

CHARLIE COMPANY NEWSLETTER

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REUNION XV ~ 2021



We lost our *ANNUAL* designation in 2020 with the cancellation of The Charlie Company Reunion. However, the **Fifteenth Charlie Company Reunion** was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on September 24-25, 2021.

Thirty-one people attended this year. James Costabile and William Gruendler are #95 & #96 in the number of Charlie Company veterans who have attended at least one reunion. James' wife, Renae; Rose, Phil's guest; and Susan, Charlie Doan's guest; were also first time attendees. We had several making reservations but were not able to attend. This is certainly understandable during these times.

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Standing L-R: Milt Houghton, Mike Dove, Al Blosser, Tim McLaughry, Charlie Doan, Mike Yelenovic, and Wayne Rasmussen. **Seated L-R:** Mike Feltes, Chuck Welegala, Dwight Cole, Phil Sherwood, John Bottorff, Bryan Ciula, Ronnie Ray, and Mike Stinnett.

James & Renae Costabile	William Gruendler
	

CHARLIE'S ANGELS



Standing L-R: Sarah Bowman, Beverley Houghton, Chris Dove, Peggy Rasmussen, Peggy Ciula, and Lynn Bottorff. **Seated L-R:** Charmaine Fox, Susan, Sharon Cole, Cindy Welegala, Teresa Ray, Barb Feltes, Ursula Yelenovic and Patty Stinnett.

Friday's event was a Coffee & Cookie Reception in the hospitality room. The ladies returned to *Tousey House Tavern* for a luncheon Saturday. The FREE Saturday night Banquet was attended by 28 and was followed by the Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, Raffle, and pictures.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We began 2020 with Cash on Hand of \$3550.30 adding Dues \$0 (*We did not ask for dues last year*), Donations \$220, Other Income \$130 and Meals \$0 for a Total Income of \$3900.30. Expenses for Newsletters \$418.31, Reunion \$179.97, Other Expenses \$1559.51 and Meals \$1410.04 gave us a Total Expenses of \$3568.23 leaving us a balance for this new year 2021-2022 of \$332.07. This was our lowest end of year balance since 2008-2009 but we are still good financially.

Thanks to a donor who wanted to remain anonymous the Board approved using his \$500 gift and company funds to pay the entire cost of the meal at the reunion instead of just the service, tax and gratuity charges.

One of the last year's Other Expenses was our fifth year of donating \$1000+ to *Wreaths Across America* to honor Charlie Company's KIA's in Vietnam and those who have passed away since their return from Vietnam.

We have taken up \$400 in Dues so far this year and received Donations totaling \$2049. The Donations total came from Raffle Tickets \$700, NKYCVB \$250, another anonymous gift of \$400 and a \$99 gift to honor the memory of Ms. Grace from her daughter Charmaine to coincide with Ms. Grace's number of birthdays! Our current bank balance is \$2851.07.

A preliminary report was given and approved at the Business Meeting. Monthly reports continue to be sent to the Board members for their approval.

CONTACT INFORMATION - Do you have comments about the newsletter or suggestions for articles? Do you need information about our contacts or do you have information about other vets not known to us? Do you have an update for your own address, phone # or email address? Contact Mike Stinnett at (mike.stinnett@yahoo.com) 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 (931) 647-8917.

OUR SYMPATHY to the families of:

Brenda Tucker ~ Wife of Lt. Rick Tucker ~ February 16, 2021

John Frederick Wrigley ~ April 17, 2021

Dennis Yother ~ Mortar Platoon ~ Oct. 1969 to Sept. 1970 ~ June 15, 2021

Bud Vincent ~ Lt "Peanut" 2nd Platoon ~ Nov. 1968 to Nov. 1969 ~ July 17, 2021

Bud Vincent was one of our original five Board members. According to our Guidelines (Article III: B ADVISORY BOARD): *If a vacancy occurs, the remaining Advisory Board members will fill the vacancy and submit the name for the approval of Members present at the next reunion's business meeting.* The Board has asked Al Blosser to fill Bud's position and he has graciously accepted the offer. This will be one of the items to be voted on at our next Reunion.

REUNION XVI

REUNION XVI will return to Hilton Cincinnati Airport JUNE 11-12, 2022! The rates will be \$112 per room per night and that price is good for 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion. Cutoff date to make reservation at this price is May 19. After that date any unsold rooms will be released to the hotels inventory to be resold.

Reunion information will continue to be updated on our website and by email. A registration link has already been added for your convenience. Call 859-372-9621 if you prefer the phone for reservations. Be sure to ask for the group rate for the Charlie Company” Reunion.

This is not a promise, but there may be one more reunion reminder this spring... maybe a newsletter or another card for your refrigerator. Do you have any suggestions concerning another group event for the reunion?

It is too late to wish you well on Veterans Day, a thankful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year but hopefully all were good and it is still early in the New Year to wish you happiness, good health, and hope to see you in June!