

2009 News of the 1st Battalion / 52nd Infantry Alumni

Dear 1/52 Veterans, Family and Friends;

Greetings We continue to locate more veterans of the 1/52. This time in 2006, we celebrated at finding the 1,000th person who served in the 1/52. Within 1 year, we now have addresses for more than 1,100 veterans of the 1/52. We have not been able to make phone contact with many of the newest, but we do want to hear from you.

Who to contact! We consist of an informal group of Vietnam veterans that served in the 1/52 Infantry between 1967 and 1971,

plus some of our Artillery friends and helicopter pilots. Several members volunteered to be points of contact for the different companies that comprised the 1/52. The contact names are on page three (3).

Additional Information

We have done research on Veterans Services to assist all during these "challenging" times.

<http://www.military.com/> - you have to register, it is FREE.

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/ovbd/index.html> - SBA website location. More info than we could list here is just a click away.

Some more great sites.

www.veteransforamerica.org

<http://grunt.space.swri.edu/vetorgs.htm>

<http://www.amvets.org/>

2009 REUNIONS

June 25 - 28, 2009
Eminence, Missouri
1st/52nd Annual Summer Reunion

"Come one, come all to the 2009 Vietnam Veterans reunion at Cedar Stone Lodge, Eminence, Missouri in the Heart of the Ozarks". Fantastic company, great food & a Whole Lot of Fun. Camp out or stay in the comfort of the lodge. Lots to do & enjoy. Looking forward to seeing old friends & making new ones. Rooms at the Cedar Stone Lodge (573-226-5656) are always in short supply, but they will direct you to the nearby motels so everyone will have a place to stay. Camping is \$10 & RV hookups are available for \$30 per hookup. The reunion will have a "Taj Mahal" (8 man tent) for the camping heart - please provide own cots/sleeping gear or to camp bring your own tent. The lodge has remodeled most rooms, a screened in Pavilion and kitchen will be available for our use.

URGENT ASAP CHECKS & RSVP's are to be made to:

Dennis Loop,
502 Long Shadows Circle,
Spring, TX 77388.

Home phone is 281-651-7189, cell phone 832-443-5684, fax 281-651-7196, email yvet71@aol.com.

Please **RSVP ASAP**, so we can get an accurate head counts for food purchasing. Reunion fees for 2009 cover meals and beverages, as well as a t-shirt. The cost this year is:

First time attendance -> \$80 for an individual, if check is received by April 30th \$120 for one individual with family if paid by April 30th. After April 30th, first time attendance is \$100 for an individual or \$150 for the individual with their family.

Prior attendance -> \$100 for an individual, if check is received by April 30th. \$150 for one individual with family if paid by April 30th. After April 30th, first time attendance is \$150 for an individual; \$175 for an individual with his family. Please send your check for the reunion payable to **Dennis Loop**.

MEMORIALS PLANNED ARE:

Jim Lewis, A Co 1968-69 and **Jerry "War Daddy" Church**, Recon 1970-71 as both passed in 2008. Members of their families will be there and will love to meet their brothers and sisters. Jim Lewis's family and friends have made generous reunion donations, and we will eat well!

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June 25 - 28, 2009 Shreveport-Bossier City 2009 ADVA Reunion

This reunion will be headquartered at Diamond Jacks Casino & Resort www.diamondjacks.com located on the banks of the Red River in Bossier City. Diamond Jacks is a 570-room all suite hotel located just a block south of Interstate 20. Room options include a single king bed or two queen beds. Whirlpool bathtubs are standard in all rooms. The hotel features the largest outdoor swimming pool in town and has its own 32-space RV Park. Reunion rate of \$99.00 plus tax per night. Please contact malcom_east@att.net or 409-755-2892. Go to <http://www.americal.org/reunion.shtml> for all the most current and important information.

July 16 - 18, 2009, Bridgeton, Missouri Charlie Co. Reunion 2009

The reunion will be held July 16 - 18, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis airport, 11228 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, MO. 63044. Reservations will be made by individual calling (314) 291-6700 or (1-800) 227-6963. Daily block room rates are \$78.00 + tax. The block rate has been extended three days prior to and following the reunion to accommodate those who wish to arrive early or stay longer. Cut-off date for block rate is 6/25/09. Make your reservations as early as possible. You must ask for the block reunion rate. **For more information contact:**

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Clarkridge, Arkansas 72623

m60gunner@hotmail.com

<http://www.angelfire.com/mo2/CharlieCoScarf/index.html>
for more Charlie Company information.

Bravo Co. Reunion 2009 during the June 25 - 28, 2009

Shreveport-Bossier City 2009 ADVA Reunion

Bravo Company will have a daily hospitality room in which our guys can congregate. There will be a Friday evening - 6/26/09 - meeting for Bravo Company and all the 1/52 guys are invited to attend our meeting. Please watch for informational notices and e-mails from Conrad and Buddy.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Company Morning Reports

Dan Young obtained Company Morning Reports for the 1/52 from 1967 through 1971. These records have an entry for each time a person was assigned to a Company, when they left (like for a stay in the hospital or R&R), and when they went home. The information can be used to fill in the blanks in the Daily Staff Journals, and you can use this information to verify claims with the VA. Plus, we can create a list of everyone that we served with. We now have all of the record for 1969 thru 1971 transcribed into an electronic database. Please contact Dan Young at think-peace@gci.net if you would like a list of the guys that you served with.

What is so good about this? We are planning to find many more of your friends this year, as soon as we transcribe the 1967 & 1968 records. 2009 is the year that we find our brothers! We have a team of volunteers who are transcribing the 19767 and 1968 morning reports.

Welcome Home.

Reunions are very important to many of us. As Terry Wyrick says, we all walked common ground. We are very special people. We came together, from across America, from every possible demographic and psychographic, to serve together in Vietnam. In addition, we got along, bonded, and did our job, together. I like to think we walked through hell together, and we kept on walking, because that is who we are. Since we served in the Army, we have created even more diversity in our lives than before we served. Reunions allow us an opportunity to reunite, to share what we have achieved, and to reconnect with the men who saved our lives by doing their job. We really are special people. Imagine the opportunity to easily connect with these special people, again. Would you make the effort, one time? We encourage everyone to attend one reunion. See what it is like, have a new experience in a safe place. Bring your family to meet these special people.

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Finding Friends From the 1/52

Each 1/52 Company has offered a point man or point team to help locate friends. We need donations so we can find everyone. Please help us, as well as everyone else, with a donation. The contacts for each company are:

A. Co. & HHC: Dan Young,
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Anchorage, AK 99503 (907) 344-9370
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