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REUNION 2009 WAS A FANTASTIC SUCCESS A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

A Few Words from Albert

I'm not sure what to say; just when I thought the reunion could not become any better it did! This was one of our better reunions. Lot of new attendees—some we had not seen in awhile and some of our regular attendees. I have received a number of comments below and have shared them with you. There were a few minor mishaps but nothing we could not fix onsite. It was our first time using our own computer so we did have to correct and make a few new name tags.

I want to thank everyone who worked the registration table—Gunner as always was the man and kept his folks on their toes and not sure what we would have done without Brenda Needs our graphic artist's computer skills for setting up a good program for us to use.

Chaplain Jim Johnson as always led us through a great memorial service; no one can do it any better. The reading of the names of our departed comrades was done in a most appropriate manner. Dave Schoenian as always did an excellent job with the missing man ceremony along with Gunner Stanley presenting the flags to the families of a few of our departed comrades. Chaplain Johnson's sermon was really moving. I believe everyone sat back and went back in time and remembered our brothers who were left behind and those who have left us way too early since Vietnam, all these men and their families past and present. God bless.

Speakers were excellent and gave their speeches in a timely manner and everyone seemed to enjoy them. The

Cmd. Tom Kelly, Medal of Honor Recipient, was just one of the speakers on Friday night.



barbecue went over well. I thought the food was well prepared and the servers did a great job in getting everyone fed. We were able to feed over a 1,000 people in a little over an hour. Again, we have to thank Brenda and her KPs for doing such an outstanding job.

We had a few problems with the buses and head count for the casino and, other than that, it seemed to go okay. I have not heard of any complaints.

Next reunion it has been recommended by the Board of Directors that we leave it up to you the members to get yourselves back and forth to the casino. With the golf, barbecue, and speakers and have the casino on top of that, it was a little too much for one day.

Bob and Nancy VanDruff as always did a great job with products. We sold a lot of products and most seemed to be happy with the selection we now have.

From what I understand, the golf tournament was a fun time and everyone enjoyed themselves. Now people are waiting for the 2011 tournament. The Army won again, but I have been told by an unreliable source that they might have fudged the numbers. Again, this was told to me by an unreliable source that has been known to tell a non-truth. I don't believe our Army brothers would fudge the numbers.

The dance went over really well too. Thanks to Frank and Linda for doing such a great job.

There are a number of folks I could mention that made the reunion a success, but that would fill a page up. Besides it was you, the members, who made the reunion the success it was. The Officers and Board of Directors can be responsible for putting the reunions together, but you, the members, make it happen, good or bad.

With regard to the hotel changing over to a



Wyndham: The staff had only a few weeks to prepare for the reunion; I give them a 4.0. Sure there were a few problems but Michelle Jackson, Kathleen Quigley, and Cindy Busboom were always there to help us get through any obstacles or snags we ran into. Folks wherever you go, no matter what hotel you use, stuff happens. All-in-all I think everything went really well and I look forward to another successful reunion in 2011. Thanks to all our Officers and Board Members

for the many hours they put into making it so successful. Hope to see you back in 2011.

Veterans Day 2009, Washington, DC

The MRFA and 9th Infantry Division will be placing wreaths at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009. We will be gathering at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at 8:30 a.m. on the 11th, and proceed to the Wall at 9:00 a.m.

We have blocked 40 rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn Arlington/Courthouse Plaza in Arlington, Virginia, for November 8 to 11. Room rates are \$119 (plus tax) per night. For reservations, call 703-528-4444 and refer to our group reservation code "MRF." Reservations may also be made on-line at www.arlington-courthouse.gardeninn.com; be sure to enter the on-line reservation code "MRF" in the booking box labeled Group/Convention code. The Hilton Garden Inn Arlington/Courthouse Plaza is at 1333 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201. The MRFA and 9th Infantry Division will have a hospitality room available on November 9 and 10. Come join us as we honor our fallen Brothers on Veterans Day 2009. We look forward to seeing you in DC. For more information, contact Board Member Bob Pries at 5832 NW Windy Pines Lane, Port Saint Luci, FL 34986-4637, 772-879-0867, or priesrl@att.net.

MORE GREAT PHOTOS INSIDE...

Veterans Assistance Table

The Veterans table was staffed by Tim Goins, Paula Wright, and Carla Copenhagen. They did an outstanding job in assisting the members.

From Tim Goins: I manned the table 0900



Harry Dahlke with MRFA Board of Directors members Jim and Diane Meehan.

to 1600 hours (no beer until after work). Paula was there (thank God) as was Carla (perhaps half the time). We distributed forms, a flier on Agent Orange, and a pamphlet on families dealing with a veteran suffering from PTSD. (I've used this pamphlet in Santa Fe and have found it a helpful introduction to dealing with Post Traumatic Stress.) We served about 30 or 40 veterans. Paula handled the Agent Orange issues, and I dealt with PTSD (how to start claims, appeal denials, how to put together a strong package, especially for veterans without a combat MOS, etc.). Carla did what she does best: talking about living with a "crazy" veteran. Probably, the most successful tool I had was my cell phone. On Thursday and Friday, I was able to

Veterans Assistance Table (seated at center) MRFA Members Paula Scott Wright and Tim Goins.



MRFA President Al Moore, with Paula Wright, one of the hosts of the Veteran's Assistance Table.

call the VA direct and help veterans sort out the status of their claims. To my knowledge, no veteran left our table pissed off.

From Paula: We also tried to clarify eligibility for various benefits, make suggestions on how to prepare before applying at the VA for those benefits, and add definition to some of the terms used in VA literature that folks may not have understood. In a number of instances, where people had not received ample assistance from the DAV or their local VA offices, we suggested alternative routes to follow.

Record Golf Turnout at 2009 reunion!

Army Sinks Navy with two shots! "Rocket Men" Special Award

Over eighty men and women participated at this year's reunion golf outing, at the Bluff Creek Golf Course. The weather was great and we all had fun.

The winning foursome was Army: Andy Conklin, Gary Williams, Ron McClure and Ray Gruno took top honors at the event with a team score of 62.

Outstanding job, men!!!

The closest Navy foursome came in with a team score of 64 this time.

Longest Drive went to Butch Meeuv. Longest Drive women went to J.O. Daid and Closest to the Pin, men, went to Russell Moore.

A special "Team Spirit Award" was given to the XO of the USS White River and his foursome. The "Rocket Men" were a hoot!!!

Thanks so much for joining us again for this growing party/event. Hopefully you all found Santa out there?

Lee and Dave



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Albert,

We had a good but tiring trip home - it took about 15 hours with a stop to get a flat fixed.

As for the reunion: I was certainly the better person for having attended (it was my first but likely not my last). It was interesting to relive and discuss ad nauseum the details and events of life and combat on the river over 40 years ago.

Speakers: Overall very well done. My wife, who was dreading this event and had even planned on visiting her sister in Chicago while I reveled in the past, was impressed. She stayed and has a new appreciation of her husband's life ten years before we even met.

- The speech's were excellent. Each dwelt on a different aspect of the experience and thus tended to support the others. Since there was such variety there were no conflicts or repetition.

- Each speech was very personal and related the speaker's experiences to the audience - and the audience seemed to respond well to that approach. Warmness abounded as they appealed to our common humanity and genuine bonding. There was no elitism - a real feat since four of the five were by senior officers.

- I was surprised to be visited by so many folks after the speeches and I think the others had similar experiences. One guy, the former supo of MERCER, and I had served in Iran together and his brother in law was my assistant supo in RANGER. Several ship and

supply types came up. One guy the last evening was pleased I was so open about being initially clueless on what we were supposed to be doing in the MRB.

Memorial Service: Outstanding event. Meaningful and on target. The symbolism of the empty table was well done; David Shoe-nian did a great job coordinating it. Chaplain Johnson's silent prayer really got to the wife and Master Chief Stanley's presentation of the flags to survivors of deceased members was very well done. The reading of names was excellent and very effective. It will get longer each year as we all age until there will be few to read and fewer to hear the names.

Meal: The planning and execution were very well done. My wife and I found it a bit bland but perhaps we need greater pizzazz in our food. Down here in SE Virginia most barbecue is more zesty.

- The restaurant at the Wyndham was very good, though a mite expensive. There were cheaper options but we generally went for the menu items.

- Downtown restaurants were good too.

General Comments:

1. The rooms for the major units were really great as they allowed members to bond with folks with whom they had served. I did not spend much time in the ships room (APL 30 was not on the list, 26 was) as most of my friends there had been in the 3rd/60th Inf. so we used their room. We used that space to show our movies and slides several of us

brought to the reunion. It was great to kibitz over how we looked then (quite young and clueless).

2. The dance was a lot of fun. Debbie really got into the "Proud to be an American" song and we had a lot of fun dancing, something we have not done much of in recent years. The old jitterbug, "frug" and the like came back pretty well.

3. It is too bad that we have a limit on the duration of the MRFA. Eventually no one will be left. It might be a good idea to invite the new Riverine folks (those Marines and sailors who did it, and are going it, in Iraq) to join us and come find out first hand how great men and greater organizers do things. That way we will last quite a bit longer and have someone to talk about the "Civil War" guys who really did it.

4. I bought one of the APL 30/TF 117 hats and one of the Combat Action Ribbon hats. I wore both with great pride at the reunion.

5. We all liked the mix of informal gathering time and formal events. The handout could have been more specific about times - yes, they were there but not obvious.

6. I am impressed and grateful for the time that you and your board of directors put into the event and the MRFA during the years. It seems to be a full time job with some very dedicated folks doing their utmost to keep it running well.

Steve Dexter Captain Supply Corps USN Ret.

Albert,

We stayed for the dance....The DJ was spectacular and lots of people were dancing to the music. Andy & I didn't get a chance to hit the floor since Andy was busy chatting with some of the 9th guys that he served with.

I was waiting for you to come rescue me so I wouldn't have to be a wall flower.

Love Ya,

Bloom Brigante

The Moving Memorial Trailer was a hang-out for the members. Well done Rich. And a big thanks to all of the folks who stopped by to help.

The Mighty Little Ships

The Mightiest ships in the Navy in terms of what they can throw at the enemy are also the smallest. The 245-foot Inshore Fire Support Ship (IFS) and 205-foot Medium Landing Ship Rocket (LSMR) types are only two-thirds the size of a tank landing ship (LST), but each has the firepower of six destroyers. They are floating platforms for rapid fire and solid fuel rocket launchers. Each ship's battery of eight twin-tube launchers can send high explosive five-inch rockets streaking for the enemy at the rate of 240 per minute.

Originally designed to provide heavy firepower for amphibious assaults, the rocket

ships have found success in the Vietnam fighting. They move close inshore to saturate enemy troops and installations with massive rocket barrages. They also steam to the rescue of Allied troops besieged in coastal areas. The rockets can be aimed to "walk" over a target or in a number of other destructive patterns.

These little ships, although small in size, packed one hell of a wallop and were used quite often in support of the Brown Water Navy and the Army in-country units. It was nothing to see one sitting into the mouth of the narrow rivers of Vietnam, especially in the delta region of Vietnam. The MRFA sends a great big Bravo Zulu to the fine ships and the crews who manned them.



USS White River
LSMR-536



USS Carronade IFS-1



USS Clarion River
LSMR-409



USS St Francis River
LSMR-525

Note from Membership Chairman

Renewals will be sent out a couple of months early so we can use our bulk mail permit.

Thanks

Charlie

MRFA Board
of Directors
members
Bob Pries (L)
and Quin
Sommer (R)
with MRFA
friend Anna
Personnette.



PLEASE NOTE: YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE is printed on your issue of *River Currents* just above your name and address.



Albert and John Weiss:

As always another great reunion...FYI: the 2nd/60th hospitality room did not close down until 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning; we were the only room still open!

Thanks

Bob Marburger 2nd/60th
9th Inf Div



The Barbecue was provided by TC's Memphis BBQ, and our thanks goes to Tom Cuneo for a great meal. We had a long line, but it was orderly and moved quite well, serving everyone in a relatively short period of time. Many thanks to Tony, Jim, Diane, Sherrie, Emily, Janice, Harry, Elaine, Marissa and Mr. & Mrs. Shallue for helping to serve. I know there were a few more servers whose names I have missed, and I'm very grateful to you as well. Thanks also to the many more who offered their help. Tom and his crew kept all the food hot (and cold) as needed and there was more than enough food for everyone who wanted to eat.



Albert,

I sincerely hope you are taking a well-deserved rest from ALL activities for awhile. I had an outstanding time. Saw guys from the 3/60th that I hadn't seen in 40 years since we all came home. I thought the hotel did a fantastic job hosting the group. Everyone seemed to be going out of their way to make our stay a very pleasant one. The good Lord willing, I'll see you in 2 years.

Larry Bayer LTC U.S.
Army (Ret) 3/60th 9th Inf Div

Thanks to
Bob Pries
and Quin
Sommer for
the excellent
job they did
with the
Museum
Room.



Reunion 2009



A big thank you to Kim for working so hard with Gunner and Ralph at the registration table. Also thanks to BB, Andy, Maureen and everyone else who stopped by to help out.



Debbie Jefferson and Sue Walker did a great job at the Raffle table. Thanks goes to Debbie's husband Paul as well.



Reunion Reflections

Greetings fellow River Rats! Indianapolis was the best reunion ever, and the interaction between fellow Army and Navy vets, and their loved ones, who attended, was both emotional and reflective. Saturday's Memorial Service was perfectly staged, Chaplain Johnson's remarks brought back 40 years of memories, and the Empty Chair ceremony honoring our MIA/KIA brethren was both somber and patriotic.

We often forget how our Vietnam image has changed over 40 years, but now whenever I attend a bluegrass concert wearing a MRFA t-shirt, or step on the first tee with strangers, wearing a MRFA ball cap, I invariably hear: "Thank you for your service"—it's a nice change. Hope we will all do our part to welcome home today's warriors and give them the support they have earned. For most of us, 365 days was our hazardous "tour of duty," while many of today's service personnel face repeated trips into the war zone.

Chris Sprehe, Lt USNR RivDiv 153 1969-70

Reunion Thoughts/Emotions

I want to share some of my thoughts/emotions with the above attendees and a few who could not make the reunion. Hopefully, this will inspire everybody to attend in 2 years. My

only regret is this was my first reunion. After 40 years, I found out the real facts (or lies):

Steve Dexter said we were on "House Boats," not troop barges. Thank you for the clarification and the great midnight meals when we were "delayed" by some inconsiderate VC. And yes, we were a bunch of people without "adult supervision." Debbie Dexter should be given a special medal for quietly listening to our stories (lies) once again!

Paul Blackwell: Your dog tag to "Dump shit Larry" is priceless.

Doc Klein: Don't worry about how you put on your uniform, or what RTO/TOC/RPG, etc., stands for. None of that would have helped you in the medical field. A Special thanks for your assistance on those MEDCAPS. I think they were the turning point of the war/conflict.

Nick Laiacina: Thanks for saving us from Melvin Laird in Operation Laird BS. You did a fine job. If the Army only knew, then you probably would have been a General.

Milt Keene: If I was going to miss the Bob Hope Show, then so were you. Thanks for the reinforcement and relief, but any complaints should be addressed to Ho Chi Minh.

Albert Moore: You being a former cook might help Steve Dexter look for the real cause of the Delta Company "food poisoning"

episode. I can't believe a stolen rotten ham wiped out one-half of the company (or were some of the troops "riding sick call?"). By the way: GREAT JOB ON THE REUNION!

For those of you who could not make this reunion, I hope you can make the next one. Your stories will only add to the revelry. I hope I did not come across disrespectful to anyone, but what the Hell, what are you going to do, "Send me to Vietnam!"

If any of you are in Colorado (Steamboat Springs area), then please look me up. I have plenty of room for you, your wife, girlfriend (but not both at the same time), kids, etc. We can ski in the winter, fish in the summer, or just throw rocks in the river.

Until then, take care,

Jack Strickland, D Co. 3/60

The Results Are In

Ticket number 0772164 won the Vietnam Trip, congratulations to: Eddie Fast, USS Colleton APB-36, 67-68 (1052 Briarwood Rd., Fort Collins CO 80521-4203; 970-484-8984).

The two 50/25/25 winners were Bruce Graff and Charlie Ardinger Jr. (split) and Roger Grossinger.

Guest Speakers

A big thanks to all of our guest speakers for doing such a great job! The speeches were all very touching and were enjoyed by all.



Master of Ceremonies, Don Blankenship.



LtGen Pat Hughes U.S. Army (Ret) Platoon Leader 4th/39th 9th Inf Div.



Capt. Stephen Dexter U.S. Navy (Ret.) PL-30 MRF TF-117.



Major Bill Cunningham Cdr A Co 3rd/60th 9th Inf Div.



CPO Tony Ey RAN (Ret) Clearance Diving Team III RAN.



MRFA members take part in reading the names of our departed brothers and family members.



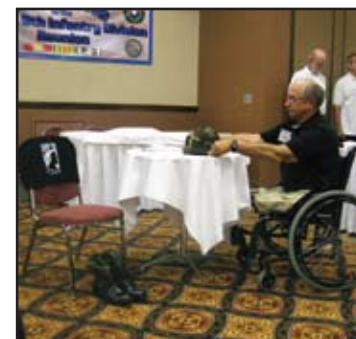
Participants in the Memorial Service on Saturday.



Missing Man Ceremony

The Missing Man Ceremony was a touching and moving tribute to all our brothers.

These MRFA members have done us all proud! Our sincere thanks to all those who participated.



Albert,
Another great reunion. I'm so impressed with the way you and the Board of Directors run the organization.
Clarence Cooper Gamewardens of Vietnam Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Albert,
Another great reunion—thank you for your tireless efforts on our behalf. When you get a chance, please provide me with Chaplain Jim Johnson's e-mail address, as I would love to get a copy of his first reading (before he read "Forty Years Ago"). It was quite moving to all of us. Thanks and see you in 2 years—stay healthy.

Chris Sprehe, LT RivDiv 153



Al B,
Just a short note to say, "Thank You" for this year's reunion. I had a good time, and the efforts of you and the other MRFA personnel did not go unnoticed. I know you and the others spent a great deal of time and effort to pull this off and it was appreciated greatly!

Larry

Flag Presentations

Bravo Zulu to Gunner Chet Stanley, for doing such an outstanding job with the presentations. Thanks for all your efforts Gunner!



Earl Mounce receiving in honor of his brother Jerry.



Larry, Ruthie and Andrew Hunter.



Paula Scott Wright in honor of husband Scotty.



Master Divers are ALWAYS on time!

We had a number of flag recipients this year, and offer thanks to all those who participated.

Albert,

Let me congratulate you on an outstanding reunion. I had a wonderful time and so did the group I was with. We appreciate all the work you are doing for the MRFA. Thank you!

Nicholas M. Laiacona LTC 3/60
U.S. Army (Ret) 9th Inf Div



Karen Clelland receives a flag in honor of her husband with member Alan Eller.



MRFA Board of Directors member Don Blankenship with one of our Gold Star Mothers, Janice Dahlke.

Reunion Notes

Thoughts from Members

I'm sure you would agree, we had a wonderful time! It was great, you made it happen, but, funny as it may sound, for me, now there's a void. The proverbial wind-up key seems to have come to nearly a dead stop after 4 days of socializing and reminiscing with the men of the MRF—traveling back in time only if it was just in our minds. I'm drained, especially after being pulled emotionally in different directions. As you know, our focus wasn't on personal night terrors, flashbacks, or anything else associated with PTSD—it was mostly on those lighter things that happened to us while we protected each other in Nam. Yet, we did not forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice. There's a special bond that develops among military veterans, especially those who have served in combat. It is important maintaining that special bond which knows that you are safe and surrounded by those you can trust. It was then as it is now a feeling that isn't easy to describe but will remain with us for the rest of our life. In brotherhood, thank you!

Joe Rosner RivRon 15

Very well put, Joe. You hit the nail on the head. It was great fun. I thought the guest speakers were a terrific group. Each had a message and there was no overlap. I was so proud of all the brothers (and families) that attended the Memorial Service. We are able to laugh and joke with each other, yet when asked to remember our fallen brothers, we get serious and pledge to never forget. I sometimes wonder if all of this would be taking place had we been welcomed home like the service members of today. Being shunned led us to build our Wall in DC that led to our efforts to find our brothers and share our memories. I look forward to seeing many of you in DC in November for Veterans Day.

In brotherhood,

Doug Smith Brig Gen U.S. Army (Ret)
2nd/47th 9th Inf Div

Thanks to Joe for putting it all in perspective. I love going to the reunion to see all of you OLD GUYS. We all just did our jobs when we were in-country without thinking of what harm might become us. We each would have taken a bullet for the other. Forty years are instantly erased during the 4 days of the reunion. There is no brotherly love any closer to what we experience when we are all together.

Harry Hahn RivRon-13



Doug Smith, Brig Gen U.S. Army (Ret) with MRFA President Al Moore.

Thanks for ANOTHER great reunion! Teamwork, conviviality, several administrative miracles, many kindnesses extended... I am grateful! We should do it again, sometime.

Cordially,

Blackie Bolduc MajGen U.S. Army (Ret)
3/47th 9th Inf Div

Wyndham staff members, Kathleen Quigley (L) and Cindy Busboom (R) with Al Moore.



The new hotel worked out great and provided the Association with this delicious cake. Thanks to the hotel bakers for a great dessert!

3rd/47th Deceased After Vietnam

While doing searches from old rosters (provided by members of the 3rd/47th) seeking updated addresses and sending out information on the MRFA, Judy Wallace (wife of MRFA board member Ron Wallace) came up with the below 3rd/47th folks who have passed away since Vietnam. I want to thank Judy for all the time and effort she put into this and for all the work she does for all our members of the MRFA, Army and Navy alike.

NAME (LAST, FIRST)	DATE/CAUSE (IF KNOWN)
Aldamuy, Abraham	
Ard, Larry	01/97 emphysema
Bandanza, Joseph	1994 cancer
Banton, Edgar	09/99
Barney, Ray	
Barrett, Walter K.	1989
Barzda, Mathew P.	1989
Basabe, Carlos	1993 hepatitis
Beath, Daniel	1992 heart attack
Bivings, James	1992 cancer
Brush, Bryan	Deceased
Buckaloo, Hulin C.	1997
Bufardeci, John	1995 Hodgkins
Campbell, Dennis "Dillon"	1995 agent orange
Castillo, Ramiro	1984 kidney stones
Chuck, Lt. Robert	hodgkins
Cox, Malon	02/94 agent orange
Craanen, James W.	1982
Croll, George	1997 Vietnam wounds
Cunningham, John	08/98
Curry, Dwight A.	
Davis, Charlie F.	accident
Detwiler, Jimmy L.	01/03/89 heart attack
Dienema, Richard	Decesed 07/74 plane
Diette, James	12/93
Erdman, Norman	1999 heart
Garner, Larry "Shiek"	1974 car accident
Giemza, Doc	89 cerebral hemorrhage
Gladfelter, Ronald	
Goggins, Tom "Top"	1997 car accident

Member to Receive Bronze Star 40 Years Later

Several months ago Member Mike Harris, T-152-1, was relating a story to a fellow river rat regarding an ambush that took place on June 15, 1969. It was the same firefight that Lt. Tom Kelley later received the Medal of Honor for his actions. The other former sailor discussed the incident with Tom and suggested that he submit a belated award for Mike who manually cranked his boat's disabled bow ramp up under fire during the firefight.

Tom was in agreement. I am happy to report that the Bronze Star w/V was recently

NAME (LAST, FIRST)	DATE/CAUSE (IF KNOWN)
Guinan, Mugsy	12/93 cancer
Harford, Philip "Old Grandad"	1989
Hill, Sgt. Robert L.	1988 heart, stroke
Hood, Roy J.	12/73
Hornyak, Robert	10/02
Justice, David J.	05/02
Kalisek, Michael	cancer at 21
Kawase, David	Deceased
King, Johnny	1996 agent orange
Kitchen, Willie C.	09/89 car accident
Kizer, Elza	car accident
Lappen, John J.	diabetes, heart, stroke
Larson, Ronnie D.	1986 appendicitis
Martin, John W.	heart attack
McCord, Ray	
McDonald, Roy	cancer
McKay, Al	appendicitis
O'Bannon, Billy	05/87 accident at home
Odom, Ron	04/95 heart attack
Olsen, Thomas	05/11/98 stroke
Pennewill, Warren	1992 agent orange
Penny, H. Glen	1994 lingering illness
Policht, Larry	1968 car accident
Ransford, Arthur	1984 murdered
Rebrook, Jerry	1991 agent orange
Rhotenberry, R. M.	09/95
Sanson, August	07/02
Savage, David	diabetes
Schroeder, Ronald	1985 agent orange
Searan, Max	1974 house fire in AK
Semmler, Lester	1994 heart disease
Smith, Jerry L.	05/00
Sperry, Richard E.	11/90
Stanko, Daniel	1985 heart
Stark, Harold	06/96 bone cancer
Storlie, Monty	1984 car accident
Sullivan, Mike	84 cerebral hemorrhage
Swearingen, Louis C.	12/96
Tappendick, Gene	fell down stairs
Toole, John	1995
Totaro, Michael	06/95 heart attack
Vansant, Richard	07/03
Wallheinke, Roy	04/94 brain tumor
Williams, Claude J.	04/94
Williams, Gary	brain tumor
Woullard, Clyde	Deceased

approved by Donald Winters, Secretary of the Navy. A presentation ceremony will take place in Oregon soon.

Congratulations should go out to Mike; he served in Vietnam with dedication and distinction and he still serves his fellow veterans with the same dedication and distinction today. Bravo Zulu. You may contact Mike at mekong152@charter.net.

Hi Al,

I just made my way all the way back to Maine! I hope you had a safe trip home as well? I just wanted to let you know how much fun we had! It's nice to slow down for a minute and just enjoy the weekend. It was wonderful to experience a new city and a great group of people and to see you again! So thank you! Hopefully we get a chance to see you soon!

Elaine Williams, Friend of the MRFA

In Memory Of

This section is for the members who wish to sponsor the MRFA by placing a notice in memory of one their fallen comrades. In some cases the name of the sponsor will precede the name of the person who was KIA, or has passed on since Vietnam. It's \$25 for 4 issues.

G. Edward Arledge for LCDR Loren Cobb USN Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of USS Indra ARL-37
 MajGeneral Lucien Bolduc, Jr. USA (Ret) for Guy Tutwiler
 Bill Brennan for Tom Swanick GMG3 USS White River LSMR-536
 Brothers of the 2nd/47th Inf for all Army and Navy KIAs
 Frank Buck for son Frank H. Buck ENFM USN T-92-10 KIA 12/28/67
 Michael Connolly for LTJG James Francis Rost, Jr., RivDiv 132, KIA November 1969
 Gene Cooper for Steve Brichford FT2 1968/69 and Jerry Roleofs 1967-68 USS White River LSMR-536
 Ted Fetting B Co 2nd/60th Inf. 10/67-2/68 for all from B Co. 2nd/60th and KIA 2/2/68 Fred Jansovius (ND), Eloy "Stevie" Le Blanc (CA), and Roy Phillips (IL)
 Nan Fulton for LtGen Bill Fulton Cdr 2nd Bde Asst Div Cdr 9th Inf Div (1966-68)
 Ray Funderburk for LTC John B. Tower CO 2nd/47th Inf
 David Hammond for Lt Willie Kitchen C Co 3rd/47th (1967/69) killed in an automobile accident 1992
 Jeffie Hanks for Seaman John E. Hollis died 11/11/70 Kien Phong
 Joe Hilliard for Joe Benack from Florida and Donald Hartzell from Pennsylvania
 David Lynn for Howard Burns (QM2), Robert Bouchet (SM2), and Herman Miller (GM3) 08/11/68 IUWG-1-3 Qui Nhon
 Richard MacCullagh for John Phillips HMC and Rene Petit, LT, Chaplain
 Lee "Tex" McKean GMG2 for James "Buddy" Hood GMG2 USS White River LSMR 536
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 Adam Metts for Donald L. Bruckart T-111-2 KIA 03/31/69
 VP Roy Moseman for Oscar Santiago G-2 4th/47th (10/67-10/68)
 Jasper Northcutt for SSGT Henry T. Aragon B-2 2nd/47th KIA 08/23/67, SGT James E. Boorman B-2 2nd/47th KIA 08/27/67, SP4 James D. Bronakoski B-2 2nd/47th KIA 04/27/67, SP4 Michael G. Hartnett B-2 2nd/47th KIA 04/27/67, SGT William D. Mize B-2 2nd/47th 5th/60th KIA 10/28/67, CPL Harold K. Southwick B-2 2nd/47th Inf KIA 03/02/67 (first KIA in B Co. 2nd/47th in Vietnam), and PFC Robert C. Voltz B-1 2nd/47th Inf (Mech) KIA 3/11/67 (first KIA1st Platoon B Co. 2nd/47th in Vietnam)
 Dave Remore for Paco 3rd/60th Inf KIA 05/02/67 and Bandido Charlie 5th/60th Inf KIA 07/30/67
 Tom Sanborn for Spec4 Thomas H. Williams A Co 4th/47th Inf KIA 08/24/68 near Kia Lay, Spec4 David Thornton A Co 4th/47th Inf KIA 11/07/68 on Toi Son (VC) Island, and 1st Lt James L. Tarte A Co 4th/47th Inf KIA 8/24/68 near Kai Lay
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 Ronald Wallace for all those lost in 3rd/47th

Shipmates

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully transitioned to the new web site for the Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument.

A major feature of the new web site will allow you to go to the "locate a name" on the left side of the home page, enter the name of a Navy or Coast Guard person who sacrificed their life in Vietnam, click on "view," and the actual entry on the panel on the Memorial Wall will be displayed.



This new web site was paid for by shared contributions from

the Mobile Riverine Force Association, the Gamewardens of Vietnam, and the Swift Boat Sailors Association, and the Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument Fund.

There are tours of the boats displayed and we invite you to view them.

Boats

I hope you will pass this link (<http://vummf.org/default.aspx>) to all who may have served in the Vietnam War and who have family or friends who may have served.

We would appreciate hearing of any difficulties you may have in accessing the site.

Ken McGhee

Bob Bischoff U.S. Army (Ret)

Charlie

Thanks for your quick response. I was a Captain while with the boats. I retired in 1974 as a Major. (I served as an enlisted man from 1954 through 1963.) I was on the Benewah when I was in the Bn HQs. As a rifle Company Commander, I served on LST 1166, maybe Washtenaw County? Maybe we were on the APL. Whenever we were on the boats, it was like the Ritz Carlton. The Navy did it right!!

Your summer 2009 edition of *River Currents* brought back memories of one of my nights with the Riverine Artillery. It was probably late February or early March of 1968. I was Commander of A Company 4th Battalion 47th Infantry. Our assignment was to provide security for B Battery 34th Artillery. Just as the article described, there were three gun barges with two 105 howitzers on each barge. The force also consisted of a command and control LCM and three other LCMs that provided the mobility for the gun barges. The article indicated that the guns on each barge were separated by troop living quarters. For some reason, I thought that the guns were separated by the ammunition.

It was a "gravy" mission. My troops would

do just about anything to get away from Dong Tam during the month of February. (In February 1968, Dong Tam was mortared or rocketed every night and usually two or more times each night.) The troops were looking forward to a halfway decent night's rest. I placed a platoon several hundred yards to the right, one to the left and another way out front. The artillery was anchored on the north shore of the Mekong River and each of My Tho in Dihn Tuong Province. The Navy patrolled the waters in the vicinity of the Artillery Battery. My small command group of seven or eight stayed on shore just to the left of the command and control LCM.

When there is no fire mission, the guns are leveled and loaded with beehive rounds to ward off any potential ground assault. Sometime around midnight, one of the guns took a direct hit from what was reportedly a 75-mm recoilless rifle. Immediately, the ammunition closest to that gun started to detonate and started a chain reaction causing the ammunition on the barge to detonate. It was raining artillery shrapnel and undetonated shells. A couple of my guys had been hit by falling fragments but only suffered a few bruises. The Artillery Command Group started taking steps to pull the other two barges away from the exploding barge. Needless to say, the pucker factor was already established because of the uncertainty of what was happening and the anticipation of a possible follow up ground attack. There is always that sense of security when you know those guns are pointed directly to the front with those beehive rounds at the ready.

Throughout the commotion and confusion, I heard the Artillery Commander ordering the pullout of all boats and barges. The Artillery Operations Officer asked, "What about the Infantry?" I heard, "Never mind the Infantry, we have got to get these guns out of here!" There goes my beehive protection. The Artillery pulled out leaving the one barge exploding and sinking. The other sinking feeling was that of me and my small command group still lying low to avoid the falling shrapnel. Then I get a panic call from my platoon to the front. Helicopter gunships had been called in and they were shooting up the area and getting pretty close to that platoon. We were able to contact them and got them to cease fire.

Things got quiet except for the normal radio chatter. It seemed like daylight would never come. We assembled all the troops and together with Navy EOD personnel rounded up all the ammunition that was scattered over several hundred yards in all directions. We stacked it in a huge pile so that the Navy could detonate it. (I recall an estimate of 1,600 rounds that were policed up and detonated.) I remember receiving a call from Captain Delgado, Company Commander of B Co. 4th/47th. He wanted to know if we were conducting our own air strikes. The Artillery XO or Operations Officer was Major David Nidever. (While serving with the 319th Artillery of the 101st Airborne Division, Major Nidever

was killed in action on 30 March 1971.) The Artillery had one killed and some wounded. My unit had no casualties other than the few bruises. The sunken barge and two guns were salvaged without further incident.

This was the way I recall that night. I'd like to see responses from others who were there and their view of what happened.

You may contact Maj Bischoff US Army (Ret) c/o saranevibis@aol.com.

Recently you provided some information about writings relating to the Second Brigade..., articles by BG Fulton and CPT Brazee. Thank you for providing these to the membership. I printed them off and enjoyed reading them. Also, I placed them in my RVN folder(s) to go to my son who has requested my Vietnam stuff after I am gone. I hope you can imagine the compliment he has given me in requesting this information.

Thank you also for the good hard work. Perhaps you do not realize how much some of us appreciate it. Have a good day.

James Olav Saboe C/3/47 1969

Thanks Don and to all of you for continuing this excellent service. You and the staff are a credit to the organization and the unit, and the information is a strong reminder of our past and our service.

I would only admit to very close friends for years that I had been in the service, much less served in Viet Nam and this newsletter, among other things, has enabled me to not just admit but do it with pride and regret at the same time.

Thank you all,

*John Kern former 1097th Trans Co,
9th Inf. (1968-69)*

Note for Radioman Flushes Away Memories (Summer Issue River Currents)

Dave,

You probably don't remember me. We emailed back and forth a few times and I lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Then I remembered you came to visit a buddy of yours who lived in a town north of Milwaukee. I was a CYN (Communications Yeoman) on the Colleton in 1968. I retired 4 years ago and moved back to Colorado. I read your article in the *River Currents* and remember very well my first few months on the Colleton doing mess duty. My job was cleaning up after the army guys, working in the scullery, and making juice and milk in those stainless steel cans. I used to drive the Chief crazy asking him when new replacements were coming, so I could get my ass up in the radio shack and do what I was trained to do. They finally came, what a great feeling! I think mess duty on the Colleton was the worst job I had in the 4 years I was in the Navy. Well enough of me babbling on.... GREAT ARTICLE!

Take care

Richard Helmick

TAPS *Tribute to a Fallen One*

It is with deep sadness that I share the passing of our Brother, Gary Roberts. Gary passed away August 14, 2009, from cancer. Gary served with Bravo Company 2/47th 9thInfDiv in 1968-69. He was with the 1st Platoon and eventually he became one of our Snipers. He was good man and Brother. I, and many others, will miss him always.

In Brotherhood Bob Doc Pries

Hello to All

Didn't know any other way to do this, but we had to put Gary back in the hospital last Thursday August 6. He had gotten worse and we lost him today, August 14. He went on to meet the LORD and I guess he and Ray are catching up on a lot of stuff.

Jean

You may contact the family c/o Jean Roberts, 1404 County Road, Blue Springs, MS 38828, 662-534-3949, gdr4448@att.net.



Benjamin "Ace" Acevedo, Jr. passed away August 13, 2009. Ace served in C Co 4th/47th 9thInfDiv (1966-67). You may contact the family c/o Janey Acevedo, 8308 W Falls Pl, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Lt. General Julian J. Ewell (USA Ret.) passed away Monday, July

27, 2009, at age 93 He graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point Class of 1939. During WWII, Julian parachuted into Normandy with the 101st Airborne Division before dawn on June 6, 1944. He received the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for his leadership and heroism at the Battle of Bastogne, and he commanded the 9th Infantry "Manchu" Regiment of the 8th Army during the Korean War. During the Vietnam



War, he commanded the 9th Infantry Division followed by command of the II Field Force, Vietnam and subsequently served as the military advisor to the Paris Peace delegation. Besides the DSC, his honors include four Distinguished Service Medals, Two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Two Legion of Merits, and many foreign decorations including the French Legion of Honor-Chevalier. Throughout his career, General Ewell was known for his leadership style, keen intellect, droll wit, devotion to his country, his men, and his profession. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Member **BMCM Ronald Salyer U.S. Navy (Ret)** passed away July 26, 2009. Boats Salyer served on Monitor-131-1 (1968-69). You may contact the family at 9410 Spring Valley Rd, Fries, VA 24330, 540-744-3893. May our brother rest in peace.

Member Terry Thompson's spouse **Yuriko Thompson** passed away July 14, 2009, after a long battle with cancer. She fought a long and courageous battle. Yuriko will be missed by all whom knew her. Terry served on the USS White River LSMR-536 (1966-



68). You may contact Terry, 810 Cleveland Ave, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2788. May Yuriko rest in peace.

Sgt Ed Risner passed away July 13, 2009. Sgt Risner served in Alpha Co 5th/60th (7/68-7/69). You may contact the family c/o Ann Reiser, 24115 W Albert Rd, Channahon, IL 60410-9440, EJRF63@comcast.net.

Leroy Clement, Jr., passed away July, 11, 2009. Leroy served with AIRCOFAT Det Saigon (1970-71). You may contact the family c/o Ginny Clement, 990 W Ocotillo Rd Apt 1014, Chandler, AZ 85248-5709, ginnyclem@aol.com.

Member **Alvin Carter** passed away on June 7, 2009, following a long and courageous battle against Agent Orange related cancer. While in Vietnam, he served with 3rd Platoon, C Company, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry, 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division from September 1967 to August 1968. Al Carter had been



an MRFA member from our beginning in 1992. He was a great guy and will be missed by all whom served with him and knew him. You may contact the family c/o Dorothy Carter, 11529 Lithia Pinecrest Rd, Lithia, FL 33547, 813-737-3661, Grandpa3113@att.net.

Doug (Doc) Bates passed away June 3, 2009. Doug served in HHC 5th/60th (3/69-3/70). Doug was the author of Circles Around the Sun. You may contact the family c/o Debbie Bates, 920 Hillside Drive Cookeville, TN 38501-2849, grnilady362436@hotmail.com.

MSGT Hung Woon "Harold" Ahn passed away on May 31, 2009. He was a Korean-American who was born in Hawaii. Harold served in WWII, Korea, and two tours in Vietnam. His first tour in Vietnam was with the 1st Cavalry and his second was with the 9th Infantry Division. While with the 9th Inf Div, he was originally posted to the 9th Inf Div LRRP Company (at that time designated E Company, 50th Infantry) but they would not let him go out on field operations due to his age (he was 42 at that time). He asked for a transfer to a rifle battalion and was assigned to E Company, 2d Battalion, 39th Infantry. Harold was made the platoon sergeant for the Romeo Recon Platoon. He received his second Purple Heart while on patrol with Echo Recon.



Harold Clark SFC U.S. Navy (Ret) passed away February 2, 2009. Chief Clark served on the USS Benewah APB-35 (1967-68). You may contact the family c/o Joe Clark, 2527 Webster St, Alexandria LA 71301, fatboyjcc@hotmail.com. I'm proud of my father and the men he served with. I heard quite a few stories about his time in 'Nam and the Benewah. I believe it changed his outlook on life.

Dear Albert,

I'm Fran Divilbiss, wife of member **Carl "Dave" Divilbiss U.S. Navy (Ret)** who served with you aboard the USS Benewah from 07/66 to 05/68. I'm sorry to have to tell you that my wonderful husband of 50 years passed away on September 28, 2008,

of lung cancer. Commander Divilbiss served on the USS Benewah APB-35 on the staff of ComRivFlot-One. You may contact the family c/o Fran Divilbiss, PO Box 593, Roslyn, VA 98941, 509-649-2795, cddivil@inlandnet.com.

Thank you very much.

Fran Divilbiss



Member **CDR Charles W. Clark, Jr.** passed away September 2008. CDR Charles was the CO for the USS Monmouth County LST-1032 (02/66-03/67). You may contact the family c/o Laurie Clark, PO Box 157, New Castle, NH 03854-0152, 603-436-3642.

Robert Morse passed away in 2007. Robert served on the USS Benewah APB-35 as an EN1 (1966-67). The family requested no other information to be posted.

Marvin Lisle passed away in 2007. Marvin served with the 3rd/47th. This is all the information we have.

Michael Milne recently passed away. Mike served with HQ 9th In fDiv 1967-68. You may contact the family at 2090 Bald Mountain Rd, Bear Creek Township, PA 18702.

Dallas Hartline recently passed away. Dallas served on A-92-1 (1967). You may contact the family at 4155 Seneca St Apt 8, West Seneca, NY 14224, 716-674-8776.

Fred Kohr recently passed away. Fred served on the USS Tom Green County LST-1159 date N/A. You may contact the family at 421 Luther Rd, Swatara, PA 17111.

William McIvreen recently passed away. William served in RivRon 13 date N/A. You may contact the family at PO Box 248, Wilmore, KS 67155.

Member **Ernest "Mitch" Perdue** passed away on Thursday September 10, 2009 of esophageal cancer. Service was held at Memorial Chapel on Ft. Jackson, SC. The service was supported and sponsored by the re-constituted 3/60th River Raiders battalion, which is now a basic training battalion. While in Vietnam Mitch served in B Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division from January 1968 to August 1969. You may contact the family C/O: Debra B. Perdue, 166 Millwood Ln, North Augusta, SC 29860 - 803-279-0371 mitchperdue46@hotmail.com



Larry Trubinski passed away in 1999. Larry served in C Co 4th/47th (1967-68). You may contact the family c/o Helen Trubinski, 45 Garden Blvd, Hicksville NY 11801-5933.

Donald Weakley passed away in 1994. Donald served on the USS Sphinx ARL-24 (1946-47). This is all the information we have.

Member **Frank J. Fabian** passed away September 24, 2009 after a long and courage battle with cancer. Frank served with A/CO/4th Plt 3rd/60th 6/68-6/70. You may contact the family c/o Delia Fabian 1332 Hamstead Ct. Colorado Springs, CO. 80907. 719-6324103; Fabian1948@adelphia.net.

May our Brother Rest In peace.

Marvin Lisle passed away in 2007 Marvin served with the 3rd/47th this is all the info we have.

CCB-18 WORKING PARTY UPDATE



Just in case you didn't hear from Everett or Chuck (who wasn't able to make it), we had a work party last Saturday and finished painting the aft skids. Those things are about as bad as painting the engine room with all its angle iron. Everett, and his son, Ray and grandson Chris were there. Also attending were regulars Bob Coombs, Doug Meeks, Dutch Hearn, and Ben Cueva. There were three new guys. One guy from Carlsbad whose name I can't recall now, who was on the Sphinx and I think will become a regular, and two guys from Riverside county: Jim Newsome and Stan Boorda (sp?). Jim is an MRFA member. and Stan just went back to Vietnam and was on some documentary about it.

Everett took us to lunch at McDonald's courtesy of Chuck's lunch money fund (thanks Albert).

There was also a senior chief reservist who was there for training. The group of reservists have arranged, through Ken McGee, a boat ride for a bunch of us old guys this coming Friday. I'm looking forward to that.

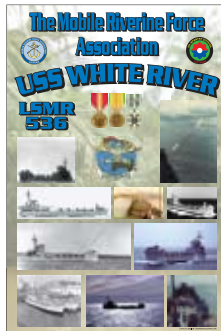
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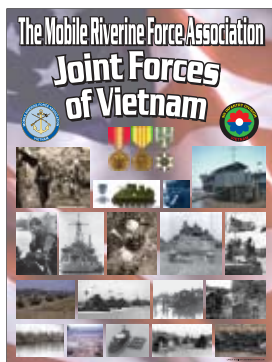


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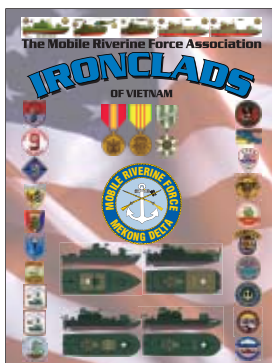
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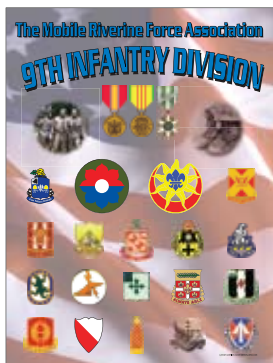
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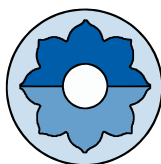
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