



Charlie Company
Newsletter



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Hello Everyone:

Well, you're about to read the first official Charlie Company Newsletter.

I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together for everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the 2nd Annual Charlie Company Reunion held this year in Florence, KY. For some it was their second reunion and for others they're first. Thanks to the many hours of persistent phone calls and research contributed by Dan, Teach and the never-ending assistance of Ms. Kitty who was instrumental in making this years union almost three time the size of last years. This was my first reunion as well as my husband's (Jersey).

Some were anxious on attending the reunion and others needed a little coaxing but were glad they made the trip.

By listening to the stories that were being told...and believe me everyone had one, the one thing I noticed the most was the need for closure and healing, closure to so many unanswered questions that have lingered for so many years. Here are just a few examples: "I really needed to tell him thank you for saving my life," "did they make it," he was my best friend over there", "I would love to see him again."

So many brothers brought back together after so many years. New tears shed, laughter spread, stories told, wounds mended and new families

extended with hugs all around. What a 2nd reunion you had!

Wanted to also mention all enjoyed a lovely dinner on Saturday night which truly started off blessed when "Tallman", or as he is better known today as "Reverend Jimmie Dubose", said grace before dinner. Next time lets hope you and your lovely wife will be able to join us for dinner. Thanks again.

Here are some comments that I would like to share with you:

Ronnie and I enjoyed meeting everyone and had a great time at the reunion. We both think that Teach did a wonderful job organizing the entire thing. The hotel was great, comfortable beds and friendly service.

Ronnie & Theresa

Ursula and I had a wonderful weekend in Cincinnati reminiscing with all the good folks.

Mike & Ursula

I really enjoyed my 1st reunion and look forward to next year's. It was great seeing guys I hadn't seen in 37 years as well as meeting the ones who paved the way before me and those who followed behind me. The best part was spending time talking with so many people who knew exactly what I had gone through. It was healing as well as entertaining.

Mike Bingham
Mortars, 1970

We really enjoyed the Ohio trip. I had a very nice time, Andy needed to be there and relive the friendships he made in such a very bad place. Hope to do this again, Later,

Kathy Simmons and Andy Brower

The reunion has grown from 17 last year (11 C Co, 2 other vets*, 3 wives & 1 daughter) to 46 this year (29 C Co, 2 other vets*, 14 wives and 1 daughter)! Thanks for participating and finding out that getting together to see friends from long ago can still be a meaningful experience. Hope to see everyone at next reunion.

If you have anything you would like to add to our next newsletter please email me at dfrancomacaro@msn.com or feel free to call me at (973) 770-9292. We look like we will be putting the newsletter out quarterly so the next one is due to come out around the first week in October.

Please don't forget to check out our new website at <http://www.charlie1-20.org>

Regards,

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Feel free to contact either of us if you have a question or concern.

Overview of 2007 Meeting

For those of you who were unable to attend and do not have access to a computer here are some highlights to our 2007 Union/Meeting.

a. ADVA

Dan Malin presented brochures about the ADVA (The Americal Division Veterans Association and passed out membership applications for those interested. Please contact Dan if interested in joining the association.

b. Newsletter

Jim MacDonald had asked about a newsletter so that members without computers can also be kept in the loop on what's going on.

We plan on sending out a quarterly newsletter with up-to-date information on Charlie Company 1-20th as well as having our own website which brings me to the next topic.

c. Domain Name & Web Site

A discussion was held with members in attendance about creating a permanent web site for the company rather than free space at BellSouth. We would register a domain name and pay for server space to host a site of our own.

A vote was taken and this item was approved for a 3-year sign-up with GoDaddy. Thanks to donations by Jersey, Snake and Trace, the cost (\$120-\$130) was taken care of before we even had a chance to pass the hat.

d. Dues & Rewards

Talked about collecting dues to cover administrative costs and expenses that were incurred this past year and any before our reunion next year. Also talked about a remembrance fund and who is going to be our CFO.

Rosolino Pizzillo volunteered to act as treasurer and that was approved.

Members decided to pay a total of \$20.00 a year for dues. Ten dollars would go to cover

past expenses, any expenses before our reunion next year, for administrative costs and to help support efforts in finding other “Charlie Company vets. The other ten dollars would go towards a “remembrance fund” which will be used to send out get-well, birthday and anniversary cards as well as flowers.

So if you are aware of anyone that is in the hospital please email me at dfracomacaro@msn.com and we will make sure that a get-well card is sent out from the guys.

e. Flowers or Gift Certificate for Miss Kitty

Miss Kitty is the lady who has been instrumental in helping vets connect with others. Some of the vets were at the reunion because of her results. So they thought it would be nice to take up a collection to get her something for her efforts.

A vote of the members present was taken and it was approved and the hat was passed around and a total of \$100.00 was collected to show our appreciation for what she has done to help us locate one another.

This note has been received from Ms. Kitty:

I received a card from Rosolino Pizzillo representing the Charlie Co and a check. I was so shocked to open the card and get the check. Please convey to all the Men of the Charlie Co that I appreciate the kind and thoughtful gift. What a sweet thing to do! I want all of you to know that I am so glad that you had a great time. I hope that many more of you will be reconnected in the next year. If I can help you know how to get in touch.

*Much love to all of you,
Kitty*

In Attendance

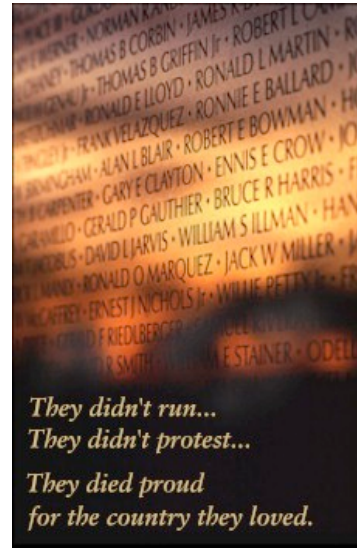
- Bingham, Michael & Pat
- Bottorff, John & Lynn
- Brower, Andrew & Kathy Simmons
- Ciula, Bryan (Rocky) & Peggy
- Donaghy, William J & Denise
- Dubose, Jimmie & Annie
- Ellis, Gary A
- Feltes, Mike
- Francomacaro, Joseph & Deborah
- Harootunian, Leonard
- Hill, Frank
- Joyce, Bob
- Kelly, Wayne & Beverly
- Malin, Daniel
- Miles, Russell
- Mueller, Larry
- Munley, Tom
- Oxley, Gary
- Pizzillo, Rosolino
- Rasmussen, Wayne & Peggy
- Ray, Ronnie & Theresa
- Stinnett, Michael & Patty
- Taylor, James
- Trace, Keith
- Unterburger, Chuck & Liz
- Vincent, Bud
- Watters, David & Karen
- Yelenovic, Mirko (Mike) & Ursula
- Yunag, James
- *Chuck Seketa & Dan Shaw*

AWARDS

- Gary Ellis who received the Mercedes Benz of MRE’s (nothing compare to what you guys had back in the day) for coming the longest way to attend the reunion, all the way from the state of Washington!
- Keith Trace was presented with a wonderful walking cane because I think he just had to cross the Purple People Bridge to get home. Just kidding, oh yeah I was right. He came the shortest distance from Ohio.



IN MEMORIAM



The Memorial

We tried, we tried, Oh God we tried
 So we could be here too
 And walk around remembering
 And look for names we knew
 Our lives were lost so far away
 Upon a distant shore
 But we are here in memory
 As you read our names once more
 Remember us, Remember us
 Although we're truly gone
 Remember us, as we once were
 And not just names in stone