



Memorial Museum Trailer



Background

The Mobile Riverine Force Association had been searching for a suitable location for our vision of a Mini-Museum for several years. We were unable to find a location that we felt would be acceptable and convenient for our members.

After much thought, the Officers and Board Members approved the purchase of a 48' Fifth Wheel Avenger Trailer equipped with interior lighting, generator, rear entrance ramp, side exit door and non-skid rubber flooring to be used as our Mini-Museum and for much needed storage between reunions.

Member Richard Corrick agreed to haul the trailer to all MRFA reunions for the cost of fuel only. The Officers and Board Members felt that this is the perfect answer for our Mini-Museum and would also solve our much needed storage problem.

Before the names were added to the trailer, Dave Argabright and a few other members of the 2nd/60th and Ralph Fries of the MRFA spent about 2 years exhaustively researching government databases to ensure a high degree of accuracy. However, it

has been proven that there are some errors in the Government data.

The outside does display the Mobile Riverine Force and 9th Infantry Division insignia, the Vietnam Service Ribbon, and Mobile Riverine Force Association Mobile Museum.

On one side of the trailer, names are listed by their respective unit of the units of all U.S. Navy, 9th Infantry Division and Supporting Unit personnel Killed in Action (KIA).

Rich Corrick made the Memorial Museum Trailer available for viewing at the 2003 MRFA Reunion in Fort Mitchell, KY, from August 27 to 31, 2003.

Update

At the 2007 reunion, a number of our members commented that they believe there are errors in KIAs listed on the Memorial Museum Trailer (i.e., missing names, wrong unit, etc.). So members who believe that an error was made provided the information to Bob Pries. Once a list was developed, Bob Pries and others researched the names to verify accuracy and make modifications where appropriate.

Before the 2009 reunion, some name and date KIA corrections were made and more in-country units were added.

Represents

The Memorial Museum Trailer represents all those who served in-country under the U.S. Navy's Mobile Riverine Force Task Forces (Mobile Riverine Force Task Force 117, Gamewardens Task Force 116, and Market Time Task Force-115) and the U.S. Army's 9th Infantry Division, Old Reliables, in the Mekong Delta and other areas of Vietnam from 1966 to 1970. The Riverine Infantry of the 9th Infantry Division includes the 3rd/47th, 4th/47th, 3rd/60th, and 3rd/34th "Arty," and all other supporting units of the 9th Infantry Division as well as all-in country supporting Army, Navy, and Coast Guard Units. More than 3,000 of our casualties are listed under their respective units on the sides of the Memorial Museum trailer.

History

This was the first time the Army and Navy worked together since the Civil War.