

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society Deeds Not Words





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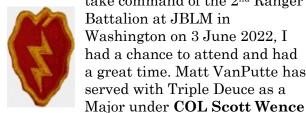


President's Corner **June 2022** Mark S. Woempner



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Greetings Regular's and Families. It's been a busy guarter - The Triple Deuce conducted a change of command between LTC Adam Armstrong and LTC Matt VanPutte on 22 March 2022. Adam Armstrong moved on to take command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion at JBLM in Washington on 3 June 2022, I had a chance to attend and had a great time. Matt VanPutte has served with Triple Deuce as a



command period, who by the way just took over as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Commander at 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div. The old goats had a fun time visiting with the command teams incoming and outgoing at LTC Armstrong's pre-change of command party. After the change of command, we went to the Garland City Beer Works after the ceremony to celebrate with the leadership of the battalion. The Triple Deuce deployed over half of the battalion into Iraq in May and will be deployed for the next several months. We have **Rob Schexnayder** acquiring the APO addresses for us to send care packages to our troops. I'll send out an Email with the APO addresses next month.

Our French 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Society President and Vice President came to visit the USA this April. Loic Parent and Julien Woestyn made the long trek through arduous airline difficulties to arrive in Phoenix Arizona in early April. We took them to the range at Rio Salado and they got a chance to fire an AR15 and SWSD 9mm – personal weapons are not allowed in France. We then took a quick oneweek tour of the nearby national treasures: Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks. We finally arrived in Las Vegas for a couple of days before returning to Phoenix for their flight out and return to France and Belgium. We are planning a visit to Normandy, France at the end of July 2023 (for a week or so) and our European Brethren will take us through the battlefields we fought from Utah Beach where the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment landed to the Beachhead Breakout. If you are interested in joining the party send me an email or give me a call! Myself, Jim May, Dave Milewski, and wives made a similar trip for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day back in 2019 detailed in a newsletter that year – you will have a fantastic time.

Our next 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Society Reunion is scheduled for 17-21 May 2023, so mark your calendars! Bob Babcock (our sponsor for the event) has been coordinating for our hotel and has us spending Friday and Saturday night dinners and events at the National Infantry Museum! This Reunion marks the 20th anniversary of the deployments of 1st Battalion into Iraq and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion into Afghanistan in 2003. We look forward to a large contingent of our Global War on Terror members attending the Reunion. I will coordinate for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry golfers to have fun at a nearby 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!

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 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 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





2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Change of Command March 22, 2022





Old Goats at the Fort Drum





Leadership Party celebrating the Triple Deuce Change of Command



First time firing an AR15 for Loic and Julien



22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment at the Grand Canyon, AR



There are no Bison Ranches in France-Go figure



22<sup>nd</sup> infantry visits Zion National Park, Utah

#### **Williford Brothers**

In August 1944 two brothers were killed in action while serving together in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry 4th Infantry Division.

Dain Enis Williford was born in Corrigan, Polk County, Texas on October 21, 1915. His brother Grady Franklin Williford was born in Corrigan, Polk County, Texas on February 16, 1919. They were the only children of Wiley and Amie Williford. Their mother Amie died in 1938.

Before entering the service, the two brothers worked at the Edens-Birch Lumber Company sawmill in Corrigan, Texas. Dain and Grady volunteered for the draft together and were inducted into the Army together under the Selective Service System on March 3, 1941 at Houston, Texas. Their Army service numbers were exactly two digits apart from each other, Dain's number being 38053269 and Grady's being 38053271.

Their service records could not be located for this article and thus their training and date of assignment to the 4th Infantry Division could not be pinpointed. They served together in Company G 22nd Infantry and were not in the lists of replacements for the Regiment after D-Day so it is certain they were in the 22nd Infantry prior to June 6, 1944. The orders for the Combat Infantryman Badge to Grady were found, and he is indicated on those orders among the names of soldiers who landed on D-Day in Company G 22nd Infantry. A newspaper article in the Corrigan Press from September 21, 1944 stated that the brothers "had been together in the service constantly since they joined on March 3, 1941".

Thus, Dain and Grady Williford served alongside each other in Company G 22nd Infantry 4th Infantry Division and landed in the second assault wave on Utah Beach on D-Day. They fought in the attack against Cherbourg and for the next two months took part in the hedgerow fighting in Normandy. They were both killed in action during Operation Cobra, the breakout from Normandy and both were still serving in Company G when they were killed.



Pfc. Grady Williford Born Pebruary 16, 1919; Died Born October 21, 1915; August 3, 1944



Pfc. Dain Williford August 1, 1944

Dain was killed in the attack against the village of Tessy-sur-Vire on August 1, 1944. Grady was killed two days later near the village of St. Pois on August 3, 1944.

Before Grady was killed on August 3, he had written a letter that day to his father, informing him of Dain's death. Grady related that he was right next to Dain when Dain was killed.

Dain was originally buried at La Cambe Cemetery, Isigny, France. Grady was originally buried at Marigny Cemetery, St. Lô. France.

Their remains were returned to the United States after the war and they lay in their final rest side by side at Union Springs Cemetery, Corrigan, Polk County, Texas. The brothers share a common grave marker with the inscription: "They Laid Down Their Lives That Men Might Everywhere Be Free".

#### Michael Belis DMOR

## Honoring LT John E. Warren, JR

On May 20, 2022, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Hamilton, 92nd Street Renaming Ceremony honoring First Lieutenant John Earl Warren Jr. [C Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry] a.m. The ceremony took place at the corner of White Avenue and John Warren Avenue in front of Military Entrance Processing station. Fort Hamilton is proud to unveil the new street name in honor of First Lieutenant John E. Warren Jr. Warren Jr. who is a Brooklyn native, Vietnam Veteran and Medal of Honor Recipient. Warren gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect his fellow



Soldiers and perished January 14th,1969 in Vietnam. Warren is a local hero that reflects the courage, values and sacrifices of our diverse military



Gloria Warren-Baskin, second from left, Lt Warren's sister. [Pictures provided by Laylah Amatullah Barraya, NY Times]

#### More on the Change of Command

Tuesday 3-22-22 was a date that means different things to today's soldiers versus ta memory to those who served in Vietnam. A story for another time for you 3/22 Vietnam vets.

With that said the Regiment Society President **Mark Woempner**, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment **Joe Dichario**, **Pete Gaworecki**, and Past President Lon Oakley of "The Old Goat Squad" attended the 2/22 Battalion Change of Command at Ft Drum, New York on Tuesday 3-22-22.



Colonel Brian M.
Ducote commander of
1st Brigade officiated
the event. Also, an
honored guest was 10th
Mountain Commanding
General Milford
Beagle.

Triple Deuce CSM

Mark Franz assisted Colonel Ducote in transferring the colors between LTC Adam Armstrong, who turned over the command, to LTC Matt B. VanPutte. (Pronounced like putting on golf green Putt-e) in McGrarth

Gym in front of assembled Triple Deuce Companies, family, friends, veterans and other distinguished guests.

During Colonel Ducote's comments the Regiment Society and "The Old Goat Squad" were singled out for their continued dedication to today's 22d Infantry Regiment veterans and the active-duty soldiers of the Triple Deuce. He stated the fact they periodically travel from all-across the United States to attend unit functions "on their own dime" was commendable. In his farewell talk LTC Armstrong also remembered his initial days in command when he received an envelope from Old Goat member **Jim May** with a set of 22d Infantry Cross Rifles and being charged to "never be out of uniform." Armstrong noted that at every major Battalion event or gathering a group from "The Old Goat Squad" could always be counted upon to be there sharing their stories from Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. He concluded these encounters were some of the most rewarding experiences during his Battalion command time.

VanPutte's short remarks included how proud he was to be taking over Triple Deuce, having served the Battalion as S3 and Executive Officer under previous commanders, LTC Finn and LTC Wence.



Joe and Mark presented a 22d Infantry Regiment recognition plaque to LTC Armstrong while Lon presented a gift bag to Mrs. Kim Armstrong on behalf of the Society. The bag contained Regiment "solid gold" coasters, a Regiment ladies pin along with a

Regiment Society Challenge coin and set of hand warmers to remind her of days at Ft. Drum. Kim was accompanied by their daughters Aida and Evelyn.

After the ceremony LTC VanPutte's wife **Angela** and their children **Haley**, **Shane** 

and **Abigai**l, hosted a reception in the Battalion conference room with an awesome sheet cake and Triple Deuce Sugar Cookies. At the reception HCOR Joe Dichario "coined" new Commander LTC VanPutte.

In addition, new Company Commanders for B Company (Bushmaster) **CPT Quinn,** Delta Company **CPT Tabor** and new promoted **CPT Starr** were "coined" by Mark.

That evening "The Old Goat Squad" hosted the Armstrongs, VanPutte's and many members of Triple Deuce at a "Hail and Farewell" event at the Garland City Beer Works in Watertown.

The night was topped off as Mark, Joe and Lon attempted to conduct a Chinese Fire Drill at the Ft Drum Main Gate while fellow Dave Thomas (Old Goat Squad member) was on Security Gate Duty there. They failed on getting the fire drill done but definitely made Ft Drum security aware that once again "The Old Goat Squad" was on post for one more night!

All in all, a great visit to thank and say goodbye to LTC Armstrong and to welcome LTC VanPutte.

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#### Lon Oakley Jr

#### Afghanistan Deployment [2003-2004] Review

2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry's deployment to Afghanistan was then, part of the nearly two-decade war lasting until our troops redeployed in 2021. We were the second official deployment of a Brigade Combat Team into Afghanistan, then referred to as Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), as part of the 1st BCT, 10th Mountain Division. 1st BCT was comprised of 2-22, 2-87 and 1-87 Infantry, both from the 10th Mountain Division, and 1-501st Parachute Infantry Regiment from Alaska. Our deployment spanned 11 months, from May 2003 to May

2004. Our mission was simple: Find and defeat the Taliban.

The battalion's pre-deployment training was robust – we went to war prepared, kitted up with the best equipment and led by the finest Non-Commissioned Officers and the toughest soldiers on the planet. We believed that, without a doubt. Winning was in our culture, and formed over years of hardnosed, oldfashioned training. We were going to own the "last 50 yards" as they saying goes. This training included a rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), then more training, followed by Expert Infantryman Badge certification and a final battalion deployment to Ft. Knox, KY to support the Army's fielding of its first Stryker Brigade. Although it seemed like a major distraction just three months before our OEF deployment, that deployment was a blessing to perfect our squad and platoon operations and honed our medical and command and control skills. We were even more prepared, although tired, before our deployment in May 2003.

Upon deploying to OEF, the battalion was based out of Kandahar, as 2-87 deployed to the north, and 1-87 to the eastern boundary of Afghanistan. 1-501st PIR was placed in the north as well. After relieving 2 Battalion, 504th PIR out of the 82nd Airborne Division, 2-22 settled into routine combat patrols around Kandahar, and formed a close relationship with the 3rd Special Forces Group's (SFG) battalions rotating through OEF. We hardly did any operation without 3rd SFG, shared intelligence, and even shared companies and A Teams as the combat situation dictated. We perfected "joint" operations.

2-22 was the Afghanistan "flex force" and led three major, named combat operations in 11 months. As the Taliban was in its latent phase of its combat operations, it desired to move back into parts of Afghanistan it wanted to control – Oruzgan province was one of those areas. As such, the battalion's first major combat operation, Operation Mountain Viper, was aimed at finding, fixing,

and destroying Taliban formations. Preparations for the battalion to spearhead its first major combat operation were underway early on, with A, B, C and HHC companies as the main effort of the entire 10th Mountain Division & XVIII Airborne Corps. I remember getting a phone call from the then, XVIII Airborne Corps commander, LTG Vines. "Is this Courage 6?" he asked..." ...yessir...", I responded (standing at attention on a phone call, nonetheless). "Hey Courage 6, are you ready to be the main effort to knock out the Taliban in Oruzgan Province??" "Hell yeah, sir..." was my response. Rehearsals, reconnaissance and more rehearsals found the battalion prepared for a daytime air assault into the Taliban stronghold in late July 2003. I distinctly recall the battalion's final rehearsal of concept (or, "Rock" drill) and could feel the tension across the battalion leadership. Had we trained hard enough? Were we ready? Was there going to be a massive welcome party awaiting us on the Landing Zone of up to 200 hard core Taliban fighters, as the BCT intelligence officer predicted? ("Shit", I told the BCT commander..." ...we better pound the living crap outta that LZ...". COL Burke Garrett and CSM Frank Grippe couldn't have agreed more. As thoughts raced through my mind, I remained calm, reassuring our leaders and took the battalion through its final rehearsal. To mitigate risk, we inserted the Scout Platoon and prepared massive pre-Landing Zone fires – a daytime air assault in CH-47's (pilots had yet to certify with their night vision) was something I would have rather not done, but we mitigated risk and prepared accordingly, also prepositioning and rehearing our medical evacuation plans – a call I prayed I would not have to ever make. Off to the flight line and boarding the aircraft, COL Garrett would begin a deployment tradition by personally seeing me off, handing me a Gatorade, and looking me dead in the eye saying, "Go get 'em Courage 6". After inserting the Scouts, and prepping the LZ, the battalion TAC and A, B and C companies followed with elements of HHC (led by **Cpt. Joel Cunningham** and 1SG Xx) - mortars, support and the Anti-Tank

platoon—pouring into a coordinated airground effort to pinch the Taliban elements attempting to reform in Oruzgan province. The battalion effectively conducted an air assault with numerous sling loads and a simultaneous ground movement to cut off and fix Taliban elements. Combat operations were flowing well, and contact reports poured in over the battalion radios throughout the first day and into that night. The battalion's first enemy contact since the Vietnam war was had by A Company, led by Cpt. Cordiero and 1SG Norton. Throughout the day, A Co chased Taliban elements above 5000-8000' AGL, in some of the toughest terrain Afghanistan had to offer, in late July as temperatures seared over 100 degrees. As the battalion commander, I was likely carrying a lighter load of 88 lbs, less than our average soldier who was supporting a 100 + pound load. Machine gunners weighed in at well over 120-pound loads. Regardless, we had trained for these conditions. We pressed the Taliban relentlessly, with A Co effectively finding, fixing and destroying numerous outposts and smaller Taliban formations, as B Co (led by Cpt. Toby Moore and 1SG Jason Silsby), and C Co (led by Cpt. Mike Manner and 1SG Lamar Stellfox) did the same to A Co's flanks. I distinctly remember the first contact on day one, about two hours into our landing. A Co gained and maintained contact, with then PFC Adam DeCiccio recording the battalions first enemy KIA, with his M-14 sniper rifle at about 300 meters. Operation Mountain Viper was chronicled in the book by Tony Schaffer, "Operation Dark Heart". His accounts had Triple Deuce effectively breaking the backbone of the Taliban and accounted the battalion with over 200 enemy KIA. We lost no soldiers, no wounded and none to the elements. Welcome to Afghanistan.

The next major "flex" combat operation was Mountain Resolve in November 2003. Meeting with the Central Command Commanding General, **GEN John Abizaid**, he asked the BCT commander and me if we could maneuver in the wintertime snow at elevations of over 9000' to search and destroy

Taliban that had been struck in Konar province – well north in Afghanistan, and one of the few provinces that bordered China. "Of course we can", we both replied. So, with that, the entire battalion repositioned from Kandahar to Bagram Air Base, where we refit, rehearsed, and launched into Konar province with A Co, B Co, HHC (-), the battalion TAC, SEAL team 10, myriad combat enablers. The Bn TF was well over 500 soldiers, absent C Co who was detached to 3rd SFG.

Part of this operation had 2-87 clear and secure 2-22 LZ's into the base of Konar province. The concept of maneuver, and primarily due to the weather and depth of snow (3-4 feet at some locations), had 2-22 land in southern Konar and March 28 miles towards Objective Winchester, our final search and attack location. We learned that days beforehand, U.S. CENTCOM had ordered a strike against Osama Bin Laden and his six closest allies – thus, Objective Winchester. Our goal was to find that strike and exploit it...and anything else on our way. As part of a nighttime air assault, air cover, ground reconnaissance and the aid of a three lettered agencies "help" (another story onto itself) to navigate directly onto Obj. Winchester, 2-22 launched just before dusk in early November 2003. Over a three-day period, the battalion moved through, up, and around unforgiving terrain. Reaching heights of 9800', the battalion reached its final pinnacle hours before Obj Winchester was to be secured. Finding donkeys, local help and an order to lighten our loads, we took on the last 1000' just before dusk on day 3 and reached Winchester in time to call in "Obj Winchester, secured" at 2130.

We began clearing the area, using our enablers to collect forensic data. The next day, we cleared the homes struck by the U.S. CENTCOM attack, finding particularly odd mid-aged males with combat boots in most of the homes. They were going for a ride back to Bagram...and thus, the now an infamous picture of the war in Afghanistan is the pinnacle landing from Yankee 264, a CH-47 piloted by **Chief Warrant Murphy** from the



Pennsylvania Army National Guard. It was always a great feeling to see Chief Murphy in the pilot seat when I boarded a CH-47 after that...and nothing beats an Army pilot with gray hair! Again, the battalion lost no one, especially to the elements (cold, wet, and elevation sickness) and in THE most difficult terrain the battalion has been in since WWII.

After redeploying to Kandahar, the battalion's focus was on retaining key ground in Kandahar province. HHC became a major focus of the battalion's operations, becoming a battle space owner and leading combat operations between December 2002 and March 2003. The battalion's final flex major combat operation was Mountain Storm in March 2004. The battalion was again the main effort, and the mission was to search and attack an area heavily suspected of Taliban resurgence. We found ourselves in Oruzgan province again, as the Taliban remained vigilant to retake ground lost in the previous two years.

This mission was unique in that the air assault (the battalion ended up perfecting day and night air assaults during the 11month deployment) placed the battalion on the edge of both fire and medical evacuation support. Keen planning by our Battalion S3, MAJ Jim Bradford, our Fire Support Officers, and our Medical Platoon leadership (Doc Stubblefield and SFC Viehl) ensured both fires and medical were either prepositioned and or re oriented to support the battalion. In doing so, MAJ Bradford ensured we had mortars, artillery, attack aviation and fixed wing support. Additionally, he and our planners and company commanders had medical evac assets

prepositioned in a firebase to ensure we had support – something, unfortunately, that we would need to call upon. Heading to the flight line once again, COL Garrett was there, Gatorade in hand, encouraging us all. As a great leader, he was always "there", finding unique ways to make his way on the ground to us, side by side his soldiers as soon as he could be. Off again, this time in the early morning hours, landing and immediately beginning to clear large mud homes forming our objective.

Shortly after the battalion TAC established around late morning, contact was had by A Co that lasted throughout the day and into the night. Firefights raged that day, attack aviation was on and off station all day, and even A-10 support went Winchester-bingo (out of ammo, out of fuel) a number of times. Things were so intense, I had to provide my initials for a close A-10 strike – I almost strangled the U.S. Air Force rep that delayed our attack to get my friggin' initials..." J.D." I yelled...and then said "...hurry the F up...".

The battalion had found itself in a hornet's nest, and the enemy had the upper hand due to the cover of the three-foot-thick mud homes. Little fire support, unless a direct hit, could break those structures. Taking casualties, A Co had to quickly reform and plan an entry into one of the structures. Seeing an opportunity, and without delay, **1LT Casey Newton** took the initiative and scaled the 12' high wall with a makeshift dead tree, hoisting himself atop the structure, under fire, and then directing elements of A Co to follow him. Repositioning machine guns atop the structure, A Co made its way over and into the structure that day...recovering its wounded and two of our soldiers lost that day (SSG Lagman and SGT Esposito). For his heroic actions that day, 1LT Newton was awarded the Silver Star.

As the battalion regrouped that night, I walked the line...seeing the dismay on the faces of our soldiers, we encouraged each other to fight on. This was not yet over, as sporadic contact went on into the night. The

next morning, contact raged on, and we had had enough. Calling the BCT commander, I asked for another strike, this time coming from B-1B bombers letting loose 2500 lb precision guided munitions. We took great precaution and tagged the GPS coordinates of the strike, to limit any collateral damage. The intent was to strike the four corners of the structure, effectively destroying any resistance and enabling us a quicker, and safer, entry into the remainder of the compound. Standing back a few hundred meters, the strike let loose, and it felt like someone punched you in the nose the concussion was so strong.

That day ended the battalion's final combat operation. A bit bruised by the loss of two of our finest, and a number of wounded soldiers, we redeployed after finalizing our clearing operations and turning over the area to the Afghan Army (who was in the nascent stages of being trained by U.S. military forces).

#### COL [R] Joe Dichario, DMOR

#### **Twenty-Second Infantry France**

For the festivities of May 8, 2022, the Twenty-Second Infantry France on the invitation of the municipality of Hames





Boucre, France, organized a  $22^{nd}$  Infantry Regiment camp to show visitors the US Army activities of the troops before the D-Day in Southern England. It was of demonstration of troops in review, drill, training, and other routines of the day.

#### **Tough Ruck**

Team Triple Deuce raised over \$45,000.00 for Military friends Foundation in this year's Tough Ruck marathon.







#### **Col Scott Wence**

Col Scott D. Wence, former Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry [May 2017-June 2019] assumed command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY on June 23, 2022, from outgoing Commander, Col Damon K Harris.



2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team



#### 2022 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2022 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**, **2022** 

If you would like a scholarship application or have questions, please contact **Skip Fahel** at eqf15@aol.com.

#### **Taps**

**Richard "Bill" Lechner,** of Peachtree City, GA, passed away on April 2, 2022. Bill served with A Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1970.

William F. "Bill" Lipp, of Olathe, KS, passed away on April 5, 2022. Bill served with A Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1968-69.

**Kevin Surrette**, of Tewksbury, MA, passed away in May 2022. Kevin served with HHC and D Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in 2004-2007.

**Hunting Davis, Jr.** of Rockville, MD, passed away on July 4, 2021. Hunting served with B Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1966-67.

**Philip I. Trover**, of Winter Gardens, FL, passed away on February 18, 2022. Philip served with D Co, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> infantry Division in 1970-71.

**Richard T. Haller**, of Argyle, TX, passed away on May 15, 2022. Richard served with E Co, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1968-69.

**Paul A. Plasse,** of Blandford, MA, passed away on April 26, 2022. Paul served with B Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1969-70.

**Douglas D. Payne**, of Three Oaks, MI, passed away on February 23, 2021. Douglas served with A Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1965-67.

### Hunting Davis, Jr.

**Amelia Davis**, Hunting wife, would like to talk to someone that served with her husband. Please contact her by mail at 41212 Great Oak Rd, Rockville, MD, 20853-1854

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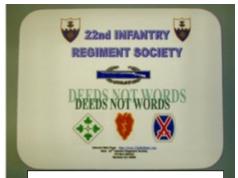
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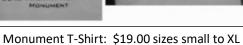
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