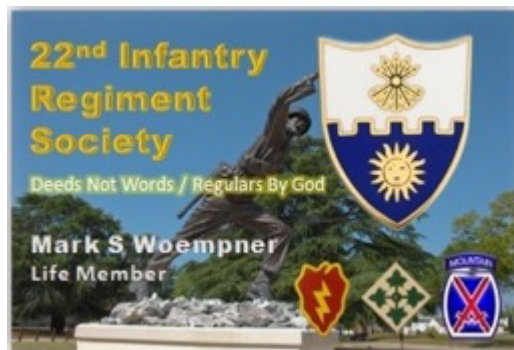




**President's Corner**  
**January 2023**  
**Mark S. Woempner**  
 "Deeds Not Words"  
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Greetings Regular's and Families. Happy New Year! I am really looking forward to seeing many of you at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society Reunion in Columbus, Georgia 18-21 May 2023. Our Reunion gift this year is 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment coffee cup so get your coordination completed over the next month or so!! We've completed the draft design of our 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society life membership cards.



**SFC Josue Rivera**, Company D, 2-22INF has been working on creating the "Regulars by God" Order of Saint Maurice (OSM) Chapter that will be sponsored by our Society. In so doing we are looking for all past OSM awardees within our ranks to transition to our new chapter! Email me: [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) and I'll ensure we initiate and complete the transfer. This is a very prestigious award, and we will be offering free lifetime membership to our society as part of the awardee benefits as we go forward. Thank you SFC Rivera!

Our French 22nd Infantry Society President and Vice President: **Loic Parent** and **Julien Woestyn**. We are planning a visit to Normandy, France the first week of August 2023 (for a week or so) and our European Brethren will take us through the battlefields we fought from Utah Beach where the 22nd Infantry Regiment landed to the Beachhead Breakout. The tour will last from 3 –



5 August. I have If you are interested in joining the party send me an email or give me a call! I'd like to have 2 more couples join us, I can pick you up 0800 on 03 August at 0900 in Frankfurt, DE as it's a 9-hour drive to Normandy. Here's a note from Loic, our 22nd Infantry France President: *"With Julien we have started to prepare 2023. We said that ideally for you will be to arrive on Thursday, August 3, 2023, on the Normandy at your accommodation (I'm staying at the Chateau de Flottesmanville). On August 3,4 and 5 you will be with us where we will*

*present the liberation of the Val de Saire (region in the northeast of the department of the sleeve) up to the capture and liberation of Cherbourg airport and the inauguration of a plaque in homage to the 22nd (still used today by the US Army during the festivities of June 6). Of course, a trip to Utah will be planned for a rose deposit where you will be presented with the typical outfit used during June 6 but also the battery of Crisbecq where we have already established a commemorative plaque on the site. Here is a preview. When we will have confirmation of your coming, we will make a group on Facebook to show you the evolution and the preparation of the stay."*

Our next 22nd Infantry Society Reunion is scheduled for 18-21 May 2023, so mark your calendars! This Reunion marks the 20th anniversary of the deployments of 1st Battalion into Iraq and 2nd Battalion into Afghanistan in 2003. We look forward to a large contingent of our Global War on Terror members attending the Reunion. Here are the details: We will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, GA 31904. Our group code is IRS22 for guests wanting to call the hotel and make their reservation. You can call 706-660-1000 and speak to the front desk agent or central reservations. Also we will post the URL to make your reservation digitally both on the Society website and in the email coversheet I send to all our eLife Members: [www.my-event.hilton.com/csgghgi-irs22-39a62d58-ae86-4b9a-a13a-aece3b4f4788/](http://www.my-event.hilton.com/csgghgi-irs22-39a62d58-ae86-4b9a-a13a-aece3b4f4788/)

The Reunion Registration Form was sent out last month and is also enclosed in this newsletter. Complete the form and submit to Martin Oelklaus at: [moelklaus@aol.com](mailto:moelklaus@aol.com) along with your payment (see instructions on the registration form).I will ensure we have two standard Double



Queen Rooms on 18-20 May for those single folks that need a room to participate in the main reunion events with the understanding that you will be sharing your room with other folks. Send me a note at [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) to ensure your get one of the beds...

The room rate is:

Standard King Room - \$124/night

Standard Double Queen Room - \$134/night

Taxes and Fees: Room rates quoted are subject to 9% local sales tax, 8% occupancy tax and \$5 hotel/motel fee per room per night.

That rate will include:

- Rate includes two (2) complimentary hot breakfast per room per night (\$25 value)

- Reunion rates will be available three days before and three days after reunion
- Complimentary Internet in all guestrooms
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary Indoor Swimming Pool
- Complimentary Business Center

Here is the Itinerary for the Reunion:

Date 2023	Start Time	End Time	Function	Room
16-May-23	_0900	1700	Set-up and Hotel Coordination	Conference Foyer
17-May-23	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer
18-May-23	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer
	_0700	_0730	Golf Preparation	Conference Foyer (depart 0730)
	_0900	1400	Golf	Maple Ridge GC
	_0900	1800	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	(Non-Golfers) See Listing
	1900	2000	Hemingway Turkey	Azalea Ballroom
19-May-23	_0900	1800	Registration	Conference Foyer
	_0900	1500	Bus Tour of Ft Benning & Walk of Honor	Enroute
	1830	2300	Buffet Dinner (ORA/DMOR/HMOR Presentation/Raffle)	Azalea Ballroom
20-May-23	_0900	1100	22nd Society then 2-22nd Society Business Meetings	Azalea Ballroom
	_0900	1000	Lady's Breakfast (Coffe, juice and pastries)	75 person room
	_0900	1500	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	See Listing
	1700	1800	Bus to NIM Dinner	Enroute
	1900	2300	Dinner, NIM viewing	NIM
21-May-23	_0800	1200	Memorial Service & Prepare for Departure	Azalea Ballroom then Foyer
17-21 May 2023	1200	2400	Hospitality Room	Azalea Ballroom

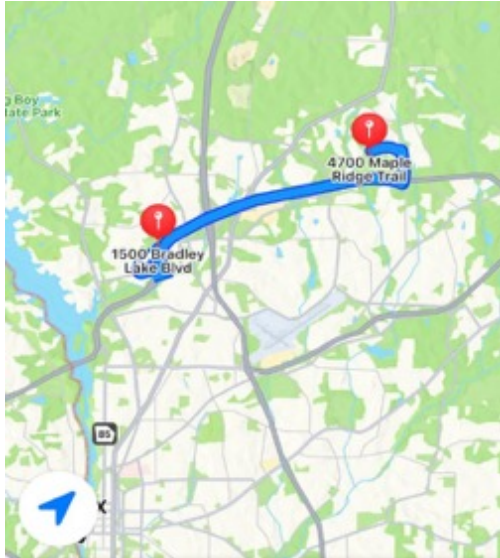
I have coordinated for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry golfers to have fun at Maple Ridge premier golf course on 18 May 2023. By the way, I still have 5 certificates for free golf (with nonalcoholic beverages and food) to play at the Cowboy Golf Club located at 1600 Fairway Dr, Grapevine, TX 76051 in north Dallas. If you're interested in a threesome or a twosome and live in or are visiting the Dallas area this year, give me a holler and I'll mail them to you!

This year's tournament will be held at the Maple Ridge Golf Course located at 4700 Maple Trail, Columbus GA 31909. We should have a great day of fun in the sun! Rare opportunity on a premium course! Price to play in the tournament is Free! Woempner is donating to the cause to get you on a premium course at no cost – but I need 14 golfers to join Carrie and me. We have a sleeve of cool 22nd Infantry Titleist logo balls for you to play with! It will be a shotgun start at 9:00AM EST. Arrival at the golf course needed by 8:00 AM EST so folks can get warmed up and settled into their carts. Throw me an email at [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) if you are interested in playing in the tournament and I'll put you on the list. We still have 7 players to enroll, and they will enjoy a hell of a great game of golf!





We will meet in the Hilton Garden Inn at 0700 to convoy golfers to the Maple Ridge golf course on time. Map for Drivers below:



No	Golfer
1	Mark Woempner
2	Carrie Bruce Waoe, pner
3	Lovie Moran
4	Ruben Nambo
5	JW Jacobs
6	Gerand Marceaux
7	Jerry Rudisill
8	Dwayne Rice
9	Chuck Weidner
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We received several donations from members and endowments from former members to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society this quarter, Thank You. Several have been to the **Awb Norris Scholarship** fund as well as the general fund that sponsors Reunion activities. Donations to the Society are tax deductible and the Awb Norris scholarship fund provides scholarships for society member's family to attend higher education. **Martin Oelklaus** will provide you a receipt for your tax-deductible charitable donation as we are a non-profit veterans organization.

We are completing the transition phase of moving to an electronic newsletter – Thanks to **Remy Autz**, who has been contacting those folks by last known phone number those that do not have an email address in the Registrar's database. We have cleaned up much of our roles and updated a multitude of email addresses. We are “closing the books” on the transition in July, so if you hear of anyone that has not received their March or June 2022 newsletters, please have them reach out to me and I will fix it as best as I am able. We will send paper newsletters to those folks that do not have an email address and have specifically requested a paper copy. My contact information is: [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) and (303) 328-1524.

I'm still looking for a volunteer for our future Treasurer – Martin will spend a year or so training you before you take over, please send me an email at: [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) to begin the conversation. Skills include MS Excel, Math, handling several checking accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Significant interactions with the executive leadership of the Society. BTW, that means our current 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society address remains: 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society; Attn: Martin Oelklaus; PO Box 3258; Independence, MO 64055-8258.

As always, I am so proud of our organization and thankful that I am a member of the freedom fighters...I'm also thankful to our Vietnam Vets - you are my heroes! I do know that freedom is not free, and I am thankful to all of you within this society for your service to this great nation.

Cheers!

**Woempner**

## 2023 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2023 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, 2023**

If you would like a scholarship application or have questions, please contact **Skip Fahel** at [eqf15@aol.com](mailto:eqf15@aol.com).

**National Museum of the Vietnam War, Mineral Wells, TX**

On June 25, 2022, I had the honor of being the keynote speaker at the dedication of THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE VIET NAM WAR in Mineral Wells, Texas. Also in attendance was a wonderful friend, **Jim Nelson**, who served in my infantry unit C 2/22, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Jim was there because his epic painting of the Battle of Soi Cut [FSB Burt] is featured prominently in the Museum.



## Troy Evans

*[Troy Evans, a TV and movie actor, is perhaps best known as Frank Martin, the desk clerk in the NBC series, ER, and as Detective Johnson on the Amazon series, Bosch.]*

## Operation Sam Houston

Operation Sam Houston began in the Central Highlands of the Republic of Vietnam on January 1, 1967, continued until April 5, 1967, and was carried out by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Though many elements of the Division were involved, this article will focus on significant activities of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry during that operation.



**Don Fiscus Company A 1/22 Infantry at the 1/22 Firebase during Operation Sam Houston**

The sign says “Our Business is Fighting” Units of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry that took part in the Operation were Headquarters Company and three rifle Companies: Company A, Company B, and Company C. While 1/22 Infantry was engaging in several fights with elements of the North Vietnamese Army, at the same time, other Battalions in 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade were also battling with that enemy Army in nearby areas as well.

Intelligence indicated enemy forces had crossed into South Vietnam from Cambodia and were staging in an area west of the Nam Sathay River. Operation Sam Houston really got going in mid-February, when the Division crossed the river, established a number of firebases, and began actively patrolling the area around those bases.

On February 12, 1967, Company B 1/22 Infantry crossed the river, began patrolling west of it, and thus began the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry's part of the Operation. On February 15, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry was airlifted to their new firebase location at YA613602 in the Plei Trap Valley, receiving sniper fire, resulting in one U.S. WIA. The next day, February 16, Company A 1/22 Infantry was moving west of the firebase when their point element engaged enemy forces in a vicious firefight and became pinned down.

As the fight continued and escalated, Company A set up a defensive perimeter and began using close artillery support. Air strikes were called in, utilizing napalm and Cluster Bomb Units on the North Vietnamese. Company C 1/22 Infantry moved to the aid of Company A, and the enemy broke contact and withdrew to the northwest. Enemy losses confirmed by body count were 33 KIA. Friendly losses were 21 KIA and 29 WIA. One of the American dead was the Commander of Company C, who was killed while leading his men into the fight.

On March 2 Company B 1/22 Infantry, moving through sparse vegetation, came under fire from a heavily wooded hill. Artillery and air support was called in, while the Company laid down a withering fire upon the enemy position. The tactics were successful, and the enemy withdrew. Two enemy KIA were found, while several large blood trails indicated more NVA were killed or seriously wounded. Company B lost two WIA in the engagement.

Moving through heavy jungle on March 5 Company A encountered 12 NVA, killing two of the enemy. The Battalion firebase on

March 9 received 60 mortar rounds fired at the base, resulting in one U.S. WIA. On March 10 Company A found a weapons and equipment cache at YA603655, and then a large bunker complex at YA598589, but made no contact with the enemy.

On March 12 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry received 52 rounds of mortar fire in four separate attacks, resulting in 14 U.S. WIA. The next day Company A was sent out of the firebase to search for the enemy mortar positions. Unable to locate the positions, the Company halted for the night, and during the night heard mortar rounds leaving their tubes. The rounds sounded like they were to the northeast of the Company. The next morning the Company began moving to the northeast and ran directly into NVA forces.

In heavy fighting and with much difficulty, the Company was able to form a perimeter and call-in air, artillery and mortar fire. The



**Rodney Grage Company C 1/22 Infantry during Operation Sam Houston**

battle continued into the late afternoon, when the NVA broke contact and withdrew. Enemy losses were 29 by body count. Company A lost 17 KIA and 27 WIA in the engagement. The next day company A found 25 more enemy bodies, and Company C found five enemy KIA and one WIA, all of these enemy casualties resulting from the fight with Company A on March 14.

On March 16 Company C engaged an NVA force and killed 7 enemy soldiers. In this



action Company C lost 2 KIA and 5 WIA. The next day an ambush patrol from 1/22 Infantry killed two NVA at YA613602. For the next two weeks the Battalion patrolled an area dotted with Montagnard villages northwest of Pleiku and took 34 detainees in for questioning.

On April 2 Company B received automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of ZA088524 resulting in one U.S. WIA. The Company also located two tons of rice and 60 pounds of salt at ZA098528. On April 5 Company C found 500 pounds of rice at ZA107562, and at the end of that day Operation Sam Houston was over.

Operation Francis Marion began the next day, on April 6, and lasted until April 30. It was essentially a continuation of Operation Sam Houston and extended the area of activities to the south. During that period there were no major contacts with the enemy by 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry. Sporadic contact resulted in one KIA from Company C.

**Michael Belis DMOR**  
Co C 1/22 1970-71

### **Kevin Elder**

Went to the Home of the Infantry to say goodbye to a Warrior friend. Words were hard to find to capture the moments, until I realized the words were actually handed to me as the morning went on.

Coming in the Fort Benning Road gate, past the National Infantry Museum, Simple Man by **Lynyrd Skynyrd** came on and brought me to tears before I even got to the chapel ... where the song ended.



The chapel ... The Infantry Chapel ... some of you saw it in the **Mel Gibson** movie *We Were Soldiers Once*. Glorious, yet humble.



Perfect for Kevin who was a bigger than life personality with a heart of gold.

The service started at 9am, but the clock sounded 9 bells at 0855 hours, causing me to reflect on our military experience and the saying "if your 5 minutes early, you're late".

As the service ended, and Kevin's flag draped casket was loaded into the inspection-ready shiny black hearse, you could hear machine gun fire from the Firing Ranges along Dixie Road/Ralph Puckett Way right behind Building 4. I pictured Kevin laying in peace in his casket with a smirk saying, "just how I wanted it ... 6-9 round bursts."

As we drove along Dixie Road EVERY car stopped and in a few instances, Rangers got out of their vehicles and stood at attention.

I noted all the Medals of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross awardees the ranges are named for and for a moment in time I realized the magnitude of heroism our force has demonstrated serving our nation.

As we traced the Ranger Battalion compound you could smell the Georgia clay and the tall Georgia pines, a combo locked in my senses, and I suspect every other infantryman, from the first time I set foot on Fort Benning.

We traced Lawson Army Airfield where C130s were taxiing to take jumpers up for probably their first exit ever from an airplane in flight, and I thought about Kevin lying peacefully under the flight pattern for basic



Airborne trainees forever ... or as long as our Army trains Soldiers to become Paratroopers.

Finally, we crossed the Chattahoochee River and Uchee Creek to get to Kevin's final resting place. The Chattahoochee is just one of those landmarks that defines your existence as an Infantryman, whether because you dropped a HMMWV in it in an airborne operation or because you drank beer next to it. Way down yonder ...

We laid him to rest with young Rangers from 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment providing honors.

It was a bad day, but it was a good day. See you in Valhalla **Kevin Elder**, I love you brother.

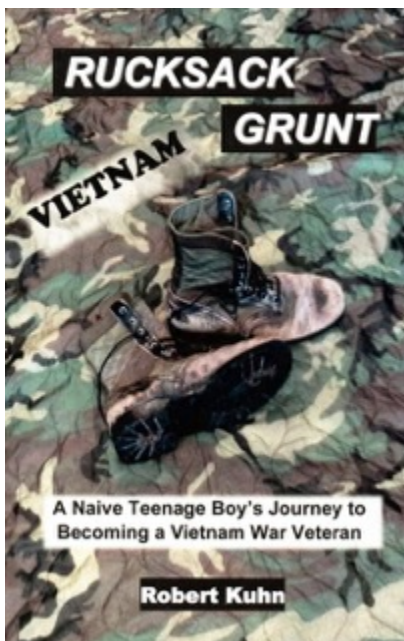
Cold Steel! RLTW!

Peace.

**Kevin Brown, COL [R]**

**Book Review.  
Rucksack Grunt**

**by Robert Kuhn**



A Vietnam War Memoir with an Underlying Love Story.

A narrative about a naive teenage boy's evolutionary journey from his safe suburban neighborhood in Pennsylvania to the

dangerous Central Highlands in Vietnam

to becoming a Vietnam War Veteran as he remembers it and still struggles today to understand it all.

The events of this narrative take place from 1969-1972, beginning with a young teenage boy's love for and his marriage proposal to his high school sweetheart.

Robert then decided that the best path to obtaining an education and a "real" job needed to support their future marriage was through an easy short stint in the US Army.

Little did the naïve teenager know that the path to accomplishing his goals would take him through the jungles and rice paddies of Vietnam during the latter years of the war.

Although, not a blood and guts war story, this first-hand emotional account details the many traumatic and sometimes distressing encounters of Robert Kuhn, the "rucksack carrying grunt" who served with the 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry unit during his Vietnam tour of duty.

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Available in hard copy and Kindle on Amazon at:

[https://www.amazon.com/Rucksack-Grunt-Vietnam-Veterans-Memoir-ebook/dp/B09FVW89HN/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=FK7TY3BGIWM1&keywords=rucksack+grunt+by+robert+kuhn&qid=1673726246&srefix=%2Caps%2C341&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Rucksack-Grunt-Vietnam-Veterans-Memoir-ebook/dp/B09FVW89HN/ref=sr_1_1?crd=FK7TY3BGIWM1&keywords=rucksack+grunt+by+robert+kuhn&qid=1673726246&srefix=%2Caps%2C341&sr=8-1)



## Fort Drum



Since I work at Drum, I was nominated by the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society to be a liaison between the Society and Triple Deuce here on Fort Drum. Our troops are in the process of redeploying from Syria so the Society and the Vietnam Triple Deuce Chapter both donated two checks totaling \$900 to go towards purchasing of snacks and drinks for the Single Soldiers that will be waiting for them in the Common Areas when they return. One flight came in this weekend [Dec 9, 2022] and everyone should be back pretty soon!

## David Thomas

### Holiday Dinner

Here are some pictures from the Holiday Dinner held yesterday. Funds from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society, Vietnam Triple



Deuce, and FRG [Family Readiness Group] funds paid for it.

## David Thomas



Now that we're out of country I can share my art project. Painted this in Baghdad to commemorate the most recent deployment.

## Sean Kirk

All:  
[November 11, 2022]

In 1998 I attended a reunion for the 4th ID in Gettysburg, PA with my dad. After that reunion, I reconnected my dad and his WWII foxhole mate, **Calvin Petty**.

In 2008, I attended another 4th ID reunion in Tysons Corner, Virginia. This one was special as I had written to **Skip Fabel** about connecting my dad, **Robert Pizzano**, with Calvin and that I had arranged for Calvin's son Eric to be there to meet my dad. Skip had arranged for My dad and Eric to carve the Hemmingway Turkey at the dinner. (See the 22<sup>nd</sup> IR Newsletter after the 2008 Reunion).



That evening, I had also asked **Bob Babcock** if he would be interested in publishing the story of my Dad's service in WWII.

The book was published in 2011 and I was able to present the first copy to my dad.

Years went by and in February of this year [2022], **Eric Petty** wrote to me. He said he needed to share something that came to him in his thoughts about his dad. It brought back a lot of memories about the reunion and the time spent writing the book, which many of the pictures in the book were supplied by the Petty Family.

What Eric wrote brought tears to my eyes as now both of our fathers had passed on. He said, "The main reason I'm writing was because I wrote a poem recently and thought you might enjoy it. I'm not a poet really. No knowledge of meter and rhyme and such, but sometimes things lay on my heart. My Dad and your Dad of late."

Thank you, all of you, for giving me and Eric a means to connect, and a means by which the memories of our fathers working and fighting side-by-side with the 4th Infantry Division, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Battalion, Co. G.

Eric has told me that it is ok to Share this Poem, of course as long as he is credited with it.

God Bless you.  
Thank you for YOUR service.

**Neal Pizzano**  
Son of the late **Robert A. Pizzano**, T-5 4 ID,  
22 IR, Co. G  
WWII

### **He Was A Big Old Country Boy**

"He was a big old country boy" he said, as we spoke of times past in a land across the sea. Well before my time, but his words made it so vivid to me. Although they knew each other

in passing, in England and Patee;  
Their last names determined a mortar team they would be.

**Petty** and **Pizzano** the officer called out.  
Fate dealing another hand without a doubt.  
"He was a clerk, while I carried the mail."  
Here's your weapons boys, go give em hell.

A few days in France to refresh their training,  
Then off to war even though it was waning.  
Into Germany they trod to help end the conflict.  
Each scared to death is what I suspect.

As fate would have it the carrier grew sick  
and was sent to the rear, While the bullet for  
the clerk was ever so near. So hospital rooms  
became the norm in the months ahead  
And the clerk and carrier never knew if the  
other was living or dead.

As the mist of time cleared, some 60 years  
hence. The carrier happened upon a familiar  
name at a reunion event WIA it listed, a  
ticket out of the combat zone  
"Would be nice to know where he calls home."

So a dutiful son set out on a mission, hoping  
to arrange his dad's vision. With Google and  
phone, the son called all around, and soon the  
clerk's wife confirmed he had found, The  
country boy and foxhole buddy who had left  
the farm, Friends during war, brothers in  
arms.

The clerk and carrier their voices each heard  
And for years they talked and memories were  
stirred. But they would never see each other  
face to face again Better to let the mind's eye  
wander, than meet as old men.

So I went to see the carrier before the clerk  
passed away I just wanted to hear some  
stories before the end of his days.  
Years later the carrier followed the clerk to  
the storied golden shore And maybe their  
names were called out together once more.

©2022 **Eric Petty**



## On Display: Trapezoid



**Jim Nelson's painting "Trapezoid" [38x46] will be on display during the Banquet on May 20, 2023 at the Nation Infantry Museum.**

## D-Series Winter Challenge

The 2023 D-Series Winter Challenge has begun and today we feature 2-22 Infantry as they were the first of seven teams within the Brigade to step off and conquer a physically demanding nine-mile course under extreme conditions designed to enhance the Division's Alpine skills, physical fitness, mental toughness, competitive spirit, and it's link to unit history.



Congratulations to all 63 Mountain Tough Warriors who stood up and rose to the challenge!

The competition is held to commemorate the hardships and trials the original 10th Mountain Soldiers went through to prepare

for combat. The name "D-Series" is a reference to the culminating winter training event that the Soldiers went through in March-April 1944 to prepare for combat in the mountains of Italy.

Soldiers are evaluated along the way with skill checks which are designed to test proficiency and knowledge. Events consist of a stress shoot, medically treating a hypothermic casualty, installing tire chains on a military vehicle, a ski challenge, knot tying, rappelling, a weapons station, employing Ahkio sleds as a member of a squad, and finishing with a history test on the D-Series.



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The Honorary Colonel [HCOR], Honorary Sergeant Major [HSMOR], and Distinguished Members of the Regiment [DMOR] provide a



link with history for today's soldiers. The primary mission of these special appointees is to perpetuate the history and traditions of the Regiment, thereby enhancing unit morale and esprit. The Honorary Member of the Regiment [HMOR] is designed to recognize non-regimental members for their service to the Regiment.

#### **HCOR**

**1990**

**MG [R] John F. Ruggles**, HQ-22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**2000**

**COL [R] Awbrey G. Norris**, HQ-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**2010**

**COL [R] Edward E. Schultz**, HQ-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**2017**

**COL [R] Joseph Dichairo**, HQ-2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div GWOT

#### **HSMOR**

**2002**

**CSM [R] Robert Rush**, HQ-1/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div Cold War

**2017**

**CSM [R] Pet Martinez**, HQ-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div GWOT

#### **DMOR**

**2003**

**CSM [R] Robert Rush**, HQ-1/22 10<sup>th</sup> MTN Div, Cold War

**Stanley Tarkenton**, M-3/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div. WWII

**Col [R] Tom Reid**, I-3/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div. WWII

**MSGT [R] Gary Krek**, HQ-2/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div, Vietnam

**COL [R] Dr. William Boice**, HQ-22/4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**Robert O. Babcock**, B-1/22. Vietnam

**2005**

**Dr. Samuel Max Barrett**, HQ-22 4<sup>th</sup> Div, WWII

**MAJ [R] Charles J. Boyle**, A-C-3/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Robert C. Frisby, JR**, A-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**CSM [R] Pete Martinez**, C-H1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div, GWOT

**COL [R] Edward E. Schultz**, HQ-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Donald A. Warner, Jr.**, A-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**2006**

**COL [R] William c. Allison**, C-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**William E. Bukovec**, B-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Elpidio [Skip] Fabel**, B-2/22 4<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Michael Groves**, A-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Gordon Gullikson**, A-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**James S. Nannini**, C-F-22/ 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**2008**

**Brad Hull**, A-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Gordon Kelley**, C-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Richard Nash**, A-HHC-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Norman Nishikubo**, C-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Nathan Palani**, A-3/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Robert [Red] Riddick**, A-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**David Rothbart**, C-3/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**LTC [R] Steve Russell**, HQ1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div GWOT

**Willian Schwindt**, C-3/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**2009**

**Peter p. Gaworecki Jr.** C-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Joseph E. Motil**, L-3/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**William G. Greenlee**, G-H-2/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div WWII

**George H. Artola**, D-HQ-E-3/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Martin E. Oelklaus**, D-HQ1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

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**Ival Lawhon**, C-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**2011**

**Lynn W. Dalpez**, C-2/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**John M. Bradley**, A-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**LTC [R] Mark S. Woempner**, HQ-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div GWOT

**Peter M. Holt**, A-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**2012**

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**Donald [Bruce] Gass**, D-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**James [Jim] Nelson**, C-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**2014**

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**Daniel L. Streit**, D-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Chaplain [CPT] Jason A. Byers**, HQ-2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div GWOT

**2015**

**LTG James L. Terry**, HQ-2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div

**Kenneth H. Schulte**, A-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div, Vietnam

**Robert E. Price**, B-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam  
**Mark R. Petrino**, B-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam  
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**John S. Yoshikane**, B2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam  
2017

**John A. Otte**, B-3/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**LTC [R] Robert Schexnayder**, A-HHC-HQ-2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div GWOT  
**James W. Henderson**, B-1/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

2018

**Roger Frydrychowski**, Rec-C-2/22 4<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam  
**Casey Newton**, A-2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div GWOT  
2021

**Kollin Berg**, HHC-A-C- REC, 2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div GWOT

**Mathew Primrose**, HHC Mortors-2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div GWOT

**COL [R] Erik Opsahl**, A-Rec-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**1SGT [R] David Allin**, A-2/22 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam

**Adam Deciccio**, A-2/22 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div GWOT

**HMOR**  
2005

**Chaplain James A. Tobin**, HQ-3<sup>rd</sup> BDE/44<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam  
2006

**James L. May**, 25<sup>th</sup> Div Trans Officer [FWD], 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde 25<sup>th</sup> Div Vietnam  
2008

**Cathy Groves**, Reunion Support  
2009

**Martha Gohmert Bukovec**, Reunion Support

**Martha John Allison**, Reunion Support  
2011

**Phyllis Engel Worthman**  
2012

**Betty L. Brenneman**, Reunion Support  
2014

**Vera M. Streit**, Reunion Support  
**Dawn Esposito**, Gold Star Mother  
2015

**Ruth W. Crocker**, Gold Star Wife  
**Cheryl Pohlmann**, Reunion Support  
**Robert F. Harik**, Support of 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div

2017

**Cindy Oelklaus**, Reunion support  
2018

**Ashley Shepard**, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div Family Readiness Group

2021

**Julien Woestyn**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Association, France

**Loic Parent**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Association, France

## Taps

**Ansel H. Hannah**, of Barnesville, OH, passed away on January 31, 2016. Ansel served with D Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Vietnam 1968.

**Anthony “Butch” Graham** “Butch, of Naples, FL, passed away on September 15, 2022. Butch served with B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1969-70.

**Frank L. Riker**, of Phoenix, AZ, passed away in October 2022. Frank served with D Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Vietnam 1967-68.

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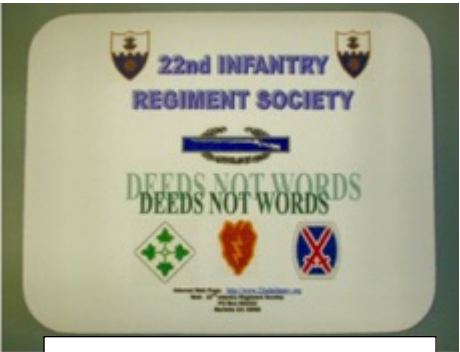
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**Reunion Registration (Information for name Tags):** Member or Associate member: Guest under 18, no charge

**Reunion Registration**

First name	Last Name	City/ State
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Transportation [Reservations for tours must in received by May 1, 2023]**

Do you need handicap bus? : Yes / No (Circle one)

Friday Bus to Fort Benning Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ No charge

Ladies Activity Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ No Charge

Guest Registration Fee Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10 ea. (No Charge for members)

**Meals**

Friday Buffett. Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 ea. **Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Evening**

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Chicken Florentine Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 ea. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Totals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday evening**

**Optional Donation to offset Reunion Cost (Hospitality Room)**

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**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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