

# THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE

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## Message From the Radio Shack

Happy New Year to all our members!

Last year was an eventful one for the MRFA. We rolled out the documentary The Mobile Riverine Force in San Diego, held our reunion in St. Louis, and debuted the documentary in Branson.

Our thanks to everyone who made these events possible!

Looking ahead, we are working to schedule more showings of the documentary at several locations. Arballo Entertainment and I are handling the scheduling.

Very importantly, I have just signed a contract for our 2027 reunion. I'm pleased to announce that it will again be in St. Louis at the very same venue. This location has worked very well and reminds us of the old expression, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" The staff, food, and overall experience at the Sheraton Westport have been great. There will be a slight, anticipated increase in the room rate, but overall, it remains a bargain for what you receive as a guest. Registration will not be available until later this year.

I would like to remind all our members that, as veterans, you should be receiving your well-earned benefits from the Veterans Administration. I personally didn't sign up for benefits until later in life—that was my mistake. At the urging of my local Vietnam Veteran friends, I applied and received benefits. Also, if you are rated 100%, your spouse then receives excellent healthcare benefits (CHAMPVA) along with survivor benefits. So please seek out a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) at one of your veteran organizations or your local County Veterans Service assistance offices. In my case, the county veteran assistance people were extremely helpful. There is one located in every county in every state.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you as we tour the country with the red-carpet debut of your documentary. We will be posting locations and times on our website and in our email list. If you are not on our email list, send me an email to let me know so that I can get you added.

Harry Hahn

President, MRFA

## Message From Arballo Entertainment



Dear Friends of the Mobile Riverine Force,

Jeff and I hope the New Year is off to a beautiful start for you and your families.

As we begin the year ahead, we are truly excited about the many screening possibilities and distribution opportunities before us. We look forward to continuing to share your story with audiences across the country and honoring the remarkable legacy of the Mobile Riverine Force.

As details and confirmations come together, we will be sure to share updates via email, Facebook, and the River Currents newsletter.

Many of you have recently reached out to us asking about the availability of the original Mobile Riverine Force poster. As you may recall, several years ago we received permission from Mrs. Tom Nelson to reprint this poster so it could be used as part of our Indiegogo fundraising efforts. Tom was a talented artist and a valued member of the MRFA.

We are grateful to share that we still have a limited number of these posters available.

To remain true to the original intention behind producing these posters, we would like to make them available to those who wish to make a tax-deductible donation directly to the Association. These donations will be sent to Arballo Entertainment to support anticipated expenses associated with attending screenings around the country and costs associated with distribution and marketing efforts for the film.

There is no minimum donation required. Please feel free to give whatever amount you are comfortable with. In return, we will be honored to mail you one of these original posters.

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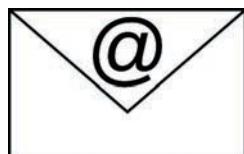
## Contact Changes

Please send Frank Jones any changes in address, phone number or e-mail addresses so that he can keep our database updated.

### His address is:

9 San Marino Parkway,  
Fenton, MO 63026

Frank's e-mail address is  
[mrfatango48@gmail.com](mailto:mrfatango48@gmail.com)



## Contact the Editor

If you have questions, stories, or comments for "River Currents," please e-mail Terry Sater, at [terry.s8er@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.s8er@yahoo.com) Not all stories can be published. All must be family friendly. We want a good balance of Army and Navy stories, so please participate!

## Message From Arballo Entertainment

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Because the number of posters is limited, we kindly ask that you follow this simple process:

Please email [arballoentertainment@gmail.com](mailto:arballoentertainment@gmail.com) to let us know that you intend to mail a check directly to the Association. This will ensure we have the supply still available.

The Association will then forward donations received, and we will promptly send the poster your way. Your donations should be sent to:

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9 San Marino Parkway  
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If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We are deeply grateful for the incredible feedback the film has received so far, and we hope that the work we've created honors every Sailor and Soldier of the Mobile Riverine Force.

We look ahead to the coming year and absolutely believe that the best is yet to come.

Lastly, please feel free to visit [arballoentertainment.com](http://arballoentertainment.com) if you would like to purchase additional copies of the film or the official movie poster.

Take care,

Jeff and Shannon Arballo  
760-809-4558  
[Arballoentertainment@gmail.com](mailto:Arballoentertainment@gmail.com)

## Branson IMAX Theater Premiere of "The Mobile Riverine Force."

Members of the Mobile Riverine Force Association and the Seawolves enjoyed a wonderful several days during Veterans Week in Branson, Missouri!

It was fantastic to see our documentary on a huge screen while relaxing in electric reclining chairs in total comfort. Scramble the Seawolves screened on Saturday morning, November 8, and The Mobile Riverine Force screened on Sunday morning.

Afterward, Jeff and Shannon sold DVDs/Blu-rays along with posters, and members stayed to sign posters for those who purchased them.

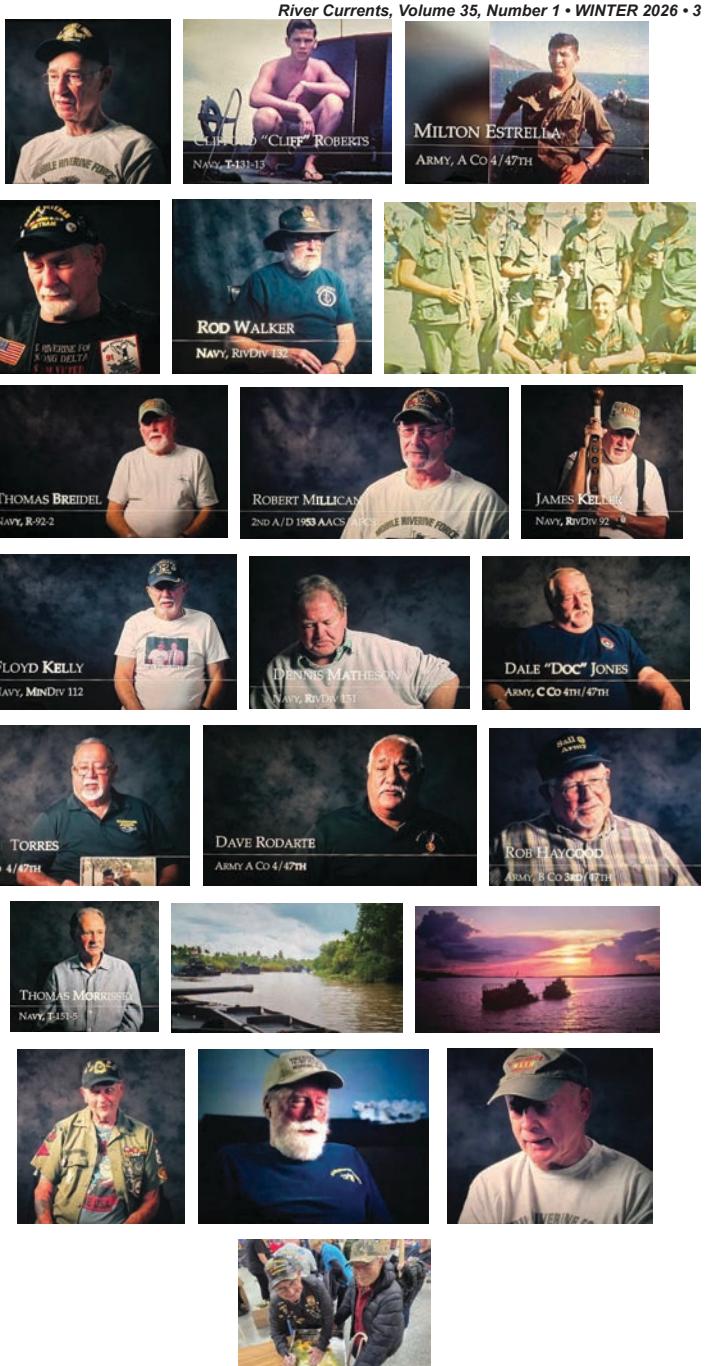
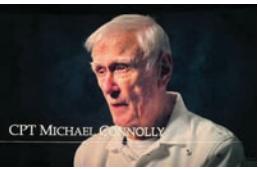
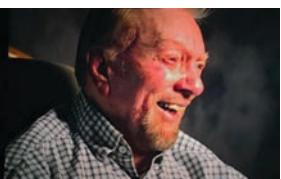
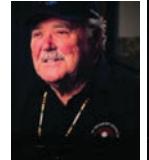
We captured a few screenshots during the screenings—sorry we couldn't get everyone in the shots!



Below, on the left, **Chris Sater**. On the right, **Terry Sater**. In the middle: Colonel Jim Wilhite, the Master of Ceremonies for the showing of The Mobile Riverine Force at the IMAX Theater.

Colonel Jim Wilhite is a retired U.S. Army Reserve officer and academic, celebrated for his 37-year military career and his pivotal role in establishing the National Military Academy of Afghanistan—often called the “West Point of Afghanistan”—in Kabul. His efforts are chronicled in his book *We Answered the Call*. He inspires others with his personal motto: “*Dream it, Believe it, Live it.*”

Rising from the enlisted ranks, he served as a Senior Drill Sergeant before becoming a commissioned officer. Later, he led the demanding project to build this vital military institution from the ground up.



While in Branson, a few of us took a tour of the Veterans Memorial Museum, which contains the uniform of **Larry Hare**, of the Mobile Riverine Force, and **CDR. J.R. Walker**, of the Seawolves!



The Veterans Memorial Museum included some photos of MRF operations and a bottle of *Bier LaRue*, or “*Tiger Beer*.” I know none of us drank alcohol in Vietnam, but you may have seen the Vietnamese drinking it.



We all enjoyed breaking bread together and having a few drinks in a spirit of comaradiere and friendship!



Chris and Tessa Sater hosted a few of us for a tour of Table Rock Lake!

***“You performed with a steadfastness and valor that veterans of other wars salute, and you are forever in the ranks of that special number of Americans in every generation that the Nation records as true patriots.”***

— President Ronald Reagan, at the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue (1984)

# NOW HEAR THIS!



Remember to tell your friends and family that they can purchase the DVD/BluRay "The Mobile Riverine Force" and movie poster, at [www.TheMRF-Documentary.com](http://www.TheMRF-Documentary.com)! This is an important documentary, narrated by Mike Rowe, and produced by Arballo Entertainment. It tells the story of the U.S. Navy and the 9th Infantry Division fighting for their lives and the lives of their brothers in the Mekong Delta, a combat legacy unseen since the Civil War!

All MRFA members are invited to sign up for the MRFA e-mail list, at [MRFA@gaggle.e-mail.com](mailto:MRFA@gaggle.e-mail.com) to stay informed with breaking news at the MRFA. Everyone is asked to reply to sender, rather than to "All," unless asked specifically requested otherwise.



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# Members Vietnam Christmas Memories

We asked members for their memories of Christmas in Vietnam. Here are the responses:

## Ron Miriello

While serving onboard the USS Benewah, I was allowed to attend the 1968 Bob Hope Christmas show in Dong Tam. It was so special to see celebrities like Bob Hope, Rosey Grier, Miss World, The Golddiggers, and more. But when Ann-Margret appeared on stage, I was totally starstruck and simply in awe. Her performance, her ability to connect with the audience, and her physical beauty were simply mesmerizing. It's a "Kodak moment" that remains as clear and as special today as it did some 57 years ago. Ann-Margret is a very special lady—especially to thousands of Vietnam veterans, whom she still affectionately refers to as "my boys."

Ron

Vietnam service: July 1968-July 1969

July '68-Dec '68, 50 Cal Machine Gunner, River Assault Division 91, T 91-13

Dec '68-Jan '69, Administration duty on board USS Benewah

Jan '69-June '69, 50 Cal Machine Gunner, River Assault Division 92, A 92-4

June '69 -July '69, TDY Naval Support Base, Da Nang.

## Jerry Hyde

I was supposed to be rotated out in November, but BUPERS screwed up, and my orders didn't come through until after Christmas (and after Tet too). So that Christmas was spent on watch in the middle of some river or other.

Jerry ET1, USS Askari 1966-68

## John W Weiss

Two things stand out for me. First, we were in Thu Thua over Christmas. Four Donut Dollies came to visit and hand out presents. Second, I got to see Bob Hope in Dong Tam. Although we sat in back, it was a good time.

John, Charlie Company 2/60 Inf, 9th Infantry Division, 10/68 to 2/69

## Ron Linville

My Senior Advisor was big on birthdays. He thought of them as holidays that should be celebrated. So, he had me hitch a ride on an Army chopper to our main base in Dong Tam. This short trip took two days. After some harrowing events, I arrived in Dong Tam on 30 Oct 1970, my 21st year. I could vote! After returning to our Area of Operations in early November, all RAID-75 boats left for Dong Tam on 24 December. This was the last day we were involved in Tran Hung Dao VIII ops. Boats were still in transit on Christmas Day - just another day for a lone advisor on the canals and rivers with a South Vietnamese boat crew. When we departed Dong Tam for Ca Mau on 31 Dec 1970, I was assigned to T-11, aka HQ (Hai Quan) 1246. New Year's came and went as our boat was moored overnight at Can Tho. On 03 Jan 1971, we arrived at Ca Mau to participate in Tran Hung Dao XVII ops.

The holiday season was over. No Bob Hope. No bunnies. No chaplain's visit. No C-rats. It simply came and went. Christmas was to be found only in the individual advisor's memories and thoughts.

Ron, RAID-75, ATF-211, NAGV (1970-1971)

## Bob Flaige

During the week of Christmas, a Chaplain flew out to us in the field. He came with a bird bringing hot chow that morning. I remember mentioning to him that his white attire in the field made me uncomfortable but, he told me not to worry; he was fine.

Bob, SSG Ret., E Co. 3rd 60th 9D, 1967-1968



## Reflections on Our Gathering in D.C. for Veterans Day 2025

By Bob "Doc" Pries

My Vietnam Veteran Brothers of the Mobile Riverine Force - 9th Infantry Division, a Marine,



a couple of Donut Dollies, and our friends and family members gathered in Washington, D.C., from November 8th to the 11th to celebrate Veterans Day 2025. I've been to D.C. from the 8th through the 11th of November for many years, but this year felt especially meaningful. I couldn't quite put my finger on why, but it seemed like there was more laughter, emotion, and a more profound sense of connectedness among us than ever before.

Over the four days, I had the privilege of sharing time with the usual suspects who attend every year, some who haven't been able to join us in a while, a couple of Donut Dollies, my daughter, granddaughter, grandsons, and the wives, girlfriends, adult children, and grandchildren of my fellow veterans. Honestly, I believe it was this wonderful mix of people that made our time in D.C. so special.

Maybe I needed to interact with my brothers and sisters more than ever before...kinda like I needed a vet fix. Maybe it was having my daughter, granddaughter, and grandsons join us on Veterans Day for our wreath-laying at the Wall, and my granddaughter and grandson each singing a song of thanks to veterans. Or perhaps it was a combination of all these things and more, but whatever it was, those four days were fantastic, and I will always cherish them. Although I'm exhausted from those four days in D.C., I'm walking away with a big smile on my face.

My heartfelt thanks and love go to everyone I had the honor and privilege of spending time with in D.C.—each of you made my visit truly special.

Bob, "Doc" Pries

*"I learned all I would ever need to know about bravery that would anchor me the rest of my life."*

— Chuck Hagel, reflecting on serving alongside his brother in combat

## Veteran License Plates

We want all members of the Mobile Riverine Force Association—proud veterans of the Vietnam War’s riverine operations—to be aware that nearly every U.S. state offers special veteran license plates to honor your service. These distinctive plates not only display your veteran status with pride but often provide practical benefits like waived registration fees, tax exemptions, or disabled parking access. We encourage every member to research your state’s options through your local DMV website, county tag office, or veterans service officer—it’s a meaningful way to showcase your Mobile Riverine Force legacy on the road.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia provide military-related specialty plates, with designs varying by branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard), conflict era (including Vietnam-specific in many states), awards like Purple Heart, or disability status. Eligibility generally requires an honorable discharge, proven by your DD-214 form, and residency in the state. Some states, like Michigan and Indiana, offer branch-specific veteran plates with high popularity—Michigan reports over 26,000 Army veteran plates alone as of late 2025.

Purple Heart recipients qualify nationwide for dedicated plates, often free or low-cost, featuring the medal’s emblem. Many allow surviving spouses to retain them.



For 100% service-connected disabled veterans, benefits are especially generous: States like California, Texas, Georgia, Washington, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, and Colorado often waive all registration fees, taxes, and even provide lifetime plates for one or more vehicles.

These frequently include the international wheelchair symbol for handicapped parking privileges.

**Vietnam Veteran Plates Overview.** Most states offer dedicated “Vietnam Veteran” or “Vietnam War Veteran” plates. Common design elements include the Vietnam Service Ribbon (yellow with green and red stripes), American

flag motifs, POW/MIA symbols, or Vietnam-era imagery like helicopters. Proof of service typically requires documentation of the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, or in-country service dates (generally February 28, 1961–May 7, 1975). Motorcycle plates are available in many states, and personalization is often an option.

## Member Pete Bernier Remembers Chris Noel

I was very happy to see Chris Noel at our 2025 reunion in St. Louis. I am always happy to see Chris because she’s always had a special place in her heart for us Vietnam veterans.

These photos are from just a handful of times that Chris and I met. There were other events, always in support of Vietnam veterans, where Chris performed, and I always made sure to say “Hi.”

**1969:** I first met Chris at Binh Thuy, Vietnam on 4 July 1969. I had served in the MRF’s River Assault Division 112. By the end of June 1969, all of the RivDiv 112 boats had been transferred to the Vietnamese Navy. I was in Binh Thuy awaiting orders for my next assignment with the Naval Advisory Group Headquarters in Saigon. Chris had been invited to Binh Thuy to perform at a large promotion party for a senior naval officer. I met Chris at that party. Other than when I was in combat, I had my camera with me, and I was happy to get this photo with Chris.

**2004:** I once again crossed paths with Chris Noel on 30 May 2004 at the Rolling Thunder gathering near the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. My wife and I, typically with other family members, attended these yearly rallies as often as possible. We would watch and cheer the bikers (up to half a million, at several of the rallies) as they rode over Memorial Bridge and down Constitution Avenue in D.C. The bikers would then gather at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for tributes to the POWs/MIAs/Vietnam veterans. Chris was there in 2004, and many other years. Again, I had my camera with me, and was happy to get this photo with Chris.

**2025:** I asked Eric Bowden, the photographer at our recent MRFA reunion in St. Louis in September 2025, to take this great photo of Chris and me. I didn’t have my camera, but Eric DID!

Warm regards,

Pete Bernier, LTJG, Chief Staff/Operations Officer, RivDiv 112



# Members Plans For Memorabilia

We asked members if they had any plans for the disposition of their Vietnam memorabilia. We received three responses. Here they are;

## Herschel Hughes Jr.

Perhaps you can add the National Vietnam War Museum in Weatherford, TX to the list of museums that would be interested in memorabilia. I have been contributing to them for years, and my wife and I have stopped by twice to do some volunteer work. They are good people. They do have an MRFA poster on the wall. The former airbase (Wolters) there is where many of the chopper pilots trained.

Herschel

## Jack Ewing

Yes! I would appreciate anything, although I never expect it. I collect and display my MRF memorabilia at shows in the UK so people can see and read about the important history of the MRF. I also display at the MRF reunions in the USA (I've attached some photos). I will continue to do so as long as I can.

All the best,

Jack

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Ron Garcia recommends the Museum of the Republic of Vietnam, in Garden Grove, California.

## Richard, "Dick" Hawkins

My military history books will probably go to the Naval ROTC unit library. After my friends have picked through my military gear, whatever is left that is relevant to Vietnam could go to Zion. Papers and letters related to my Vietnam service should go to the Texas Tech Vietnam Project.

Our daughter and granddaughters have no interest in military matters. My wife can keep whatever plaques, certificates, and medals she wants to display on the wall, along with her father's and my father's casket flags, pictures, etc. She can leave them to our granddaughters, who will likely stuff them in a trunk and throw them away after I'm gone.

Years ago, I reached out to the Texas Tech Vietnam Zumwalt Archives because I was wondering what to do with my 200+ slides and photos from my tour (December 1969 to December 1970). During that time, I traveled to 15 Navy logistics bases and was responsible for creating a plan to replace 9,000 U.S. Navy personnel with the appropriate number of Vietnamese personnel. Around 2018, I digitized most of them and have posted many on Facebook pages over the years. The archives staff said they would love to have them, would add them to their collection, and would create a CD or online repository. I have yet to follow through, but in my old age, I figure it might still happen.

The creators of the MRF documentary actually used two of my photos. During that year, I personally knew ADM "Bud" Zumwalt, but since my office was at Vietnamese Navy Headquarters in Saigon (HQVNCH), I much preferred my interactions with Đô đốc Tran Van Chon, their CNO, over the U.S. leadership. My photos are of the people and places I visited, as well as the Vietnamese family who "adopted" me that year. When I left Vietnam in December 1970, they gave me all kinds of gifts, which we still treasure to this day.

Very respectfully,

Dick

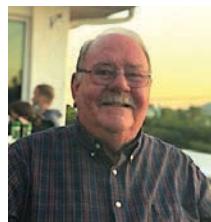
*"Within the soul of each Vietnam veteran there is probably something that says 'Bad war, good soldier.' Only now are Americans beginning to separate the war from the warrior."*

— Max Cleland,  
Vietnam veteran and former U.S. Senator

## TAPS Tribute to a Fallen One

Member **Michael Scott Wakefield** passed away on November 29, 2024. While in Vietnam he served with River Assault Squadron 11 and River Assault Division 112 onboard T-112-4 from October 1968 to August 1969. Michael was preceded in death by his wife Barb.

Member **Joseph A. Terzi** passed away on August 5, 2025. While in Vietnam he served with B-1, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division from June 1966 to May 1968. Joseph is survived by his wife Elisabeth.



Member **James M. Towey** passed away on September 5, 2025. While in Vietnam he served with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division from October 1968 to August 1969. James is survived by his wife Rose.



Member **Captain James D. Elbridge Jr. (USN Ret.)** passed away on September 25, 2025. While in Vietnam he served as Chief Staff Officer and Commanding Officer of River Assault Division 91 from December 1967 to August 1968. James is survived by his wife Donna.



Member **Darrel D. Ashlock** passed away on November 2, 2025. While in Vietnam he served with Naval Support Activity, Saigon at Dong Tam and Tra Cu from January 1969 to January 1970. Darrel is survived by his wife Marsha.



Member **Leslie L. "Butch" Vorpal** passed away on October 15, 2025. While in Vietnam he served with Coastal Surveillance Force, Division 11 onboard PCF-3 in 1969-1970. Butch is survived by his loving wife Shirley.



Member **Charles James Beal** passed away on February 15, 2025. While in Vietnam he served onboard USS Tutuila (ARG-4) from April 1968 to April 1969. Charles is survived by Mary, his loving wife.

Member **William "Wild Bill" Sinclair** passed away on December 17, 2025 due to injuries received when he was struck by a vehicle. While in Vietnam LT Sinclair served as Executive Officers of the USS White River (LSMR-536) from September 1965 to February 1968. – "Wild Bill" Sinclair was quite a character. I feel really blessed to have enjoyed spending great times with him over these many years. He will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace "Wild Bill". – Member and Shipmate Bill Brennan

### Meaning of "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

**"Fair Winds and Following Seas"** is a gesture of good luck to those we will miss and sailors who have served with honor and courage. The combination of phrases implies that a vessel will have good winds, and not have to pound into the waves. The phrase can be used as a toast or salutation between mariners. It is often used at a "beginning" ceremony such as a commissioning ceremony, as well as in retirement, change of command, or farewell ceremonies.

Following seas are defined by Bowditch's American Practical Navigator as ***"A sea in which the waves move in the general direction of the heading"*** and can be dangerous if the winds and sea are too strong. But the mariners' traditional blessing implies that both are comfortably rolling in the same direction as the boat.

*(Sources include the former Naval Historical Center and Wikipedia)*



# Find us on Facebook

Hey Brothers, check out our Facebook page, "The Mobile Riverine Force and 9th Infantry Division Vietnam" Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/195572170458597/>

Our Facebook Group is dedicated to all Army and Navy men who served with pride and distinction in a place called the Mekong Delta. Be it on water or land, they all served their country. Whether they were on a Monitor or making a helo assault, setting an ambush on a lonely, quiet, dark night, walking through waist-deep water in a rice paddy, riding a tango boat up a narrow canal, or at anchor in the middle of a brown-water river for long hot hours. Places like Dong Tam, Tay Ninh, Snoopy's Nose, the Cross Roads, Ambush Alley, My Tho, Rach Kien, Plain of Reeds, Parrot's Beak, Tan An, Nha Be or Ben Tre and names like Colleton, Washtenaw, Windham, Benewah, Westchester, Satyr, Askari, PBR, and Swiftboat are names and places we'll never forget.

This group is to preserve a living memory of all those who served in the Mobile Riverine Force and 9th Infantry Division Vietnam.

Many friendships from days past have been renewed because of our group page. It is a great place to make connections with others who served with the Mobile Riverine Force and 9th Infantry Division.

### **A few rules are in place to keep order in the group. They are:**

1. Politics and religion are the fastest way to start an argument and cause hard feelings and absolutely have no place on this page.
2. We expect members to treat each other with respect.

We hope you enjoy the group. v

In Brotherhood,

Doc Pries - MRFA Vice President and Group Admin



**Send your questions, comments, or stories for River Currents to the Editor, at: [terry.s8er@yahoo.com](mailto:terry.s8er@yahoo.com).**

## In Memory Of

Wendell Affield for Buddha Ed Thomas, Boat Captain Tango 112-11 (02/68-02/69)  
Serena Barnes for Michael Barnes 2nd Brigade 3rd/47th 9th Inf.

Bill Buffie in memory of Lyle Parin USS Floyd County LST-762 (Vietnam)

David Wilson 2nd/60th KIA 08/05/69, Timothy Shelton 4th/39th KIA 06/25/69, Steven Murray 4th/39th KIA 05/26/69, Harvey Crabtree 2nd/4th Arty KIA 06/19/69, and Dennis Mattox 1st/501st 101st Abn. KIA 08/23/69

Donut Dollie Emily Strange by Bill Dabel C-1 3rd/39th

Orville "Lee" Daley for Roger Valentine CSI USS Askari ARL 30 (1967-1968)

Bill Frede for BM1 Guy Dail, BM3 Johnny Manness and SN David Flamburis T-112-2, 1967 Patrick Haggerty in memory of CDR Charlie Cox, CO RivDiv 111 (11/67 to 11/68) and Capt. Jim Gautier, CO, RivDiv 11 (12/68-6/69)

Susan Hanmer for SFC Michael Hanmer Riv-

Ron 13 and 153 (07/69-02/71)

Susan T. Henderson for Ross D. Henderson, Gunner USS Luzerne County LST-902 (2/70-12/71)

Gordon Hillesland for Pat Lawson NSA Dong Tam (67-68), Mike Mosey NSA Dong Tam (67-68) and Joy Hurd (6/68)

Joe Hilliard for Jim Schwan from Wisconsin and Buck Grant from Alabama

Joe Hilliard for Joe Benack and Donald Hartzell

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Dave Schell in memory of SFC Mike Hanmer RivRon 13 & 153 (7/69-2/71)

John Smith for Paull D. Jose B Co. 3/60 KIA 11/01/68

Charlie Thompson in Memory of Doyle E. Templeton 2nd/39th 9th Inf.

Jim Towey for Jack Steinman who saved many lives 5/14/69 thru his heroic actions. RIP Brother.

\*\*In memory of my Brothers B Co. 2nd 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division



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Bruce Dunlap USS Mark AKL-12

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