



VIETNAM APB REUNION



**USS Benewah APB-35 • USS Colleton APB-36
USS Mercer APB-39 • USS Nueces APB-40**

JOIN YOUR FELLOW SHIPMATES AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

Fellow APB Shipmates,

Please join us at our reunion from August 31 to September 4, 2005 at the beautiful Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell, KY. It's going to be a great time and a chance to see some of the faces you may not have seen for some time. The Drawbridge Inn is a wonderful place to stay and has lots to offer. You will find it is fully handicapped accessible. You can find out more about the Drawbridge as well as make your reservations online by visiting www.drawbridgeinn.com. The Drawbridge is located off I-75 (the Buttermilk Pike exit). Just 5 miles south of Cincinnati, OH. I've listed a few items here that may be of interest.

Room Rates

- \$77.00 per night for rooms located in the main building. Rooms in the Garrison building (which is attached) are \$57.00 per night. Check out day is September 4th. You may check in anytime after 3:00 pm, with check out no later than 12:00 noon. Make reservations by calling 1-800-354-9793. Be sure to mention that you are with the MRFA. *The above room rates are good for 3 days prior to the reunion and 3 days following the reunion.*

Automobile Parking

- Ample parking at no cost.
- RV hook-ups are available on a limited basis. Please call 800-354-9793 for pricing and availability.

Airport Transportation

- The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport daily if you are flying into the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. Contacting the shuttle service is easy, simply look for the bank of phones in each baggage area. Pick up the phone that says *Coach to the Castle* and a van or bus will pick you up shortly.

We want to be sure you have a good time. Please know that you do not have to attend for all the dates or stay at the Drawbridge. There are other accommodations in the area, where you stay is up to you.

The reunion will be held in conjunction with the Mo-

bile Riverine Force Association reunion. The Mobile Riverine Force Association is a Navy & Army association made up of all three Task Forces 117-116-115. Also included are River Divisions 91-92-111-112-131-132-151-152-153. There were many Navy ships as well: APBs, AKLs, ARLs, APLs, LSTs, YRBMs, YTBs. The MRFA also included Naval Support Detachments and Activities including: Dong Tam, Cat-Lo etc. And let's not forget all of the 9th Infantry Division personnel.

The APBs will have their own hospitality room with beverages and snacks furnished by donations from members. Their will be a larger Mobile Riverine Force Association Hospitality room for all hands in London Hall. You will be able to purchase products in the MRFA hospitality room. Choose from a wide assortment of Ships hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, patches, etc.

Membership

Some of you may already be members of the MRFA. If not, we'd appreciate your support. Dues are only \$10.00 a year. Once you become a member we will send you a roster for your ship (only) at your request with names and updated addresses, including e-mail addresses if they are available. We've included a membership application form for anyone interested. As part of your membership, you will also receive a quarterly newsletter and membership card, as well as purchase products through our web site and newsletter.

In order to attend the reunion, you must fill out the attached registration form and send it in with your registration fee.

If you would like to find more information on the reunion, check us out online at www.mrfa.org. The Mobile Riverine Force Website is really great and you'll also find all APB ship histories, as well as a lot of other great info.

Hope to see you there!

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Please turn over for Registration Form and Membership Application!



2005 Reunion Registration Form



Name: _____ Unit in Vietnam: _____

Name(s) wife & family/guest(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Be sure to enclose your check or money order with this form. Send to address below.

Registration fee (Member only, cost includes spouse or girlfriend) x \$35.00 each = \$ _____

Additional Family Members, Children, Friends Total _____ x \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Registration fee (Non-Members)* Total _____ x \$50.00 each = \$ _____

Saturday Afternoon Buffet (All) Total _____ x \$12.00 each = \$ _____

Grand Total Enclosed \$ _____

*Join your fellow shipmates at the
Drawbridge Estates Inn
in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky
September 1-4, 2005*

*Non-member is defined as a person who is eligible to be a member of the MRFA by having served in the MRF: TF-117, TF-116, TF-115, the 9th Infantry Division or any Army/Navy supporting unit who has not joined the MRFA. (A membership application can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). The registration fee covers the member and/or guest girlfriend, etc. All other fees apply to friends and/or children. Please send your check or money order (payable to MRFA) and the top portion of this form before August 24, 2005 to: **MRFA Reunion**, 106 Belleview Dr. • Conover, NC 28613. *There will be a \$20.00 charge for all returned checks. Cancellations prior to the reunion will be charged a \$10.00 processing fee.*



MRFA - Albert B. Moore
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MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



SEND TO: **Chairman, Charlie Ardinger** • 1857 Co. Rd. A-14, Decorah, IA 52101

New Member Renewal Donation Sponsor

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Note Below!

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL: _____

Dates Served in Unit (mm/yr - mm/yr) _____

WWII Korea Vietnam

Army Member: Unit (Division, Brigade, Battalion, Company, Platoon): _____

Navy Member: Ship, Boat Hull Nos. or NavDet: _____

Associate Member

Membership Rates:

1 Yr. \$10.00 3 Years \$27.50

Donation: \$ _____

To become a member, mail your check or money order (payable to MRFA) to: **Charlie Ardinger, MRFA Membership Chairman**, 1857 CO Rd. A14, Decorah, IA 52101-7448.

Please Note: This form may be used for New Memberships, Renewals and Changes of Address. Be sure to check the appropriate box.