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Newsletter



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2009 REUNION

The fourth annual Charlie Company Reunion will again be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport on the weekend of June 12-13. The address is 7373 Turfway Road, Florence, KY 41042; phone number is 859-371-4400 and their web site URL is www.hiltoncincinnatiairport.com. Be sure to mention you're with the Charlie Company Reunion when making reservations.

We have a block of 30 rooms reserved for the dates and the rate of \$89 a night will be good three days before and three days after the reunion. The Hilton will honor this rate if we have more than 30 reservations as long as space is available. At the cut-off date, June 5, 2009, the Hilton will release any unreserved rooms for general sale. Any reservation received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

We will keep our last reunion's agenda: golf, ladies brunch at the tearoom, meals Friday and Saturday evenings at the Hilton, refreshments and memorabilia in the hospitality room and a

business meeting. There will be more about the agenda in the next newsletter.

Our Sympathy to... Maureen Dailey in the loss of her husband, Gary Gilmour ('68-'69) Feb. 16, 2008; James Stephens ('69-'70) in the loss of his wife of 36 ½ years, Donna, July 19, 2008; and Bud (Peanut-'68-'69) & Helen Vincent in the loss of their daughter, Angie Vincent Elliott (37) October 8, 2008.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Do you have comments about the newsletter? Need information about our contacts or do you have information about other vets not on our list? Contact Dan Malin at (danielmalin@hotmail.com) --- 4136 Kenyon Avenue, Lorain, OH 44053 (440) 242-7664 or Mike Stinnett at (mike.stinnett@yahoo.com) or --- 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 (931) 647-8917. The website continues to be updated. We have new photo albums, links to maps and to daily reports, and all previous newsletters and reunion reports.

CONTACTS

The following are all of the contacts we have of Charlie Company vets. We wanted to publish this list in case you wanted to look for someone or to tell us you know someone we don't have. We realize the list would be better if we had a picture and especially a nickname since you could read some of your best friends names and not recognize them! The names in **bold** are those who have been to a reunion.

Adam Andrew H ...TX
Adelsberger Joseph
Adkins Michael ...FL

Alagia Vincent ...PA
Allgood Michael ...LA
Amos Patrick ...OR

Anderson Billy L ...ME
Balog Vic
Barefoot James E ...FL

Barkley William Bo ...VA
 Beauchaine Charles ...AZ
 Begeal Richard ...NY
 Bell Wally ...KY
 Benedict David ...NY
Bingham Michael ...KY
 Blair Gordan R ...KY
 Blemings Paul F ...WI
Blosser Albert ...OH
 Bohn T Clarence ...WI
 Boney Jack ...NC
Bottorff John R ...PA
 Bragg Jack
 Bray Gary ...OK
Brower Andrew ...VA
Brown Charles H ...RI
 Brown Gene ...LA
 Buchanan Richard ...OH
 Buel Michael D ...OH
 Bunch Ronald ...NC
 Carlisle Steve ...MO
 Carney Billy ...MS
 Ching Keith ...NV
Chisholm James ...NC
Ciula Bryan ...IN
 Close Don ...WA
 Cole Dwight ...GA
 Collins David W ...OH
 Coots Roscoe ...OH
 Costabile James M ...PA
 Costabile Natalino ...PA
 Craig Joel ...AL
Darnell Clarence W...KY
 Dekker Roger L ...WI
 Delpome Pete R ...NJ
 Derix Richard P ...IL
 Deverman L Thomas ...TX
Doan Charles ...OH
Donaghy William J ...NY
 Dorney John
 Dorothy Owen ...NV
 Dorrian Thomas B ...NJ
 Dove Mike ...PA
Dubose Jimmie ...MS
 Dunbar Russell ...IL
 Dunn James L ...WA
 Dustin Fred ...CA
 Dyson Carl ...AL
 Edwards Carl ...OH

Ellis Gary A ...WA
 Emerson James ...ME
 English Dale ...PA
 Estep Vernon ...MD
 Fagot Jeff ...CA
 Farkas Edward ...OH
Feltes Mike ...IL
 Finch John B ...MI
 Finley Wiley ...FL
 Fleming Andrew ...NY
 Fordice Steve ...OR
 Foreman Bruce ...IL
 Fowler David T ...WV
 Fowlkes William ...GA
Francomacaro Joseph ...NJ
 Fullenkamp F Luke ...IN
 Fuller Jerry ...IN
 Galgon Anthony ...PA
 George Douglas ...ME
 Gilbow John
 Goszkowski Greg ...WI
 Grice Paul John ...TX
 Grieser Jay
 Grimes Joe ...TX
 Groce Jerry ...CA
 Groom Leonard M ...MN
 Gruendler William ...FL
 Hammock Al ...LA
 Hartman Rodney ...IA
 Hawley Melvin ...WY
 Helvig Jim ...MD
 Henery Roger ...VA
 Henley Gideon ...GA
 Herman Wallace ...ND
 Herschel Lawrence ...IN
Hill Frank H ...FL
 Hodges Kenneth L ...GA
Holloman Jerry ...NC
 Holt Johnny ...VA
 Honjio William ...HI
 Hoover Ronald ...CA
 Houghton Milton D ...CA
 Hutchinson Nathaniel ...KY
 Iverson Michael ...WI
 Jardine Arnie ...CA
 Johnson Orin
 Jones Luther H ...TN
Joyce Bob ...NY
 Kauschinger Joseph R ...NY

Kelly Wayne ...TN
 Kettler Wayne ...WV
 King Tomiva ...NM
 Knepp Mark H ...CA
Konya Larry ...MI
 Koole Lawrence ...MI
 Kosach Steve ...NV
 Koster Gary ...NJ
 Kuhn Rick ...TN
 Lamb Charles T ...MI
 Lebleu Amos ...LA
 Leinhard Loren ...IA
 Leopold Gary A ...KS
 Lindsey Larry ...MS
 Loeb John G ...OH
 Mabry Terry L ...MD
 MacDonald James ...WI
 Machnicki Walter R ...AK
 Mader Gary ...LA
 Mahoney John J ...CA
Malin Daniel M ...OH
 Manka David L ...NY
 Manning Richard C ...NY
 Mark Greg L ...MI
 Markus Ronald H ...OK
 Maruro Robert ...NY
 Mathews Delbert T ...SC
 McCann Gary
 McCart Bruce J ...NY
 McClafferty Carl L ...AZ
 McClaughry Tim ...IL
 McCormick Larry ...AL
 McKinley Thomas B ...OH
 McMahan James
 McMillan Robert ...NY
 Menchaca Aurelio S ...CA
 Merdzinski Charles ...NC
 Milbrand Ken ...NY
Miles Russell E ...MI
 Miles Steve ...MD
 Moore Ralph ...PA
Moore William T ...OH
 Morris Bermand ...PA
Mueller Larry ...MN
Munley Tom ...PA
 Murray Roger ...IL
 Nault Armand ...WI
 Nelson Randy S ...UT
 Niemiec Kenneth ...NJ

Nimnicht Gary G ...WA	Santiago David	Trace Keith ...OH
Nunes Tony ...CN	Sarabia Allen T ...IL	Trossback Joseph ...MD
Okeef Thomas ...MT	Scherbring Jim ...AZ	Tucker Walter R ...VA
Oneal James ...OH	Schiel Kenneth ...FL	Turner Thomas ...NE
Ostendorf James ...MN	Schmitt Eugene	Unsinger Eric ...OH
Otis Roy G ...KY	Schumacher Robert ...PA	Unterburger Chuck ...MN
Oxley Gary ...IN	Scott Ronald L ...WV	Valenti Michael ...CT
Pacheo John ...FL	Selvage Josh ...MS	Vicks Oscar ...TX
Pantermuel John ...TX	Seward Michael E ...VA	Vincent Elwood ...LA
Parrish Ronald ...OH	Sherwood Philip L ...MO	Vincent William H Jr ...MO
Peteshel Bob	Simone Daniel ...NJ	Waddle Connie W ...MS
Phillipkosky Edward J ...PA	Sjodin Brian	Walker Christopher ...TN
Piper Terry A	Slechta James L ...IA	Wantland David ...IL
Pizzillo Rosolino ...NJ	Smail John ...WA	Watson Earl
Prindle R John ...WI	Smallwood Jeffery ...LA	Watt Delton ...MO
Puglia Anthony ...NJ	Smith John ...MO	Watters David ...OH
Ramirez Richard ...CO	Soder Ronald E ...MN	Watts Roland ...TN
Rasmussen Wayne ...IA	Sokoloski Raymond ...MA	Welegala Charles ...MO
Rawson Jerry L ...MS	Spezia James L ...MI	Wendell George ...MD
Ray Ronnie ...SC	Steenstra Martin ...MI	Widell Ronald L ...WI
Read Wally ...NC	Stephens James L ...MO	Wilburn M John ...LA
Reed David L ...OH	Sterchi Al ...IL	Williams Ronnie ...MO
Rey Richard ...CA	Stinnett Michael G ...TN	Woodard John ...FL
Rhoden George W ...FL	Szkolnjy Alex ...NY	Wysocki Paul
Robertson Stewart G ...NY	Tammelleo John B ...RI	Yancy Robert ...NC
Roehrs Dennis ...NE	Tate James ...GA	Yates Carl T ...OR
Ronan Terry ...NV	Taylor James H ...KY	Yelenovic Mirko (Mike) ...SC
Roschevitz Gary D ...KS	Teson William ...MO	Yother Dennis ...AL
Ruffin Harold ...CT	Thompson Jerry ...NV	Yunag James ...NE
Ruzbasan Steven J ...IN	Townsend Donald ...MD	Zimmer Richard G ...NY
Santellaha Eusibio	Townsend Kenneth ...WV	

Charley Company In Afghanistan

Carl McClafferty

People ask why, after serving in Viet Nam and a thirty-one year career in the US Border Patrol, I'm working in Afghanistan in areas where ISAF is not known to frequent. "Adventure?", No, had plenty of that; "money?", no, got a good retirement; "want to get out of the house?", no, love my wife, children and grandchildren. It seems hard for people today to understand that sometimes you do things, even in miserable and uncomfortable conditions, because it's the right thing to do. Probably our

fault for spoiling our children and grandchildren, but I can't help it!

My job here is training Afghan Border Police, a job near and dear to my heart. We don't train them in comfortable RTCs (Regional Training Centers) nor secure bases. Eight of us go where they are and spend numerous weeks improving their survival and operational skills. We eat, sleep and perform daily functions in the same area as they do.

Watching 100 to 500 young Afghan Border Police start training with little skills and turn into a well armed, well trained, confident group

is well worth the effort we put into it. We expatriates know that for everyone of the Afghans that will take a position defending their own Border Area, there is one less young American required to defend it.



Prior Students greet me at the Heart Airport

Having spent 8 months here so far and training the ABP in every border region, it's hard to go anywhere without having an ABP soldier

yelling "Instructor Carl" and inviting me to drink Chai.



FOB Lone Star

Am I proud of the work we do here? Yep! Is it worth the effort? You bet!

Carl McClafferty - 1st Plt, C.Co. 1970-1971

Editor's note: Carl is getting SHORT! He is expecting to return home January 24th.