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Brother Wins Trip To Vietnam...

Pellham Palmer, E/3/8 Recon 68-69, is one of 9 veterans to win an all expenses paid trip to Vietnam sponsored by the VFW. To qualify candidates must have been awarded a Purple Heart. Entries must have been received prior to the Dec. 1, 2007 drawing. The in-country tour March 19-29, 2008, includes visits to Saigon, the Mekong Delta, Cu Chi, Hue, the DMZ, Hoi An, Marble Mountain and China Beach. “Strangely enough that will be during the 38th anniversary of my being wounded in Vietnam”, says Pellham.

SEEKING INFO...

I am trying to locate John Reynolds. I last saw him when a buddy of his drowned at a bridge outside of Dak To Firebase. Any information on how to get in touch with him is appreciated. Thanks.
Ronnie Jones, C/3/8 67-68
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President’s Message...

As another year passes and we enter into our 8th year as an organization, Ivy Dragoons, it is heartwarming to see our numbers continue to grow. Over the past year, we have added over 70 Brothers and 6 family members of our KIA’s. Our roster strength stands at 803 Brothers that served with our battalion in RVN 1966-1970. In 2007, we had our 5th Battalion Reunion in Nashville. Over Veteran’s Day we were well represented for the festivities in Wash DC. I wish to take this opportunity to thank our Brother, Ed Goehring B/3/8 66-67, who organized the Dragoon’s participation over Veteran’s Day. He is truly, “Steadfast & Loyal”. Also, I would like to extend my best wishes to each of you and hope that 2008 will be filled with many blessings for you and your families. Lastly, I wish to thank those that have renewed their membership in our chapter and if you have not done so, please take a minute and send it in. If you have not been a member, please consider doing so, we need your support. Remember that it is not the cost of the membership it is the price you already paid to be eligible for membership. We must pick up the torch and carry on with the traditions of the 4th Inf Div Assoc and reach out to our Iraqi/Afghanistan 4th ID veterans and encourage their participation.

IVY DRAGOONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND...

The donations that many of you made in honoring our web-master, Jim Bury was overwhelming. To report that Brother Jim Bury is so gracious that he returned the monetary gift to the Dragoons treasury to be used for whatever is needed and is a sign of a true combat Brother as he is more interested in the whole of the group, than himself.

That being said, during the 2005 reunion in Las Vegas, the suggestion was made to start a scholarship fund in memory of our fallen Brothers was brought to the floor. It was unanimously approved by all in attendance. So I suggested to our president, Steve Edmunds, that we take the donation from Brother Jim Bury and use these monies to start our scholarship fund. His response was, “good idea and congratulations, you’re the new chairman of the Scholarship Committee.” I will perform these duties with honor.

I suggest that we award the scholarship only to lineal descendants of Vietnam era Ivy Dragoons, or to their re-married spouses children. I would like to see a self-sustaining fund, paying the scholarship from the interest earned on the account rather than trying every year to collect enough to pass out a check. Other than that, I’m open and welcome any suggestions.

Two years ago, we suggested starting this fund. And two years have passed with nothing being accomplished. Think about it Brothers, at about 60 years of age, how many two-year periods do we have left to honor our fallen?

NOW IS THE TIME TO START. Please respond with your suggestions of the program and any ideas on how to secure the monetary objective. Please contact me.

Thanks

Edward G.Goehring B/3/8 9/66 ~ 9/67 Call 610-967-5594 or email: Gcoopersburg@aol.com

Upcoming Events...

12th Charlie Co Reunion

When: Sept 18 – 21, 2008

Where: Radisson Hotel
120 S. Wildwood Dr.
Branson, MO

Rooms at \$85.00 per night. Call (417) 335-5767 for reservations.

Point of Contact: **Terry & Sue Jandron**

Call: 906-485-5936

email: sjan347@chartermi.net

A hospitality room will be provided for all four days and we will be allowed to bring in our own dry snacks, beverages and coolers with ice.

Charlie Co Mini-Reunion

When: Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2008

Where: Hilton Hotel
Anchorage, AK

Rooms at \$88.00 per night. Call (907) 265-7037 for reservations

Point of Contact: **Pete Squartsoff**

Phone: 907-454-2207

Our Alaskan “boat people” Brothers have a difficult time joining us for our reunions during the summer as this is the peak period for their work season. This date coincides with the annual Rendevous celebration. Included in the festivities is dog sled racing.

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Prayer of Veterans Day 2007...

by Terry Bell

Former Delta Co. Commander 3/8th Infantry Ivy Dragoons

I am, again, privileged and honored to serve the Dragoon family today. Forty years ago, today, it was my sacred duty and honor to command Delta Co., a company only 3 months old. At that time, the only prayer I new was: “Please, Lord - let me see one more sunrise!” So, I have come full circle in this moment.”Let us bow our head in Prayer . . .
.ALMIGHTY FATHER GOD - we offer and dedicate this wreath with honor, respect and great love for all Dragoons killed or wounded in Vietnam. Many of us here today are alive because of the loving sacrifice of these fallen brothers. I know personally that I am. We remember especially today their honorable sacrifice during November 1967 at the Battle of Dak To on the long and bloody road to Hill 724. We remember how proud we were to serve our beloved country - we were devoted to each other - we sacrificed for one another - we loved one another. Although greatly outnumbered - we prevailed - we now stand as witnesses of that fierce combat - still together - shoulder to shoulder with our loved ones. We remember, too, that it is right and just TODAY, 40 years later, to recall our time at Dak To. In scripture, the number 40 (forty) has sacred meaning. God’s chosen people wandered in the desert 40 long years to reach their promised land. Later, Christ was tested for 40 days in the desert to overcome the world’s temptations. PLEASE - help us to accept these past 40 years as our special time of trials - of grief and anger at our losses - losses of our fallen brothers, loss of our youth and our innocence, of regrets about our time in war, our losses of family and friends who could not accept our stories of sacrifice and of brotherly love TOO great for words. May this day be sacred to us - help end our trials. Yes, we remember and we ask now for the blessing of PEACE – your PROMISE to us. We ask 1 - Peaceful Rest for our fallen and wounded brothers and everyone in their families. We ask 2 - Peace to our absent brothers and families - you were with us at Dak To 40 years ago and you could not travel here today. Finally, we ask 3 - Peace in our own hearts and souls - that this special Veteran’s Day Ceremony will be a special homecoming for us all. In all these prayers, we trust your great Love which unites us as a family of warriors, as brothers and sisters. Thank you for blessing us in this way - and for granting us Peace beyond all understanding. Amen.

Dragoon celebrates birthday...



A surprise birthday party for Ross DeGrave celebrating his 60th on October 28, 2007 was attended by many family and friends at the Alan Kuluieki Park in West Allis, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Of those attending were (4) 3/8th Infantry Division Viet Nam Veterans

Veterans Day - DC Attendees...

Ron Blust, A/3/8 67-68; **Paul Hundreiser**, A/3/8 66-67; **Ray "Doc" Turner**, A/3/8 68; **Bart Van Valkenburg**, A/3/8 70; **Bill Babcock**, A/3/8 69-70; **Ed & May Ellen Goehring**, B/3/8 66-67; **Kurt "Doc" Nagl**, B/3/8 66-67; **Ed Bookman**, B/3/8 66-67; **Bob Gamboa**, B/3/8 66-67; **Bill & Bonnie Cowell**, B/3/8 66-67; **Jim Adams**, B/3/8 67-68; **Lauren & Janette LiCausi**, Father – Anthony LiCausi B/3/8 Deceased DOD 11/7/99; **Chris & Maryann Falcone w/ daughters**, Father – John C. Falcone, Jr B/3/8 KIA 11/11/67; **Ron Jennings**, C/3/8 67-68; **Clay Andrews**, C/3/8 67-68; **Craig & Kay Phillips**, C/3/8 67-68; **Jerry Alford**, D/3/8 67-68; **Hubert & Nancy Brucker**, D/3/8 67-68; **Terry & Anita Bell**, D/3/8 67-68; **Alex Quintanar**, D/3/8 67-68; **Pat & Alice Ann McNulty**, FO D/3/8 67-68; **James Ronnie Pierce**, E/3/8 67-68; **Albert Llauger**, E/3/8 67-68; **Carl Riday**, E/3/8 67-68; **Paula Koy**, Brother – Dennis McPherson E/3/8 Mortars KIA 11/11/67 and friends, MSGT Jim Williams USAF, Ret. (model in Reflections Print) and Laura Crone; **Evrod Warner & Family**, HHC/3/8 69-71; **Jackson Day**, HHC/3/8 68-69



Lauren & Janette LiCausi with wreath



Dragoons with family & friends

Veterans Day Activities...

CUMBERLAND - Scores of veterans and people who appreciate them gathered under cloudy skies on a cool day at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery Sunday to pay honor to both living and dead military veterans on their special day. Those among in attendance was Paula Koy, a South Dakota native whose brother Dennis McPherson was 20 when he was killed in the province of Kontum near Dak To in South Vietnam on Veterans Day 1967. It took Koy, who now lives in Peoria, Ill., years to end her way to Cumberland and Rocky Gap for the ceremony. "When I saw 'Reflections,' (Lee Teter's famous painting of the Vietnam Memorial Wall), I saw my brother's name Dennis McPherson, E/3/8 Mo KIA 11/11/67) inscribed there," Koy said, adding that she eventually bought a print. The civilian in the print, modeled by Jim Williams, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172 in Cumberland. "Paula was traveling and stopped at the Sideling Hill museum and saw the print hanging there. She asked why it was there and discovered that Lee Teter was from Cumberland," Williams said. "She went to his studio, but wasn't able to find him." Koy eventually wrote to the local chapter and hooked up with Williams, who stopped to meet her in Peoria while on a trip to Chicago and eventually arranged for Koy to be here for yesterday's ceremony." Koy arrived in Western Maryland Thursday and on Saturday was on one of the three buses chartered by the local chapter to travel to the memorial. "My brother was five years older than me. He loved cars and motorcycles. His nickname was Cooz," Koy said. Koy's presence was recognized by Ronald Platt, cemetery superintendent, who said this year's service did not seem right without Bromo Ellsworth, the late post 13 American Legion member who had become synonymous with veterans activities in the area. "Last year I kept one eye on the service and one eye on Bromo who was getting chemo treatments. He was weaving a little and I wanted to be there if he fell, but then I knew that would never happen. No one could tell him he couldn't be here." Featured speaker Joseph S. Rumenap, a World War II veteran, told the crowd they were standing upon sacred ground and then enumerated the number of markers at each veterans' cemetery in Maryland. Rumenap took time to honor the veterans who died in combat, but who could not be buried at home, such as those buried at sea and those who died during the landing invasion of Iwo Jima. "I do not like war, but I want to keep it over there, not here," Rumenap said. "I think of two peals when I think of veterans, Pearl Harbor, where the fighting started, and the pearly gates of heaven, where all of those veterans are now. I hope peace will come soon," he said.

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Dragoon's Profile...

Byron E. Adams, who becomes 60 in January, was inducted into the army on March 5th, 1968 in Atlanta, GA. He had been residing in Fort Oglethorpe, GA. He took his basic training at Fort Benning, GA. Upon completion of basic training and with a MOS of 11 Bravo, Byron

received orders for Fort Jackson, SC to complete his AIT... and then orders for Vietnam. Byron arrived in Vietnam in October 1968 and reported to Delta Co 3/8th, 4th Inf. Div. When the opportunity to go on R & R came about, Byron chose Manila, Philippines. On his first day there, he found an A & W Root Beer and a Dairy Queen to give him a "taste of home". He hired a driver and went sight-seeing traveling to where the volcanoes stood, and then on to a jeepney factory and then back into the area where the pineapple plantations were located and watched the workers harvesting the fruit. He visited a Roman Catholic church that had a bamboo organ. Byron tried to call his brother, collect, who was living in Chatanooga, TN at the time. The Manila operator could not get the overseas operator to understand where Chatanooga was until she went "like in Choo Choo" and then the call went through. Upon completion of his tour, Byron received his DEROS and returned to "The World" in October 1969. Arriving in Fort Lewis, WA he received a 143 day "early out" and returned home to Georgia. Byron met and married Debbie... they will be celebrating their 37th anniversary in April 2008. They have one daughter, Rebekah Adams Quillin and a grandchild. Byron says, "I could not have made this journey without my wife Debbie. Her unconditional love saw me through rough times. I am a Blessed man that she is my wife". He worked 25 years as a Senior Multi-line insurance adjuster in casualty/property claims and had to retire 12 years ago due to PTSD. Byron is an avid target shooter reloading his own ammunition to increase accuracy. He further says, "I do miss being outdoors in the wilderness of the Georgia mountains". He and Debbie moved to Murfreesboro, TN a few years ago. In addition to being a member of the Ivy Dragoons Chapter of the National 4th Inf. Div. Assoc., he belongs to DAV & VFW. In 2000 a few members of Delta company and one member of Alpha Company got together in Chattanooga, TN. "It was good to feel normal among my Brothers", comments Byron. In 2005 he went to the battalion Reunion in Las Vegas and found more Brothers, as well as, his CO, Mike Daughety and FO, Hank Castillion. He states, "Much is owed these two men". In 2007 the Battalion met in Nashville, TN. Again the family grew. He adds, "It is just good to feel normal and find how my other Brothers life has been. God has been good to me"

A few words spoken on Veterans Day...

Brothers, sisters, families, and friends,

We are gathered here today to mark the 40th anniversary of a terrible day for Dragoons at Hill 724 and to honor our fallen Brothers. And we cannot forget the other units that participated in the action called "The Battle of Dak To". The 173rd airborne fought at Hill 875; the 3/12th 4th ID fought at Hill 1338 and other units fought and lost brothers in support of the entire operation. We, The Ivy Dragoons, will always remember.

Also, other brothers from the Ivy Dragoons had many a bad day. Some of my bad days were in May 67 and July 23, 1967 among others that don't have a name or a date. We must remember our Brother Dragoons that operated during a time called Operation Wayne Grey... they had many a bad day. Every combat veteran, from any conflict had bad days. So, as we remember the anniversary of Dak To lets remember everyone's bad days and realize it isn't only the Dragoons, but all members of the military that have bad days including our men and women currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please remember that their bad days mean as much to them as this day is to a lot of you here.

And remember that the price of freedom is written with the names on The Wall and the other memorials throughout the area.

Ed Goehring, B/3/8 66-67

More on Veteran's Day...

In the year of 2007, the men of the 3rd. Battalion, 8th. Infantry Regiment, 4th. Infantry Division felt a yearning to reunite. The attraction of this meeting was to pay homage for an event that took place 40 years earlier in the Central highlands in the Republic of South Viet Nam on Hill 724. Everyone realized that Veteran's Day at the Viet Nam Wall in Washington D.C. was the time and the place. Those that would be able to attend prepared and made arrangements for their trip. Those that weren't able to travel sent their best wishes and thoughts. Those that we were going to honor had family members come and join us.

We started to arrive and huddled with Ed Goering, Ed's wife Mary Ellen and Kurt "Doc" Nagl. The plan was set. It was a good plan. On Sunday, November 11th, we would all rally together and take our VIP seating at 1:00pm. The odds were against us. The amount of people that were present was overwhelming. At 1:00pm the entrance to the VIP seating was opened and a large orderly movement of people took the stands. Everyone was a VIP. The ceremony started, you could hear a pin drop on the grass. I was no where near the seating. I stood tall so that I would be able to see with negative results. My mind started to wander. I remembered 20 years earlier, on my first visit to the wall, how I felt the loneliness and was puzzled as to

what were my comrades names and where are my brothers that returned home and how are they doing? I looked around for someone to answer my questions. I gave up the cause, as I did in September of 1968, when I left Viet Nam. I awoke from my thoughts and Colin Powell, a survivor from the Bronx and Viet Nam veteran like me, gave a powerful speech that made the crowd roar. The ceremony ended.

The Ivy Dragoons met at the east end of the Wall and felt a strong bond, a sense of accomplishment. The craving to pay honor was satisfied. We talked, shed some tears and took pictures. We accomplished what we had come to do. We vowed to meet again. We departed with a smile and our heads held up high. And all of those questions since 1968 were answered.

Veteran's Day 2007

Albert Llauger, E/3/8 Mortars 67-68



Doc Nagl, Doc Turner & Ed Goehring

In Memory of the Soldiers Who Fought or Died Nov 11, 1967, on Hill #724

and

In Memory of My Brother, Dennis Craig McPherson

by Paula McPherson Koy

40 Years ago today

You did your very best;

For God & Country you fought or died

And history tells the rest.

The Battle of 7 twenty-four

Took its deathly toll;

Many good men were lost that day

And joined God's Honor Roll.

For those who lived and traveled home

Respect was not to be;

But now today the world has changed

As we honor you with glee!

On Veteran's Day we lift our hearts

To Veterans everywhere;

God Bless you now and keep you safe

Securely in His care.

Veteran's Day in DC Comments...

I just wanted to say what a great weekend I had in DC. The best ever Veteran's Day for me. I would like to give credit to Ed & Mary Ellen Goehring. They did all the planning and made all of the arrangements, I just tagged along... you see Ed is my "little brodder", one very devoted Dragoon. It was a pleasure meeting new Brothers and, especially, seeing Ed Bookman whom I have not seen since I left Nam. To make a long story short, (small world) I got to talking to one of our fellow Dragoons and come to find out that his mother-in-law was in the same refugee camp in Austria as my parents. My father used to drag us along when he used to go visit his friends. We lived across the river Traun in the camp, Lager 121 Haidansfelden. Again, to all my comrades and brothers, Aufwiedersehn. Until the next time... be safe and go with God. And for Tony's girls, it was a pleasure meeting my new nieces.

Kurt "Doc" Nagl, B/3/8 66-67

I just wanted to thank you guys for allowing Janette and I the honor to lay your wreath at The Wall on Veterans Day. It was great to meet so many of you guys - OUR HEROS - you made us feel so welcome and we really appreciate everything. I know my Father was with us all that day and I could just imagine the look on his face but more important the feeling in his heart when he saw his girls with his Brothers. Thanks again, it was such an Honor for us (sorry we couldn't keep it straight sometimes haha!). We look forward to seeing you all again at the Reunion, and meeting even more of our Uncles (and Cousins!)

Lauren LiCausi (Father - Anthony "Tony" LiCausi, B/3/8 67-68 Deceased 11/7/99)

On Sat., Nov.10 and Sun., Nov.11, 2007, the Ivy Dragoons reunited at the VN Wall in DC. and let our presence be known. I want to thank everyone that attended. You made every day a memorable event. We paid our respects to the Veterans and our remembrance to those that are in Gods hands. They will always live in our hearts. I want to give a special thanks to Ed Goehring, his wife and "Doc" Nagl for their vigil attention over the group against all odds. Your leadership is commendable. Once again the Ivy Dragoons had a mission and once again we completed our mission with our heads held high. I salute you and pray that we will all be together again in the near future.

Al Llauger, E/3/8 Mortars 67-68

After meeting many of the Ivy Dragoons this summer at the Reunion, I can finally put names to the faces in the army pictures that sat in photo albums for over 39 years. I was able to meet some of the men that were with my father the day he died. These men truly loved my father like a brother and for some like a father. They told me my

father was a "Soldier's Officer". It's hard to describe how these men carry such a special bond for each other. You can feel it when you are amongst them, it's overwhelming. For a son of a father that was part of this brotherhood, knowing he was with them, during his last days on this earth, has given me the peace I have longed for. They once again have sacrificed in order to help me find out who my father was, so that I could pass his memory on to my family. I felt so honored just to be in their presence. As my family remembers Sunday, November 11th 2007 as the 40th anniversary of my father's death, along with 20 of his fellow comrades and those that fought beside them to protect our country in The Battle of Dak To on Hill 724 Kontum, South Vietnam. We also remember all fallen soldiers and pray that they rest in peace, shall they never be forgotten. I will forever be honored to say, "I was the son and now honorary member of the Ivy Dragoons".

"Steadfast & Loyal"

Christopher P Falcone & Family

Hello Ivy Dragoon Band of Brothers,
Hope all is well with you all. I wanted to share with you all something Chris submitted to our local paper for Veterans Day 2007 (see attached link below - scroll down to "Who was Captain John P. Falcone Jr. ?") - I think he finally feels he has some peace, and it is because of all of you.

We finally made the trip to DC this past weekend - it took 40 yrs, but will be something our family will never forget. Thoughts of all of you and the bond you had with John will forever be with our family. God Bless, we are looking forward to seeing you all at the next reunion

Maryann Falcone

I would like to thank Brother Ed Goehring for his efforts in putting this together... the VIP seats were the greatest. While the emcee, Jan Scruggs, mentioned all of the different branches of the military during his speech... not one specific unit was mentioned until it was time to pay tribute to the 3/8th Dragoons and the survivors of the Battle of Dak To. Most memorable.

Paul Hundreiser, A/3/8 66-67



Ed & Mary Ellen Goehring

CHAPTER UPDATE...

The following is an update from Sept 1, 2007 and includes the early renewals for 2008 memberships.

New... Gary Fagerland, C/3/8 67-68; Edward Bookman, B/3/8 66-67; Charles Q. Cutshaw, ?/3/8 64-66; Billy W. Kimberlin, B/3/8 66-67; Paula McPherson Koy, (Memorial Brother – Dennis McPherson E/3/8 Mortars KIA 11/11/67); Kent A. Lang, C/3/8 67-68; Richard Morton, B/3/8; 67; Palmer Pellham, E/3/8 68-69; Carl Riday, E/3/8 Mortars 67-68; Roosevelt A. Samuel, B/3/8 66-67; James Steen, B/3/8 66-67;

Renewals... James C. Adams, B/3/8 67-68; Alex P. Alegria, B/3/8 66-67; William J. Anderson, C/3/8 67-68; Joseph S. Balla, A/3/8 68-69; Lloyd “Doc” Bedik, HHC/3/8 67-68; Johnnie L. Bing, A/3/8 67-68; Bruce R. Boenning, D/3/8 68-69; Dennis R. Bolman, B/3/8 69-70; Rellius “Bo” Boudreaux, B/3/8 69-70; Michael A. Boxer, D/3/8 68-69; William J. Brune, C/3/8 70; Paul D. Burrell, C/3/8 69-70; Jim Bury, B/3/8 67-68; Roger G. Bury, Associate USAF 67-68; Mark A. Butler, C/3/8 67; Russell Campbell, C/3/8 66-67; George Casiano, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67; Stephen J. Chopek, A/3/8 68; John L. Cimino, B/3/8 67-68; Jesse A. Colvin, B/3/8 65-67; John “Jack” Concannon, C/3/8 67; George “Doc” Costa, A/3/8 68-69; William H. Cowell, B/3/8 67-68; Doug “Jack” Crumley, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67; John D’Agostino, B/3/8 69-70; Colin L. Davis, A/3/8 67-68; Gordon D. Dixon, A/3/8 67-68; Arty Lee Dovers, A/3/8 70; Christopher R. Dressler, E/3/8 Recon 69; Gary R. Edwards, C/3/8 67-68; Carl J. Eisler, B/3/8 69-70; Richard A. Elam, B/3/8 66-67; Kenneth H. Elliott, B/3/8 67; Kenneth H. Ervin, B/3/8 66-67; COL. Robert B. Evans, HHC/3/8 70; William “Doc” Ferguson, HHC/3/8 66-67; David S. Fessler, C/3/8 67-68; Donald S. Fields, B/3/8 68-69; Vance A. Fink, B/3/8 66-67; Charles B. Flood, correspondent/author HHC/3/8 66-67; Thomas J. Freitas, B/3/8 67-68; Bernard A. Frolik, C/3/8 66-67; Robert “Panch” Gamboa, B/3/8 66-67; Alfred M. Garron, C/3/8 67; SGM Louis “Mike” Glasgow, Ret., C/3/8 67-67; Edward F. Gray, A/3/8 67-68; Joseph A. Grudzinski, D/3/8 67-68; Daniel V. Grzyb, D/3/8 67; Jerry L. Guffey, A/3/8 68-69; Ronald L. Hamm, D/3/8 68-69; Roger D. Harrell, B/3/8 67-68; Tim Haslam, B/3/8 68-69; Ralph E. Haun, A/3/8 67-68; Ernest Hicks, A/3/8 68-69; Gary Holliman, C/3/8 67-68; Kenneth A. Howe, D/3/8 68-69; Paul L. Hundrieser, A/3/8 66-67; David L. Jack, A/3/8 67-68; Richard “Doc” Jackson, C/3/8 66-67; Ronyal “Doc” Jacobs, C/3/8 66-67; Albert R. Jacquez, Sr, A/3/8 69-70; James R. Jewell, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67; Larry G. Jumper, B/3/8 66-67; Samuel Kennedy, HHC/3/8 Recon 66-67; Byron

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SEEKING INFO...

My brother, Krag B. Roydes, A/3/8, was killed in Vietnam on 11/07/67 west of central highlands city of Dak To. He joined in 1966 when I was only 6 years old. Being of such a young age I have very little remembrances of him. I am trying to locate anyone who served with him that could help fill in some of the missing pieces as to what kind of person he was. If anyone who is out there that might have known him and would be willing to share that information with me, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

Posted by [Bruce Roydes](#)

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SEEKING INFO...

Can anyone tell me what happened to Recon after the 22nd of March 1969. I was WIA and medivaced early in the evening.

Thanks

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Snowball Express...

For those of you not familiar with "Snowball Express," www.snowballexpress.org it was responsible in 2006 for bringing over 900 widows and their children of our fallen warriors, who were killed in Iraq or Afghanistan for 4 days of Christmas fun activities in Orange County. This year they brought 1500 widows and their children for another 4 days of Christmas fun at the Groves, Oakley and Disneyland. The concept of the "Snowball Express Train" quite simply, is the snowball train carrying the widows and children of our fallen heroes and the volunteers and supporters laying the tracks for another successful year and a vision for the future with the caring for and mentoring of the families of our fallen heroes. This is an expensive undertaking and can only succeed through the support of Veterans and their family, friends and fans, as well as, the corporate sponsors involved. These lasting friendships will go a long way with the healing process.

This year, Steve and I helped with the Snowball Express by volunteering at the Disneyland Marriott. I met some awesome children and mothers whom I did not envy but could not help but like and admire. I had a chance to talk to Audrey, Amanda, Brooke, Dee and Tanya, they all had one thing in common, their spouses or children's fathers were killed in the Middle East. As I spoke with Audrey, I turned to Steve and asked if there was any way he could talk to some of our adult children whose fathers were killed in Vietnam to see if they were willing to reach out to some of these children who are now experiencing the same thing. I knew it was time to act on Anne Bauer's suggestion that we reach out to the Iraqi Vets wives, the widows need us too. Most of the women just needed a hug or someone to talk to and since all of the ones I met live in Kentucky and Tennessee, I turned to Debbie Adams whom I thought would be great spiritual support for one of the ladies in her area and without hesitation she agreed to help.

There were 77 families at the Marriott which was one of 14 hotels that donated rooms for this event. It was not easy to listen to the individual stories or seeing so many children in one place, especially knowing how they earned this trip. I also saw the love in many of these families, the excitement as some of the children were allowed to go swimming on a night when us wimpy "Calis" were standing around shivering. The reward for me was that it gave me a chance to meet real folks, experience real human emotion & gave me a perspective that I quite frankly never really gave much thought to as I watched the names scroll down at the end of "This Week" every Sunday morning. We have enough love to extend to these sisters and we want to include them in our Dragoon family.

Several ladies suggested starting our own newsletter. Jim Bury has agreed to let us use a portion of the Ivy Dragoons site for a blog or message board and newsletter. We can also have our own section of the Dragoons Newsletter which we need to jump on because it eliminates mailing costs.

Elsie Edmunds

Brothers in touch...

I hope that all my Brothers and their families have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and I wish them all "A Healthy Happy New Year". I wanted to share my Christmas gift this year. I received a phone call from Augusta, Georgia two days before Christmas. It was a lady with a German accent asking me if she was speaking with a Kurt "Doc" Nagl? I replied, "Yes, why?" She said that she was calling for Ray Israel whom I had written a Christmas card. She explained that he did not know who I was until she said "Doc" Nagl. After that, she said bells went off. He never knew my name, only as Doc. He was one of my platoon sergeants in the 3rd platoon. Sgt. Israel is one down to earth individual. Anyway, she put him on the phone and it was like yesterday, if you know what I mean. Poor guy has been disabled for 18yrs now and gets around with a walker. He is 74 now, but has his wits and his Southern sense of humor. If anyone reading this remembers him and wants to chit chat or send him a note get in touch with me. I am sure he would love to hear from you. He has no computer and does not want one either, so he says.

Kurt "Doc" Nagl, B/33/8 66-67

VFW Magazine...

The VFW Magazine is running a series of stories "Vietnam Battles" to feature in their "Mail Call" section. They are looking for information on specific battles that took place in 1969; Plei Trap Valley, March 3-4, 1969 A/3/8 and LZ Penny, no date given, 3/8th and 6/29th FA. Save your stories for posterity. If you are interested, submit your stories prior to May 9, 2008 to:

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Submitted by Ed Goehring, B/3/8 66-67

Open Hands & Hearts

– Missions to Vietnam...

The trip that we made in September 2007 was my 11th trip back... back to a place that I had hoped I would never have to see again after I Deros'd in 1968. What a blessing it was for me to make that first return trip in 1996 and all of the subsequent trips. After the long journey to get there, we (Elsie went with me, her 2nd trip) landed at the new terminal at Tan San Nhat International Airport in Saigon and processed through Immigration and Customs in record time. The new airport facilities make me reflect back on my first return trip in 1996 where we landed and the aircraft parked out on the tarmac and we disembarked down some portable stairs into waiting buses for the ride to the terminal. In 1997 or 1998, movable gates were installed which allowed us to deplane in a more modern manner. At the time, it was a major improvement. This new terminal is first class, almost. The first couple of days are spent in Saigon... then we journey north by van up Route 1 to Nha Trang after about a 9 hour drive and quickly get checked into our hotel. We have a meeting with Ms Lieu at the leprosy village at 4:30 pm. Arrangements were made ahead of time to have 700 kgs of rice delivered to the village. Ms Lieu takes us to their community center where we distribute school supplies to 50 children and food consisting of rice, dried noodles and canned Vinamilk to 70 families. Each family received 10 kgs of rice, 5 pkgs of dried noodles and 2 cans of Vinamilk. I continue to admire Ms Lieu for her efforts in taking care of the lepers of this village.



Stacked in front of their community center is: rice, dried noodles, canned Vinamilk, school supplies and 1 bag of donated clothing.

Next morning we get an early start to our next destination, Tuy Hoa. Nearing our destination, we are met along the way by a young man on a motorcycle who leads us to his father's home in Song Cau. This is a meeting that I attempted to have on my trip last year, but due to an illness for several days I was unable to meet with them before I had to head home. His father, Pastor Phe, discussed their master plan for the expansion of Christianity throughout Phu Yen province. This will include the construction of additional worship centers with restrooms and water wells. We are taken to one of the villages after our meeting. And as a token of friendship we make arrangements to have 350kgs of rice delivered to the village for 35 families that will be present. Well, the word got out... when we arrived there were about 70 families present. We decided to let the elders deal with the situation. It was a true test of "giving is better than receiving", as each church member gave half of their ration to a nonmember who was present.

We board the van and head to the other two villages located further northwest. These villages are Soi Nga and Da Du and are inhabited by montangards of the Chamhroi tribe. The Cham were the original indigenous people of Vietnam. There are a total of 54 tribes that make up the montangard population. Other than the Ko Ho village in Da Lat this is the first opportunity that we have had to go into a montangard village in several years. I attribute this to the fact that we are in Phu Yen province and not Dak Lak or Gia Lai province where security is at its highest due to the demonstrations that have been taking place in these areas for religious freedom and economic oppression against the montangards since February 2001. It is difficult for foreigners to enter these areas without strict supervision. So, it is a personal joy to be able to enter these villages and provide food and school supplies to these families. The fondness that I have for these people goes back to another time... 40 years ago when I had the opportunity to work together in joint operations with CIDG (Civilian Irregular Defense Group) units during the war. I digress... anyway, we provide 350kgs of rice, 2 cases of dried noodles, 2 cases of canned Vinamilk for 35 families in Soi Nga village to feed 35 families and supply school supplies for 50 children. In the other village, Da Du, we provide 320kgs of rice, 2 cases dried noodles and cases of canned Vinamilk for 32 families and school supplies for 50 children. All received their gifts with gratitude and smiles on their faces.



Some of the people of Da Du village prior to the distribution of the food and school supplies

We returned to Tuy Hoa and checked in to our hotel. The following day we would begin our journey to Da Lat stopping along the way at Buon Mi Thuot after a 5 hour drive to spend the night. Next morning we depart for Da Lat. After a 3 hour drive, we reach our destination and get checked into our hotel. In the afternoon we meet with Ha Sim and Loi to plan our visit to their village the next day. They are members of the Ko Ho tribe. Ha Sim looked much better than the last time I saw him. He was severely ill last year and had to be transported to a hospital in Saigon for treatment. I was glad to see that he has totally recovered. They will meet us in the morning and lead us to their village. After they leave, Tiep and I go to the market to buy additional noodles, canned milk and school supplies to replace the supplies that we distributed in Soi Nga and Da Du villages. We make arrangements to have the merchandise delivered to the hotel later in the afternoon. Also, we order 500 kgs of rice to be delivered to the hotel. The next morning we are met at the hotel by Ha Sim and Loi. We load the van with the food and school supplies and proceed to their village. The Ko Ho people make up one of the 54 tribes. We are greeted by the elders of the village and the pastor of their church and taken to their community room where we will distribute our gifts. This was the village that I gave balsa wood gliders that were provided by one of my manufacturers. They were such a big hit with the children that I was able to obtain more of these toy planes to pass amongst them. We distributed the 500kgs of rice, 5 cases of dried noodles and 2 cases of canned Vinamilk to 50 families and school supplies to 50 children. We left the 2nd bag of donated clothes for the children of this village.



Food being distributed to 50 families of the Ko Ho village consisting of rice, noodles and canned milk

It always saddens me when it is time to leave. But I know that I will be back next year. The next day we check out of our hotel and load the van... next stop is Saigon. After an 8 hour ride, we make it safely back and check back in to the Hotel Hoang Ky. We are all pretty worn out, so we go to dinner and return to the hotel to retire for the night.

The next morning, we begin to make preparations for our trip into the Mekong Delta area in Ben Tre province. We have three villages that we will be visiting and need to replenish our supply of noodles, canned milk and school supplies. We purchase the additional school supplies in Cho Lon. Then Tiep and I take his motorbike and go to the market to buy the noodles and rice and have it delivered to the hotel. We will purchase the rice in Ben Tre and arrange to have it delivered to each of the villages. After dinner, we return to the hotel and retire for the evening.

The following morning, we load the van with our gear and the supplies and depart for Giong Trom in Ben Tre province. The plan is to spend two days in the area, so we will need a hotel for the night. This is not considered a tourist area, so accommodations are rare. We discover a newly built mini-hotel, which was completed since our visit last year, so we decide to give it a try. After getting checked in, we get back into our van and proceed on to our first village, Ap 6 Thi Tranh. When we get to our destination, we park the van along the side of the road and unload the supplies we brought and load it onto our transportation which will take us into the village. The road into the village is only suitable for motorbike, bicycle or pedestrian traffic. So, five of us pile on this cart that is being pulled by a motorbike with all of the supplies.



Our means of transportation into An Thoi Thuan village

We arrive at the central meeting area by the elders and sit down for a brief meeting. Refreshments are served consisting of coconut water and fresh fruit. Before the next two days are up, we will have had our fill of coconut water. Once the meeting is concluded, the families and children are lined up to receive their gifts. We distributed 500 kgs of rice, 5 cases of dried noodles, and 3 cases of canned Vinamilk to 50 families. In addition, school supplies were distributed to approx. 50 children. At the conclusion, we were taken to the home of one of the elders where we were fed a late lunch/early dinner of Vietnamese delicacies outside in a patio area. Typical of Vietnamese dining, you do not leave the table hungry. The following day, we returned and distributed 700 kgs of rice, 7 cases of dried noodles, 4 cases of canned Vinamilk to 70 families and school supplies to about 65 children in the hamlet of Ap Thoi Thuanh. In the afternoon, we distributed 300 kgs of rice, 4 cases of dried noodles and 2 cases of Vinamilk to 30 families and school supplies to about 50 children in the hamlet of Ap Thoi An. At the conclusion of our business which included seeing the three homes and the community center that we had reconstructed over the course of the previous six months, we head back for Saigon where will have a few days of rest before heading home. One of the last things we did before leaving, was distribute the funds to get three more homes rebuilt in Giong Trom that were destroyed last year due to severe storms. Hopefully, the new homes constructed of brick and mortar will be able to withstand future storms over the previous huts constructed of thatch and straw.

Submitted by *Steve Edmunds*, C/3/8 67-68

SEEKING INFO...

I am looking for Al Chernik , a medic with A Co 67-68. If anybody from A Co has info on him I would appreciate your help. Thanks
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Press Release - October 30, 2007

“13-Fold” Ceremony, Other Scripts Approved

WASHINGTON — To ensure burial services at the 125 national cemeteries operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reflect the wishes of veterans and their families, VA officials have clarified the Department’s policy about recitations made while the U.S. flag is folded at the gravesite of a veteran.

“Honoring the burial wishes of veterans is one of the highest commitments for the men and women of VA,” said William F. Tuerk, VA’s Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs. “A family may request the recitation of words to accompany the meaningful presentation of the American flag as we honor the dedication and sacrifice of their loved ones.”

Traditional gravesite military funeral honors include the silent folding and presentation of an American flag, a 21-gun rifle salute, and the playing of “Taps.”

The clarification includes the following: Volunteer honor guards are authorized to read the so-called “13-fold” flag recitation or any comparable script; Survivors of the deceased need to provide material and request it be read by the volunteer honor guards; and Volunteer honor guards will accept requests for recitations that reflect any or no religious traditions, on an equal basis.

Veterans with a discharge other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a national cemetery. Other burial benefits available for all eligible veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or marker.

Additional information may be found at: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressre...fm?id=1406>

Submitted by Mike Boxer, D/3/8 68-69

SEEKING INFO...

My Dad, Charles “Charlie” Long served in C/3/8 4th Infantry during his tour in Vietnam. He served in the army 1963-1971. I am not sure when he served in Vietnam. I don’t know anyone he served with and was too young and stupid to ask him about the war or much else when he was living. He passed away in January 2005 without ever meeting his oldest daughter’s (me) son. And now I have 2 sons. I am trying to put together some memories and stuff that I can share with my children, and I also just miss my dad and would love to hear from people who knew him....

Thank you
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