be contacted but usually his work load is heavy. I prefer to hand carry the letter asking for a receipt. Recently a situation came up in which I as the patient was not being considered and just being told what to do. I carried the letter to the Director’s office at 4:10 PM and the next morning at 10, my phone was ringing. The matter was resolved to my satisfaction. Byron Adams D/3/8 68-69

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE....

It is my sincere hope that this finds you all in good health. For those of you planning to attend our fourth reunion in Las Vegas, I look forward to seeing you. This event provides the opportunity to renew old friendships, as well as , make new ones. As of this writing, we have 70 of our Brothers who have indicated that they plan to attend. With family members and friends, we have 120 that will be participating in the buffet dinner on Friday night and the banquet dinner on Saturday night. These numbers will continue to increase. I urge you to make your room reservations early, as they are available on a “first come, first served” basis. Our roster continues to increase. We have surpassed 650 Brothers that have been accounted for; over 25 since the first of the year. This can be attributed directly/indirectly to our website. My thanks to our webmaster, Jim Bury B Co 67-68, for his continued effort in maintaining our site. Very soon, we will have a photo gallery where we can post our pictures. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Walkowiak, B Co 67-68 and Bob Stevson B/3/8 67-68, who has taken a hand in this endeavor. Bob W. will administer the photo gallery. Our Forum is increasing in activity and I would like to thank Mike Boxer, D Co 68-69, for taking on the task as moderator. If you haven’t had the opportunity to check out our website, I urge you to do so. www.ivydragoons.org

REUNION COMMENTS

If you are “on the fence” or have a “fear” of attending the reunion I hope to put your mind at ease with the following comments received after the reunion in 2003.

Had a great time, thanks again for all that you and the family put into it Johnnie Bing A/3/8 67-68

It was a wonderful reunion! It was truly good for Bob and we both had a great time and we are both looking forward to the next one! Bob & Brenda Brown C/3/8 67-68

We enjoyed renewing an old bond. The reunion was great and spending time with each of you made it a delightful and grand experience. Bob Maranise C/3/8 67-68

Thanks again for putting together a really great reunion. And, of course, a special thanks to Elsie and Jennifer for there help. This was the best reunion yet for me and looking forward to the next one. Jim Bury B/3/8 67-68

It was a great reunion. I wish it were longer. Jim Adams B/3/8 67-68

Thanks Steve....you asked for constructive criticism about the reunion....sooo.....here is my take for what is worth....there seems to be a core group of the “boat people” and 67 folks that fought in the Battle of Dak To, and related actions. I must tell you, as a guy who came just a little bit later, and even over-lapped several of the 67 guys, I always feel like a second classed Ivyman. It’s not a big deal, but that’s the way I feel. If we want to get more members, we need to reach out to the guys AFTER you guys. No one really wanted to talk to me or the other one or two guys that were later on after you guys...I know it is a special relationship between you all, but if we want it to be a true Vietnam Ivy Dragoons Reunion, then we need to reach out...I’m not alone, for example, I spoke at length to Bill Newcomb who lives in Las Vegas...the body builder guy...he also felt slighted...and a couple other

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VA Benefits...

VA TINNITUS COMPENSATION UP-

DATE 01: On 5 APR 05, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims handed down its decision in Smith v. Nicholson. The DAV had argued on behalf of Mr. Smith that he was entitled to two separate 10% disability ratings for service-connected tinnitus, i.e., ringing, in his right and left ears. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) argued in Smith's case, as well as a large number of other cases, that the schedule for rating disabilities provided for only one 10% rating, regardless of whether the tinnitus was present in only one ear or both ears. The Court held that: "Based on the plain language of the regulations, the Court holds that the pre-1999 and pre-June 13, 2003 versions of [diagnostic code] 6260 required the assignment of dual ratings for bilateral tinnitus." Veterans who filed a claim for service connection for tinnitus in both ears, or who claimed an increased rating for that condition, prior to 13 JUN 03, may be entitled to receive combined disability compensation based on two 10% ratings for tinnitus. Additionally, the law does not permit any such ratings to be reduced in the future, unless the severity of the tinnitus is shown to have actually improved. Veterans who believe that they may be entitled to benefits based on the Smith precedent should contact their DAV National Service Officer.

[Source: www.dav.org/news/documents/Tinnitus_Website_%20Summary.pdf APR 05]

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guys....anyway, that's my take on things....you guys were the Vanguard of the 3/8th, but we were there until 1970 and experienced the SAME things...and died...and were wounded, one way or another.....and as I told you, I will help if you want when it comes to the Dragoons Chapter.....Hope I'm not out of line....like I said before, you are a CLASS ACT and I hope a good friend..... Jim White C/3/8 68-69

Thank you for the wonderful reunion. I've been to DC, Des Moines, and this is number 3; and by far the best. Of course 3rd battalion is my guys, but more than that-the mood, direction, healing, and spirituality made the difference. And these all began and emanated from the Edmunds family. The Lord has used you in a mighty way. It takes a while to deal with reunions. In DC when I saw Steve, Skip, and Docs Bryant and Lunde, it was great but I was blown away by it all. One night was all that I seemed to be able to do. I felt much more comfortable this time and I'm sure that next time will be easier yet. And as it gets easier I get more out of it- more brotherhood, more healing, and more growth. This is what the brothers who did not come need to know. And the brotherhood is amazing. After we figured out who we were talking to the 35 years fell away to nothing. The sense of loss when we parted again was immense. But not bad. It was all good. How great to find the rest of my tribe! If we're freaks at least there's a battalion of us. We're all plumbers with PhDs or some variation thereof. As Steve said, "How great it is to be with a bunch of grunts!" And Point Man Ministries! Fantastic job that you guys are doing. Please send me a brochure that I can pass out to solicit a few bucks here in KC. I can copy it.

Pat McClelland C/3/8 67-68

I had a very good time, I usually get home sick after a day, but I was enjoying seeing everyone that I didn't get time to miss home. Bob Hillsberry B/3/8 67-68 FO

I, along with a bunch of my friends and brothers, just had one of the best times ever in Las Vegas, NV. The place was not a factor in the enjoyment of it all, but the company of renewed relationships and new relationships gained, made it all worthwhile. Fred Watson B/3/8 67-68

We had a GREAT time at the reunion, we are so glad we were able to attend. Joe & Irma Garcia B/3/8 67

For me, they become increasingly interesting: sort of like a jigsaw puzzle where you keep putting together more and more pieces. I certainly thought that this was the best one so far.

Charles Flood War correspondent/author ("War of the Innocent") 66-67

Had a great time at the Reunion, Finally met Julio Leon from my Co. It made the whole Reunion a little extra special.

Albert Jacquez A/3/8 69-70

Stagnant VA Budget...

In a telephone conversation with Congressman's Gordon's office, it was determined the budget for the VA is not increasing. The VA budget has had little or no increase for the past 5 years. Factor in inflation and, at best, it is status quo. There is a new influx of veterans from the current war. Aging veterans, and rightfully so, are getting the medical attention needed. That leaves the Vietnam War vets in the cold. Approach your representatives of the Congressman and Senator. Everyone make noise. Submitted by Byron Adams, D/3/8 68-69.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

Greetings 3/8TH Brothers:

Everything, with exception to all the pollen, new life is showing God's resurrection face. Some day, even the pestering pollen will be gone.

Summer is coming, with our longing expectations, looking to reunion time. I long to see the faces... new faces, this year that we haven't seen since so long ago. My prayer is that you are all well, even if you can't come to Vegas in July, we extend to you a fresh "WELCOME HOME".

I have received new pictures of an old memory from one of our Brothers and I am still amazed how young we were then and how fragile, then and now, life truly is. Proverbs 27:1 "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest what a day brings forth". But in God's economy, He has and is making a place and, through Christ, never again will life be fragile, but eternal.

Let us, therefore, keep before us and before God those still risking it all for us that we might continue in freedom. God, do bless America again and send a revival of patriotism, spirituality, and much needed moral character that will follow the design set by Christ Jesus, himself, for us to follow!

Let us pray for our leaders to stand with rigid spiritual backbone that those who did give it all will not have died in vain.

As many travel to the reunion, we pray for each other's safety and care.

God's richest blessings on all in uniform and, especially, 3/8th 4th Infantry Division vets of Vietnam. No matter which battles we fought in, we still remain blood Brothers by all that bled and fought and died. God speed my Brothers, until we meet again.

Bro. Ed Pippin Co. B 3/8TH 4TH Inf. Div. RVN 67
Jeremiah 33:3

TRIBUTE...

This tribute is for ALL of our Brothers in Arms, whom never returned from Vietnam.

To My Brothers in Arms

We Grew up together.....You and Me ! We had the hopes and dreams of youth as we played baseball in the sandlots and makeshift fields. As we grew toward manhood, we retained the innocence of youth, while visions and ideals taught us to Honor our Fathers, and respect our Nations Flag.

We Grew up together.....You and Me ! We went off to a distant country called Vietnam....simply because our Country asked us to go. We learned of places that seemed foreign to our tongue....Yet names such as Chu Lai, Hue, A

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DRAGOON PROFILE....



Mark Butler was inducted into the army on March 26, 1966 in Los Angeles. At the time, he was residing in La Mirada, CA. Mark was sent to Ft Bliss, Texas where he spent his first ten

days in the military, then was sent to Ft Riley, Kansas where he was given his MOS of 11 Bravo. He spent 7 months going through Basic and AIT. On Dec. 13, 1966, Mark shipped out with the 9th Infantry Division and assigned to A Co 4/39th. In May of 1967, Mark was transferred into the 4th Infantry Division and assigned to 3rd platoon, C Co 3/8th and served his platoon as one of the RTO's. Mark comments, "I had some good times with some of the best guys on earth until July 23, 67 when the platoon was wiped out. After July 23rd, I didn't try to make any new friends. And from that time until DEROS (DEC. 12, 67) my time in Viet Nam is just a forgotten memory. Most of those KIA and WIA are in my thoughts most of the time." Mark returned to "The World" and spent 10 days at Ft Sill, OK before he received his discharge on Jan. 26, 1968.

Before Mark shipped out to Vietnam, he married his lovely wife, Carol, on November 22, 1966. When he had the opportunity to take his R & R, he went to Hawaii to spend some time with his wife. They reside in Loma Linda, CA and have two beautiful daughters: Courtney Lynn Butler, born on Aug. 10, 1978, and is an English teacher at Long Beach City College; and Brooke Nicole Butler, born on Dec. 30, 1979. Brooke, recently, completed a 2 year journey to Kenya serving with the Peace Corps and is, currently, working on her Master's degree at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Mark is employed in Instrumentation Sales and enjoys fishing in his spare time. Mark and his family attend Rose Drive Friends Church. He is a member of the Ivy Dragoons Chapter, National 4th Infantry Division Assoc. Mark has attended the Dragoons reunions in 1999 & 2003 and the Charlie Co reunions in 2002 & 2004.

Mark wishes to thank Steve Edmunds for making all this happen. "If it wasn't for Steve, I would not have been able to make contact with so many of his buddies, the next of kin and surviving family members of our KIA's". Mark will be attending the reunion in Las Vegas July 21 - 24, 2005 in Las Vegas.

A Book Review....

To My Brother and Sisters Veterans of the Vietnam War:

This is an article regarding a book I just read entitled, *America Won the Vietnam War* by Robert R. Owens, Ph.D. This book was mentioned in the June issue of *The Ivy Leaves*. This book looks at the goals and objectives as stated in the rhetoric of America's leadership. All criteria used are taken from public records of the achievements or failures of those goals and objectives.

If you are like me, you are probably sick and tired of being told that we lost the war, or that Vietnam was the only war America ever lost. This book sets the record straight! After reading it, I'm sure you will agree that we won the war at the Paris Peace tables and most importantly, on the battlefields. The goals and objectives we set out to accomplish were realized and therefore, we won the Vietnam War! Some important facts of our war are, as follows:

Fact: The American forces and their allies won every major battle they fought against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong.

Fact: We inflicted vastly disproportionate casualties on the communists.

Fact: We forced the communists to the negotiation table and eventually forced them to sign the Paris Peace Accords. These accords met America's war goals of a stop to Communist infiltration and the recognition of a South Vietnam, a "peace with honor".

In his book, Robert Owens states, "However, ultimately the forces of freedom lost the peace because the Congress of the United States no longer supported the belief that Vietnam constituted a pivotal battle in the larger context of the Cold War. It had become for them, instead, a local matter, which no longer affected the vital interests of the United States.

It is not the valiant men and women who fought so hard and so victoriously who should bear the burden of this defeat. We won our war!

The responsibility of this defeat lies directly within two groups. First, at the feet of the leaders of the Anti War movement, who worked so hard and so successfully to undermine America's resolve. Secondly, at the feet of the Democratic Congress of the United States who broke every promise five successive administrations have made. Leaders who exploited the turmoil of a selfish generation, the expediency of a presidential scandal (Watergate) and the resulting temporary weakness of the executive branch to erase the victory won by America's valiant Army."

Another important fact, our military divisions were sent home in 1973. The Communists didn't take Saigon until 1975, after they violated the terms of the Paris Peace talks that they had signed. Where was the United Nations? What good are they?

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The Liberal Left and the media depict the American military as fleeing in defeat from the rooftop of the embassy in Saigon, clinging to the undercarriages of helicopters. These people were our embassy workers, NOT our military. If our military were still there, the NVA would never have entered Saigon. They would never have even crossed the DMZ!

Another interesting fact, on June 19, 1973, the Democratic controlled Congress passed the Case-Church Amendment. This Amendment specifically forbade any further American military involvement in Southeast Asia. With this Amendment in place, what was to stop the Communists from invading the South again? Then in September 1974, this Democratic Congress voted to cut aid to South Vietnam to only 700 million dollars. This constituted a direct refusal of Congress to continue the level of re-supply that our government had promised. The South Vietnamese Army began to fail to effectively respond to Communist aggression and, sadly, without resources and supplies, the morale of the South Vietnamese Army declined.

Finally, two years later, after the passing of the Case-Church Amendment, the cut in US aid and the low morale of the South Vietnamese troops, the Communists entered Saigon and took the embassy. The American forces won it's war by defeating a determined enemy and forcing them to the bargaining table to accept our terms for peace, which meant they were to remove their troops from South Vietnam and we were to remove ours. This we did in 1973. They were, also, to let the South Vietnam install their own Democratic government without interference. We continued to assist the South with aid so that they could defend themselves.

In the end, the Liberal Left Democratic Congress of the United States passed the Case-Church Amendment, cut aid in half to the South, then cut it again to 700 million, and were about to completely stop all aid when the morale of the South Vietnamese Army collapsed and the North Vietnamese Army took Saigon. This all happened two years after we defeated the Communists and they violated the terms of the Paris Peace talks that they signed. I, personally, think that when the Communists invaded the South after the Paris Peace talks, they started another war. A war we weren't there to fight, so how could we lose it? Our Liberal Left Democratic Congress made it impossible for us to go back and help the South Vietnamese people. God Bless all Vietnam Veterans and Welcome Home.

John D'Agostino, Jr.

3/8th Inf., 4th Inf. Div. July 69 - July 70

If anyone is interested in reading this book, it may be ordered by calling 1-866-909-2665, or it can be ordered online at <http://www.xulonpress.com/bookstore/titles/594672954.htm>

A Welcome Home Story...

I liked the story. It reminded me of my welcome home from Viet Nam, Aug. 1968. I'm sure every Viet Nam vet has a welcome home story to tell and the following is mine. I'm certain if Larry Sr. was alive today, he'd relay his own welcome home story....

On August 12, 1968 yours truly landed at Seatac airbase, Washington State, along with about 200 other Viet Nam vets. We went thru our routine welcome-home steak dinner, compliments of our U. S. government. They put us on our different birds to fly us to our quaint towns throughout the United States, compliment of our own U.S. taxpayers. On my bird were about 40 other vets. We landed in Denver, but we had a 4 hour lay-over until we could board a shuttle flight into Nebraska, Iowa etc. Now 4 hours to a grunt, fresh out of the jungles of Viet Nam was a 4 hour life-time in the airport bar. So we all waited for our duffle-bags to be unloaded, seizing them as they came down the conveyer, and headed for the bar. I was one of the last to get my duffle-bag and was bringing up the rear of this line of 40, thirsty jungle bunnies. As I had visions of a good, cold whiskey-sour in my hand, my vision was broken with a voice, about 30 feet away—"88355sk df3e 89dder". At the time I'd lost 40% of my hearing, unknowingly, because of the B-40 rockets, mortars, machine-guns blasting near my ears, artillery rounds landing in our perimeter etc. So in short, I couldn't hear worth a crap. I stopped and turned in the direction of the voice. Sitting about 30 feet away were 4 long-haired hippies, with their long-haired girl friends. Now to get a perspective of the situation, I was lugging an 80 lb. duffle-bag, my total body weight was 140 lbs., I hadn't had a shower in 3 days, and I was thirsty. I didn't have time to carry on a conversation with a long-hair. I'd had malaria twice, been wounded twice; I hadn't slept in two days, just ate a lousy military steak that tasted like my boot, and I was truly getting very thirsty. However, my military bearing kicked in and I politely said, "Excuse me, I lost part of my hearing, and I couldn't hear what you said." Now in order to get an image of these long-hairs, one has to visualize 4 fellows, weighting 180-210 lbs, 6' plus tall—their long hair made them even taller, and they were sitting with 4 very attractive, round-eyed, long-haired girl-friends. The biggest, male specimen mumbled something like, "Fi8spng B3ry Kyw9er". Now I was really getting thirsty, and I didn't have time for this nonsense. I walked over to the long-hair, standing in front of him, I repeated my original question—"Excuse me, I couldn't hear what you said. I've lost part of

my hearing." Now that long-hair continued sitting in the chair, looked up at me squarely in the eye, and said, "You F—ing, Baby Killer". You have to realize that this English statement had never reached this grunts virgin ears, never. In fact, I wasn't even certain what a baby killer was, let alone a fu—ing one. However, my golden glove days, hand-to-hand military training, and a brother bigger-than-I, that taught me to defend myself, kicked in. I knew I'd just been insulted; I don't know why; but what this guy had just said to me, thoroughly ticked me off. I hit this long-hair with all of my 140 lbs—my boxing coach, Fred Crow, would have been proud of me—the nose broke, the blood splattered, and the long-hair fell back into the chair dreaming of some la-la land.

Now the story doesn't end here. The other three hippies jumped up to defend their buddy. I slung my duffle-bag aside, waiting for the you're about to get your butt kicked, and you made it home from Viet-Nam, but you're ass is had, and you're goin' to end up in a hospital in Denver, and your pretty face isn't goin' to be so pretty. I back-tracked a few feet, readying myself for these 3 goons. I was cocked, loaded and ready for a butt kicking, but I was going to take a few more swings before I met my nurse. In the mean-time the 4 girls jumped up, professing all sorts of exclamation marks in my direction, calling me names that even my own ex-wife wouldn't call me, and I just knew I'd be scratched to death. Yep, I was in one sorry, welcome-home situation. Just as I was in my cocked-and-loaded stance, the guys started to jump over their chairs in the opposite direction, some of the girls started running around the chairs in the opposite direction, and the one lonely girl-friend ran to her knocked-out-and-bloody boy-friend, cursing little-old-me. I knew I'd had my best mean look on, but this was too easy. They were running from a tired, stinky, 140 lb, thirsty grunt. However, my training in Viet Nam kicked in; I sensed something behind me. I turned, and standing behind me were 39 BEAUTIFUL Viet Nam vets.

As the years go by, and we age, not so gracefully, I wonder about that long-hair. Did he have nose surgery? Did he become a missionary in Viet Nam? Did he become a home-less drunk? I keep waiting for that apologetic phone call. I certainly hope so, to all of the above.
Byron Kinnan D/3/8 67-68

If you have a "Welcome Home" story that you would like to share, send it to the editors.

Seeking Info

My name is Cathy Hines and my Dad was in A Co. 3/8th. He served in Vietnam from 9/67 to 10/68. I am so thankful that my dad was one of the lucky men to come home from Vietnam and have a large interest in the Vietnam experience.

Gordon Dixon was his squad leader. Gordon recently sent me some photos of my Dad in Vietnam (I had none). He put a spark in me with those photos. I would like to document the stories of those who served with my fathers platoon or any who served during his time. I am asking you to put me in contact with these men or advise me as to whether you think they would like to tell of their experiences. I would like to document stories, photos, letters, etc. and then provide a collected book of their accounts to each of these wonderful soldiers. They are my heros.

My father and I went through the list of men on this site and here are their names:

Charles Young, Bill E. Vigil, Davie D. Wade, Johnnie Bing, Stanley Bode, Ronald Blust, Archie Bush, Modesto "Lou" Castaner, Edward Gray, Ralph Haun, Timothy Hoffert, David L. Jack, Nathan Lanford, W.E. Maass, Dan Maier, Glen Mays, Thomas McEachern, Jerry Nelson, Joe Pelfrey, Larry Poore and Dennis Sanchez.

Sitting down with my dad and letting him tell me of his experiences going to war and during seems to be a big release for him. He is so excited at the prospect of hearing others experiences during this time.

Any help you are willing to provide is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at 336.250.5121.

Cathy Hines, North Carolina
w_routh@hotmail.com

Seeking Info....

My name is Albert Llauger. I was in the Mortar Platoon, Co.E, 3/8, from Sept.67 - Sept. 68. During my tour of duty in Nam, we had many experiences and lost many good men. I had the privilege of being in a position of having friends in all of the Companies. Although I didn't know thier names and have forgotten the ones that I knew. As a

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member of a support unit, we all gave 100% back up to make everyone's mission easier. I would like to know if anyone can help me with an incident that occurred one evening? We were stationed on a hill over looking Dak To. It was a clear quiet evening. We observed muzzle flashes, smoke and heard firing. Dak To was taking incoming rounds from a hill under us. I don't know why we didn't fire on that position. I was the gunner in our 81mm mortar squad and we were ready to accept a fire mission. A LT. asked to use my flashlight to read the coordinates on his map and he called a fire mission from a Battery of 8 inch Artillery, that was on another hill over looking Dak To, to our left. The LT. returned my flashlight and said "thanks". The LT. ordered Battery fire one round. The first round went over our heads. I jumped into our mortar parapet and hugged the ground. Less than a second the other rounds landed. One round landed next to the LT. . The remains of the LT. was put in a Poncho and taken away. The next day I heard that the Battery was set up at the wrong grids to the right. Can any one help me to try to put closure. I never knew the LT. and I don't remember the date.

Thanks, Al Llauger, albllg@aol.com 845-876-2485

Seeking Info

I am looking for information for men that were at the Mountagnard Village on June 12, 1969 near Camp Enari. A firefght took place killing Richard Proveaux and another guy who was in country for only a few weeks. Two other guys were killed that night, one by satchel charges thrown into the main bunker and the other shot in the forehead falling into the caved in bunker. I believe John Mitchell was the man I gave a tourniquet to using my black T-shirt, to stop bleeding from a bullet wound to his knee. He was in the reactionary tent set up for 21 guys that night. I wish to find anyone who was there or heard of this action. I filled out an action report form about this night. I purchased documents from June 1 thru June 31 and found no action report. Where would this report be? Any information to acquire this would be appreciated.

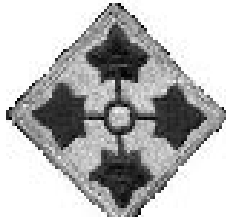
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Gary Gorectke, (414) 355-3984
ggg_s@juno.com

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

Name: _____
Company: _____ Dates in RVN: _____
Address: _____
City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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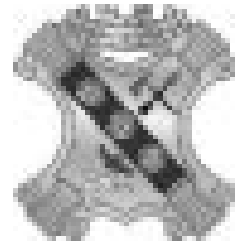
If interested in a Life Membership, let me know and I will send you an application.



IVY DRAGOONS REUNION

WHEN: JULY 21 - 24, 2005

WHERE: GOLD COAST HOTEL & CASINO
4000 WEST FLAMINGO RD
LAS VEGAS, NV 89103



Hotel reservations should be made, directly, with the hotel. Call toll free 1-888-402-6278 and state that your reservations are for the Ivy Dragoons Reunion. Rates: Sunday thru Thursday @ \$40.00/nite and Friday & Saturday nite @ \$79.00/nite double occupancy plus tax. Note: there is an additional charge for 3-4 people per room.

For additional info, contact: Steve Edmunds, 2212 Shady Hills Dr, Diamond Bar, CA., 91765, ph/fax 909-861-6379, e-mail: edmundsdb@aol.com

7/22	Registration	\$15.00 per adult(over 18)	X	_____	=	_____
7/22	Buffet dinner	\$35.00 per person	X	_____	=	_____
7/23	Banquet dinner	\$35.00 per person	X	_____	=	_____
	Donation (Optional)				=	_____
				TOTAL		_____

Note: The National reunion will be taking place during this time. Their events are being held at the Stardust Hotel in the event you would like to attend any of their festivities. If you plan to attend, be advised that it was decided by the National reunion organizing committee that the registration fee will not be waived for anyone attending the National Reunion. All attendee's will be required to pay the registration fee stated in the Reunion Registration Form (\$25.00) plus the stated fee for each activity they elect to participate in, i.e. Ladies Luncheon, Mixer/Dinner and Banquet. This decision is not intended to preclude anyone from stopping by to say hello and visit.

Please pass on to your members all Association members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend the Association's scheduled business meetings whether they officially register for the reunion or not. Committee meetings are scheduled for Wednesday July 20 and the Annual Business Meetings, Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23, 10AM - 12Noon.

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Shaw Valley, Danang, Iron Triangle, Cu Chi and a thousand more will remain with us forever. We experienced the horrors that war can bring....You and Me. Then, one day the war took you from our midst, as you died on those blood soaked plains, rice paddies, jungle, and shores. A part of me went with you that day, as hopes and dreams were shattered in the grim realities of war. Yet, a part of You remains with me forever.....for we are Brothers, All !

You Never had a chance to raise a family or watch the kids grow up. Nor, were you able to travel to those places that we talked about while thinking of home....All so Many years ago. I lived through the war and made it home to see those sights that we talked about. You have seen them through my eyes, as you were in my thoughts, as you are everyday. I have taught my children, and others to

remember you, and pointed out your name....58,000 strong.....on the Wall. You were my Friend and my Brother, and though the years pass quickly, I miss you and remember you as though it were Yesterday!

For.....We grew up together.....You, and Me.

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Wayne Carl Felsheim:

Served with the US Navy in Vietnam from 1967-1970.

1. USS Providence CLG-6 from 1967-68 (a light cruiser) mostly gunfire support in I corp.

2. USS Oklahoma City CLG-5 from 68-69 (Light cruiser) same area.

3. In country with CTF-116 Communications at Binh Thuy, RVN (Mekong Delta) 1969-70

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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 Jan 1 and April 30, 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.

New Members: Alex P. Alegria, B/3/8 66-67; Ruben W. Allen-Pinto, B/3/8 11/67-7/68; Ronald D. Blust, A/3/8 10/67-10/68; Bruce R. Boenning, D/3/8 68-69; Richard A. Elam, B/3/8 9/66-9/67; Russell D. Belden, C/3/8 9/66-5/67; Arty Dovers, A/3/8 2/70-7/70; Joe Garcia, Jr., B/3/8 6/67-11/67; Robert C. "Goose" Goss, HHC/3/8 67-69; Albert Llauger, E/3/8 Mortars 9/67-9/68; Richard E. Murray, A/3/8 11/68-3/69; Richard "Rick" Schlafer, D/3/8 1/69-3/69; Marion Valentine, B/3/8 68-69

Renewals: Byron E. Adams, D/3/8 10/68-5/69; Lloyd T. Bedik, HHC/3/8 11/67-5/68; Doug P. Belnap, Memorial (Son of LTC Glen D. Belnap "Saber" KIA 20 Dec 67); Stanley J. Benner, A/3/8 66-67; Johnnie L. Bing, Sr., A/3/8 5/67-5/68; Stanley R. Bode, A/3/8 67-68; Herbert O. "Terry" Brayer, C/3/8 69-70; James N. Bury, B/3/8 7/67-7/68; Roger G. Bury, Associate Member; Mark A. Butler, C/3/8 5/67-12/67; Richard D. Butterfield, D/3/8 3/68-3/69; John L. Cimino, B/3/8 11/67-11/68; Ron D. Collins, Memorial (Brother of John James Collins B/3/8 KIA 11/11/67); Doug Dettman, C/3/8 8/67-8/68; Chris R. Dressler, E/3/8 Recon 1/69-4/69; Col. Robert B. Evans, HHC/3/8 69-70; David S. Fessler, C/3/8 2/67-1/68; Donald S. Fields, B/3/8 10/68-10/69; Charles B. Flood, HHC/3/8 12/66-12/67 (war correspondent/author); Charles "Skip" Franges, 8/67-10/68; Bernard A. Frolik, C/3/8 66-67; Robert A "Panch" Gamboa, B/3/8 8/66-8/67; James George, B/3/8 10/68-12/69; Virgil "Sonny" Giles, U/3/8 5/69-1/60; Ronald L. Hamm, D/3/8 68-69; John M. Harris, HHC 2/68-11/68; Wonnie "Pappy" Harris, C/3/8 5/67-5/68; Ralph E. Haun, A/3/8 9/67-9/68; Gary L. "Hollie" Holliman, C/3/8 11/67-11/68; Hugh D. Hosack, B/3/8 67-68; Kenneth A. Howe, D/3/8 9/68-9/69; Paul L. Hundrieser, A/3/8 9/66-9/67; Gregory "Rock" Illingworth, C/3/8 8/66-7/67; David L. Jack, A/3/8 10/67-9/68; Wayne Jackson, A/3/8 68-69; Albert R. "Hawk" Jacquez, Sr., A/3/8 1/69-1/70; Samuel Kennedy, HHC/3/8 66-67; Michael A. Leite, C/3/8 ??-??; Monte R. "Doc" Lunde, C/3/8 11/67-10/68; Gary J. McCluskey, D/3/8 9/67-9/68; Benny M. Medford, A/3/8 69-70; Darold Muhs, D/3/8 10/68-3/69; Richard A. Palentchar, D/3/8 2/70-12/70; Ivan N. Pierce, Sr., C/3/8 1/67-3/68; Col. James O. Pittman, HHC/3/8 6/69-6/70; Dennis S. Reifsnider, A/3/8 69-70; Robert T. Richards, C/3/8 3/67-3/68; John T. Robinson, D/3/8 9/69-9/70; Larry L. Skoglund, FO C/3/8 8/67-12/67; Edward J. Sleichert, E/3/8 7/68-5/69; John L. Swick, C/3/8 66-67; Bruce D. Thompson, HHC/3/8 Recon 8/66-8/67; William "Bill" Tripp, C/3/8 67-68; Bart Van Valkenburgh, A/3/8 1/70-11/70; James L. Vaughn, C/3/8 69-70; Robert G. Walkowiak, Jr., B/3/8 9/67-9/68; Duane Zorn, HHC/3/8 66-67;

Paid For Life: Joe T. McCook, E/3/8 9/67-9/68; Paul C. Romine, D/3/8 68-69; Alan P. Sellers, C/3/8 7/67-7/68;