



**President's
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November 2024**



**Mark S.
Woempner**

Team,



**Happy Thanksgiving
Regulars and Patriots!**

I am thankful for your service protecting this amazing country. I am thankful for being a US citizen and able to serve. I

am thankful for our loving God. I am thankful for **Skip Fahel** putting together our photo collage's (Reunion in Nashville and Organization Day at Ft Drum, E-mail only) that everyone got to see in the last 2 months! Lastly, I am thankful for the completion of the election, so I don't have to watch another stupid political advertisement.

Since the last Newsletter the Nashville Reunion was a huge success. We brought several new Officers and Executives into the leadership team. See the updated Officers and Directors list in this letter. We also chose Oklahoma City as our next Reunion Adventure. I look forward to that gathering in May 2026, so put it on your calendars Now so you can come and join in the fun. The Old goats also had a chance to visit with our active-duty Battalion Triple Deuce for their Organization Day. It was a joy to see the customs and traditions of our Regiment



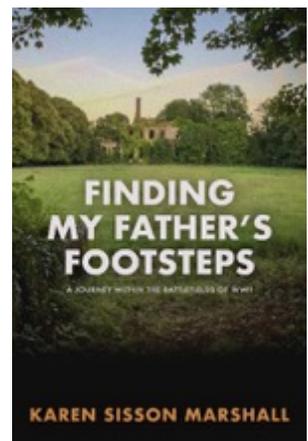
carried on in the next generation of soldiers. I had a chance to be the official lines umpire for 4 of the games. Each of the Old Goats engaged with their sponsored company, and Skip and I had a chance to play some golf with two of our Triple Deuce soldiers. These engagements fill my heart with joy. We and the 222VN society assisted with funding of the activity.

News Alert: Triple Deuce is now deployed down range into the middle east, there should be an update in this newsletter. We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate care packages for our troops. Any volunteers please contact me or **Jim May**.

I hope this newsletter and the upcoming holidays find each of you healthy, happy, and spending quality time with your families. As winter approaches and much of the country is engulfed in winter weather and early sunsets, it is time to purchase some good books to read by the fire. I'd love to make some recommendations for you:

1. "Finding My Father's Footsteps" by **Karen Sisson Marshall**. *A daughter unravels the mystery behind her WWII Veteran Father's acquisition of Heinrich Himmler's personally annotated copy of Mein Kampf.*

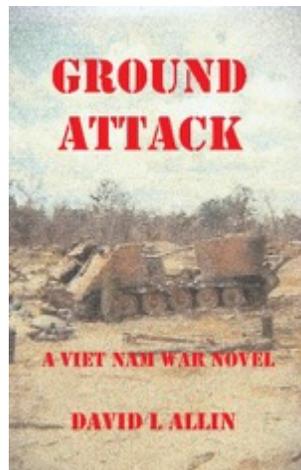
Nazi leader Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS and Gestapo and



the architect and administrator of the concentration camps during World War II, oversaw the systematic murder of more than ten million Jews and other innocent people. The story of what happened to Himmler's personal copy of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, the book that had inspired him, and the journey of the soldier who brought it home from war-torn Europe is now told for the first time. Based on her father's narrative of his experiences as a second World War infantry rifle platoon leader, his daughter traces his battalion's footsteps from D-Day to VE Day in this tribute to the 4th Infantry Division's 22nd Infantry Regiment during the war. Order information:

From the Author
www.findingmyfathersfootsteps.com
 Amazon/Kindle
<https://www.amazon.com/Finding-My-Fathers-Footsteps-Battlefields/dp/1961505193>

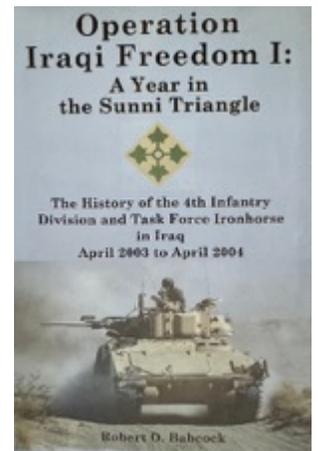
2. "Ground Attack" By **David L Allin**. *The Vietnam War up close and personal*. There was a truce on New Year's Day, 1968, and Third Brigade of 25th Infantry Division used the respite to build a new fire support base near the Cambodian border, in a vast forested area of Viet Nam called War Zone C. They called it Fire Support Base Burt, manned by two infantry battalions and three batteries of artillery. When the truce ended at midnight, January 1, the Communist forces in the area responded by launching a massive assault on the base. Vastly outnumbered, the American soldiers repelled attack after attack and eventually forced the enemy to withdraw after suffering terrible losses. This book describes the buildup of Burt and the long night of deadly action, as



seen through the eyes of three fictional young soldiers who lives are forever changed by that battle. The events are real; only the characters are imagined. Experience the vulnerability, the fear, and the everyday heroism of American soldiers just trying to survive an unrelenting ground attack. Order Information: This book is available from Amazon.com in e-book, paperback, and audible.

3. "4ID Update from Iraq" By **Bob Babcock**. *The original was a great read, I'm glad Bob is expanding this Operation Iraqi Freedom I into a 4 book series!*

Many of you will remember the "4ID Update from Iraq" that Bob Babcock sent out daily during Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 in 2003-2004, and in the next three deployments. Rather than let that piece of 4ID history disappear, Bob has converted the updates from 2003-2004 into four books that will become family heirlooms for those who lived through that year, either at home or on the battlefield.



Book 1, covering the alert in January, 2003, the delay from deploying through Turkey, finally arriving in Iraq in April, establishing 4ID and 1-22 in Saddam's hometown, bad mail service, and other challenges through July will be available in December, with the other three books covering the remaining months of OIF1, including the capture of Saddam Hussein, coming out in early 2025.

Order Information: Autographed copies are available at www.deedspublishing.com. Click on Book Store, and you'll find the books.

Remember to mark your Calendars and prepare to attend the 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunion in Oklahoma City in May

2026! I don't want any excuses for not joining your brethren and fellow warriors in camaraderie and lively conversations remembering the past and discussing each other's futures and families!

Our 22nd Infantry Webpage is now Rockin thanks to **Christopher Wright** our new Web Master. So check it out and provide feedback: [22nd Infantry Regiment Society - 22nd Infantry, Veterans, Army](#). Forward the URL for fellow soldiers that want to join the society: [Society and Membership \(22ndinfantry.org\)](#).

We have a new Secretary! **Steve Doan** has volunteered to take over for **John Poggi** and the passing of the torch will occur between now and the OKC Reunion. Thanks Steve!

I think that gets everyone up to date from July. I want to thank all of you for your service to this amazing country! Freedom is not Free, it is paid for with the blood of the current generation holding the baton to keep this country free.

As always, I want to thank my heroes, the Vietnam warriors - without you, my life experience would be much different.

“Deeds Not Words”!!

Steven J. Hubert

Steven James Hubert was born in Raymond, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota on May 15, 1947, the son of Howard and Marian Hubert. He graduated from Lamberton High School in 1965. In 1967 he graduated from Minneapolis Vocational Auto Mechanics School.



Steve was drafted into the Army on November 14, 1967. He was single and his religion was indicated as Methodist. He took

Basic Training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and graduated from the NCO Academy at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He deployed to Vietnam as a Sergeant E-5 with an Infantry MOS of 11B40 on October 7, 1968 and was assigned to Company D 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry 4th Infantry Division. He served in Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V, Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI, and Tet 69/Counteroffensive.

Steven Hubert was killed in action on April 5, 1969 in Kontum Province, Military Region II. He and his Company were on Operation Wayne Grey, and Steve was killed during an assault on NVA positions near LZ Cider in the Plei Trap Valley, at grid reference YA811797, approximately 27 kilometers north of Plei Djereng airfield. He was one of eight men in Company D killed during the fight.

Steve was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V device for his actions that day, in Headquarters 4th Infantry Division General Orders #1609 dated 10 May 1969. His citation read:

“For heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Hubert distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with Company D 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry 4th Infantry Division. On 5 April 1969, Sergeant Hubert's company was involved in counter-insurgency operations west of Kontum City when they suddenly came under attack by an unknown enemy force employing B-40 rocket, mortar and small arms fire. Sergeant Hubert immediately deployed his squad to positions from which they could more effectively engage the enemy. Then, seeing an enemy machine gun position, he maneuvered toward it with the intent of destroying it. While moving toward his objective, he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. His personal heroism, initiative and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the

military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.”

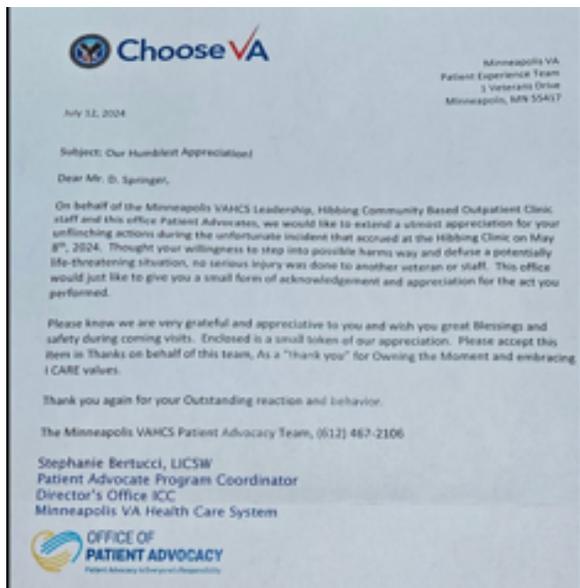
He was also awarded the Military Merit Medal and Gallantry Cross with blackened palm by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

Steven J. Hubert is buried in Lamberton Cemetery, Lamberton, Redwood County, Minnesota. His name is engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Panel W27 Line 18.

Michael Belis, DMOR

Dean Springer-VA Letter of Appreciation

On July 12, 2024, Veterans Admiration of Minneapolis recognized **Dean Springer** [B2/22, 1967-68] for his actions of May 8, 2024 when he stepped forward to confront and angry individual at the Hibbing Clinic. Well done Dean, “Deeds not Words.”



Reunion, Spring 2026 Oklahoma City

Our next reunion will be in Spring of 2026, sometime between late April and early June. The exact date will be dependent on when the best rates can be negotiated with the hotel.

Oklahoma City (OKC) is in the middle of the country, at the intersection of three major interstate highways: I-35, which connect Texas to Minnesota, I-40, which connects Virginia to California, and I-44 which connects St. Louis to Wichita Falls, TX. Will Rogers International Airport is only 15 minutes from downtown and is one of the easiest airports to get around in that you will find anywhere. OKC even has an Amtrak station. Getting here is easy from any place in the nation.

Downtown Oklahoma City has been undergoing a renaissance for the last few years and is now a major tourist destination. Within walking distance of the downtown hotels are a number of sights and attractions. Bricktown was formerly the warehouse district, but is now an entertainment district, with clubs, restaurants, bars, and the National Banjo Museum (don't laugh, it's actually very interesting).

Details on what to do in OKC will be provided in upcoming newsletters. Block your calendar now for a Spring 2026 Reunion.

Dave Allin, DMOR
A Co/HHC 1969-70

Liberation of Moyon

Here is the after action report concerning the festivities of the 80th anniversary for the 22nd Infantry in France. We went from July 31st to August 4th to Château Lingeod in the south of the Manche department. We have reconstituted an S-3 command post, a troop room, a reporter post. During the stay we organized various ceremonies in various places such as the American cemetery of St James where we laid roses in memory of soldiers of the 22nd. We also went back to Maupertus at the airport for a wreath at our monument inaugurated last year. A conference was held in Moyon on the history of the 22nd's fighting in this sector during Operation Cobra. Finally, a historical tour was made for the family of **Isaac Curtis Philipps** who honored us with their presence

during this stay. We also reconstructed the German counter-attack within the S-3 with radio call, patrol dispatch, map notes, etc. On Saturday 3rd we inaugurated our 5th commemorative plaque in tribute to the 22nd Infantry.



This morning was the last event as part of the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Moyon. The Association 22nd Infantry Regiment France, chaired by **Loïc Parent**, had exhibited various military objects and **Julien Woestyn** presented the course of the 22nd Infantry Regiment from June 6 until the arrival in Moyon. A passionate narrative punctuated with videos and documents. Some names

from the long list of American soldiers who died in Moyon have been released.



The presentation was made in the presence of about fifty people, including **John Tomawsky**, grandson of **Ernest Lavoie**, killed in Moyon on July 29, 1944, and **Mrs. Curtis**, daughter of Isaac Curtis Philips, who fought in Moyon. Descendants of **Guillaume de Moyon** were also present, invited by **Jean-François Pignet**, president of the Association Guillaume De Moyon and specialist of the history of Moyon.



After the lecture, a coat of arms was dropped by **John Tomawsky** and **Mrs. Curtis**

at the plaque of the Regiment near the

Church, then the group went to the restaurant Carrefour Paris, where **Jean-François Pignet** offered everyone a commemorative poster.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this birthday.

Loic Parent, HMOR

22nd Infantry Regiment, France

Distinguished Members of the Regiment

New DMOR presented at the Nashville Reunion.

SSG David N Thomas II, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry

COL Bradley L. Boyd

CSM Michael F. Evans

Dan "Doc" Michalec, A Co, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf

Joe Esser, A Co, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf

Tough Ruck 2025

Spending my Veterans Day leaning into the next 5 months of plan, prep and execute for Tough Ruck 2025, the Boston Marathon affiliated fundraiser held on Patriots Weekend to raise money in support of families of the fallen.

Many of you have been great supporters and as a result, Team Triple Deuce, 2-22 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, has led the way every year for the past 8 years.

As you spend the day saying, or thinking, "thank you for your service," please consider donating to a cause that helps the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice and aren't amongst us to be thanked.

The event will be held on April 20th, 2025. It's never too early to donate and if things go well, I won't have to strip down to a speedo in March to raise more money ... although



I'll probably shamelessly do that again anyway. So you can give Twice.

Sign up or donate Team 2-22 Infantry.
www.toughruck.org

Kevin Brown, DMOR

Tough Ruck 2024

We are amazed by the epic participants of Tough Ruck 2024 and their supporters. Today your combined efforts helped #toughruck reach \$1 Million in fundraising - a record setting amount for Tough Ruck Nation. A special thank you to our top fundraising teams and fundraisers.

Top Team Fundraisers:

1. **Team 2/22, \$57,703.67**
- 2 Liberty Battalion Army ROTC, \$37,40.29
3. Boston University ROTC, \$30,248

Triple Deuce Gamblers Fairwell Party November 21, 2024

My aid, Marty [Brother] and I arrived at the Hilton Watertown at 0930. We were welcomed at the main entrance and shown the way to the event. We passed several tables covered with homemade and purchased bake goods. I looked forward to returning to these tables.

As soon as we entered the room **CPT Kenard Hird** welcomed us to the event. As we met the leadership of G Co. I relayed to them the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society is only a call away from doing what we can to support them on the coming deployment.

He introduced us to the keynote speaker **Dr. Janice M. Gravely (LTC ret.)** She was a joy to spend the morning with. She is the U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador for New York. Dr. Gravely made it clear that she is looking forward to meeting the Old Goats the next time we are on post. She hinted that she would love to see us at the Vietnam War

Veteran's Day celebration at Ft. Drum this coming March 29th

After the Doctor Gravely speech, the soldiers had a gift exchange. It was bring one get one. Too many varied gifts to mention any. What does a soldier buy a soldier for \$20?

This 11 Bravo had no idea what the Order of St. Martin is. I did my homework when I returned home. It is an award given to deserving officers and enlisted soldiers and civilians. It has several degrees and is given to those by the Association of Quartermasters that go above and beyond everyday logistics in support of our soldiers.

CPT Hird has shown that he has what it takes to keep our Battalion running efficiently and smoothly. He is what the award is all about. Congratulations Captain! Learn more here.

<https://associationofquartermasters.org/osm-award/order-of-saint-martin-award-recipient/>



Being a morning buffet, yours truly figured it was breakfast. Wrong. These guys ate breakfast four hours ago. LOL We had an early lunch. Caesar salad, garlic knots, fresh green beans, stuffed shells, chicken parm were very good and that table I passed on the way in was waiting.

The Platoons put on skits to entertain us and did an outstanding job. This old goat cast the deciding vote to award the mechanics for their effort in producing the most belly laughs.

The party ended with an auction like I have never seen before. The soldiers bid on a chance to put a pie in the face of their favorite (?) leader. The proceeds went to FRG. I will let the photos tell the story. The bids were pretty high. CPT Hird garnered the highest amount with \$200.01.



After getting a pie in the eye the captain released the men for the day.

**Pete Gaworecki, DMOR
Old Goat Squad Leader**

**Care Package for Deployment
Mailing address for 2/22 deployment**

If you have package for an individual, address to that individual. If you have a general package for the Company, send to the 1SGT.

Hostile [1SGT Michael Franks]
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando HHC2-22
APO AE 09330

Anvil [1SGT Zachary Grado]
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TF Badger, A2-22
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Bushmaster [1SGT David Brooks]
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TF Commando B2-22
APO AE 09330

Chaos [1SGT Jacob T. Hollingsworth]
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando C2-22
APO AE 09330

Destroyer [1SGT Timothy Corry]
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando D2-22
APO AE 09330

Gambler [1SGT Darlson Osias]
Rank, Last Name, First Name [Must be address to individual, not Company]
TF Commando G2-22
APO AE 09330

2024 Scholarship Awards

Ava Pauly, of Sanborn, NY, will be attending the University of Buffalo. She will be majoring in Exercise Science with hopes of becoming an athletic trainer. Ava is the granddaughter of **Richard Pauly** who served with A Co, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf, 25th Inf Div in 1969-70.

Elena Carroll, of Tryon NC, will be attending The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She will be majoring in Accounting, getting her Masters and a career in Financial Accounting. Elena is the granddaughter of **Phillip Dennis** who served with A Co, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf, 25th Inf Div in 1969-70.

Sara Nix, of Brunssum, NL, will be attending Royal Holloway, University of London majoring in Liberal Arts. At this this time, she is unsure of her future plans after college. Sara is the granddaughter of **James Lally** who served with C Co, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf, 25th Inf Div in 1968-69.

Luke Thornton, of Greendale, IN, will be attending Miami University, OH, majoring in Business. After college, will be seeking a career in the business world. Timothy is the grandson of **Timothy Albright**, who served with HHC, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf, 25th Inf Div in 1969-70.

Harrison Baliber, of Huntington Station, NY, will be attending the State University of New York at New Paltz majoring in Business. Harrison is undetermined at this time what he will be doing after college. Harrison is the grandson of **Richard Pauly**, A Co, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf, 25th Inf Div in 1969-70.

Nicole Plasse, of Conway, MA, will be attending the University of Vermont, majoring in Animal Science/Pre Vet. Nicole will be seeking a career in animal care. Nicole is the granddaughter of **Paul Plasse** who served with B Co, 2nd Bn, 22nd Inf, 4th Inf Div in 1967-68.

2025 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2025 Scholarship. Requirements for scholarship:

A. Served with the 22nd Infantry Regiment.

B. Be a direct relation (son, daughter, or grandchild of person that served with 22nd Infantry Regiment. (To include legally adoptive child)

C. Be an active member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, with five (5) years of current active membership. Deceased must have had five (5) of active membership.

Applications should be received by **July 31, 2025**

If you would like a scholarship application or have questions, please contact **Skip Fahel** at eqf2231@gmail.com

Taps

Danny J. Rhodes, of Frontenac, KS, passed away on October 4, 2024. Danny served with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, Vietnam, 1966-67.

George W. O'Brien, of Fort Mitchell, AL, passed away on December 1, 2023. George served with HHC, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, 1968-69.

Lest You Forget—What the 22nd Infantry Regiment Did for You:

1. Gave you the opportunity to serve your country in a proud and prestigious national unit.
2. Gave you buddies who stuck by you
3. and hardship.
4. Gave you good reason to harbor a personal feeling of high accomplishment and pride.
5. Gave you treasured lifetime friends markedly improving the quality of your life.

MG (Ret) John F. Ruggles
Former Honorary Colonel of the
Regimen

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 Shipping: \$6.00 **

Midi Mini



22nd Infantry Crossed Rifles: \$14.00 per set
 Shipping: \$6.00**



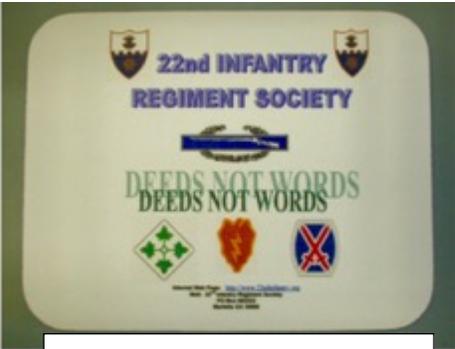
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