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Hi Everyone!

It's hard to believe that the summer is over and the fall and the winter will be upon us before we know it! Unless, of course, you are one of the lucky brothers living in the sunny climate all year. Well I hope everyone enjoyed your summer. I hope it didn't go by too fast for you! As I help write this next newsletter Joe & I are on our way back home from visiting my Son who is a SGT., stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma who is unfortunately scheduled to deploy once again back to Iraq in July.

If anyone has a vacation story or adventure that you would like to share with Charlie Company please feel free to pass it along and will see what we can do to get it in the next newsletter. After all that is also part of what this newsletter is all about, keeping in touch with each other, now that we found each other let's not lose touch!!! 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. Ok...now let's get down to business!

2008 Reunion

Indications from Chuck Seketa and others are the battalion reunion in Indianapolis next year probably won't happen. Therefore, we began planning to return the northern Kentucky area **June 20-21** for the **2008** reunion.

We contacted the NKYCVB again since they were a great help last year in getting quotes from different hotels, providing name badges and brochures about local attractions. Probably most important, we received \$250 from them (to help in finding new

members, etc.) based upon the number of room nights at this year's reunion.

NKYCVB sent new information concerning hotels that would like to host our reunion. After considering this new information, we feel that returning to the **Hilton Cincinnati Airport** would be our best option. Everyone seemed to be very pleased with the hotel and anyone who dealt with their staff in any way was also impressed with their efforts to make our reunion very enjoyable.

We have reserved 30 rooms for 2008 increasing from 20 for this year's reunion. That may seem like a big jump but we did have 25-27 rooms rented on Friday night of this year's reunion! You may view the hotel online at www.hiltoncincinnatiairport.com or call for early registration at 859-371-4400. Don't forget to tell them you are with the Charlie Company Reunion in order to get our room rate of \$97 Look for more reunion information in upcoming email or the next newsletter.

Those of you who plan on attending the next reunion and are planning on arriving early to do some site-seeing either in Ohio or in Kentucky here's a few websites you can visit that you may find useful in planning your trip; www.kentuckytourism.com
www.staynky.com, www.ohiotourism.com

Treasurer Change

We recently received word from Rosolino Pizzillo saying he would no longer be able to serve as treasurer because of time constraints. He also stated he will continue to follow the progress of Charlie 1/20 as a faithful and proud member and thanked

everyone for the vote of confidence that was given to him at the reunion

We understand and are grateful for his willingness to help and for what he's already accomplished in setting up our financial guidelines. The account has been turned over to Mike Stinnett so please contact him at 931-647-8917 or 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 if you have any money matters pertaining to Charlie Company.

Financial Report

The current balance in our checking account is \$494. We've received to date \$440 for dues (22 members x \$20). We received \$250 from the NKYCVB. The printing cost of Charlie Co's first newsletter was \$105 and stamps cost an additional \$41. Dan Malin and Mike Stinnett were repaid \$50 and \$18.92 respectively for out-of-pocket costs for the 2007 reunion.

Located Charlie Company Vets~(Bold print = reunion attendees, underline = dues paid)

Adam Andrew H
Alagia Vincent
Bell Wally
Bingham Michael
Blemings Paul F
Bottorff John R
Bray Gary
Brower Andrew
Brown Charles H
Brown Gene
Buchanan Richard
Ciula Bryan
Delpome Pete R
Donaghy William J
Dorney John
Dove Mike
Dubose Jimmie
Dunbar Russell
Dunn James L
Ellis Gary A
Emerson James
Faggot Jeff
Feltes Mike
Finch John B
Fleming Andrew
Fordice Steve
Foreman Bruce
Fowlkes William
Francomacaro Joseph
Fuller Jerry
George Douglas
Gilmour Gary R
Grice Paul John

Grimes Joe
Groom Leonard M
Gruendler William
Harooutian Leonard B
Henley Gideon
Herman Wallace
Hill Frank H
Hodges Kenneth L
Honjo William
Houghton Milton D
Hutchinson Nathaniel
Joyce Bob
Kauschinger Joseph R
Kelly Wayne
Knepp Mark H
Kuhn Rick
Mabry Terry L
MacDonald James
Malin Daniel M
Mark Greg L
McClafferty Carl L
McClaghry Tim
Mc Millan Robert
McCart Bruce J
McKinley Thomas B
McMahan James
Menchaca Aurelio S
Miles Russell E
Miles Steve
Moore William T
Mueller Larry
Munley Tom
Nunes Tony

Otis Roy G
Oxley Gary
Pacheo John
Pizzillo Rosolino
Ramirez Richard
Rasmussen Wayne
Ray Ronnie
Read, Wally
Rhoden George W
Robinson Stewart G
Roschevitz Gary D
Scherbring Jim
Schiel Kenneth
Scott Ronald L
Smith John
Soder Ronald E
Stephens James L
Stinnett Michael G
Szkolnky Alex
Taylor James H
Thompson Jerry
Trace Keith
Turner Thomas
Unterberger Chuck
Vincent Elwood
Vincent William H Jr.
Watters David
Wendell George
Wilburn Mike
Woodard John
Yancy Robert
Yelenovic Mirko (Mike)
Yunag James

Please contact Dan Malin at Danielmalin@hotmail.com for contact information if you want to get in touch with any of these men or if you have contact information about a veteran who is not listed here.

Advisory Board Adopts Guidelines for Charlie Company

Mission Statement - The mission of this association is to provide an annual reunion for the former members of Charlie Company and their guests while at the same time striving to locate, contact, and recruit those former members who have never attended a reunion.

Advisory Board - An advisory board has been established to be of assistance in all matters needed to make the mission statement a success. The current board members are Mike Feltes, Daniel Malin, Michael Stinnett, Chuck Unterberger, and Bud Vincent.

Finances

- A. Membership fees and or any other type of funds will be deposited in the checking account “Charlie Co 1st Battalion 20th Infantry” established with U.S. Bank in Clarksville, Tennessee. Michael Stinnett, Treasurer, and Daniel Malin, Secretary, will be authorized to write checks.
- B. The present checking account is an interest-bearing account with no maintenance fees and no minimum balance requirement. An EIN from the IRS has been issued to Charlie Company to establish this account as a military/veteran/organization instead of a personal checking account.
- C. A Financial Report will be emailed to the Advisory Board each quarter after receipt of the bank statement and the balancing of the account. Any member may receive an email copy by requesting the updated report.
- D. An annual Financial Report will be forwarded by email and published in the Charlie Company Newsletter to all contacts and presented at the annual reunion.
- E. Expenses incurred by Charlie Company 1-20, will be settled only by check issuances from the established checking account. No credit cards are available to this account at the present time. (See item H)
- F. Settlement of ordinary expenses as budgeted should take place by involving the board only.
- G. An invoice or an e-mail sent to the treasurer will constitute an authorization to proceed with the payment of any approved, outstanding charges.
- H. Advisory Board members should be reimbursed for urgent or petty expenses paid using their own money. These should be pre-approved if at all possible. Members **MAY** be reimbursed for certain expenses if the board approves the item. The treasurer is **NOT** obligated to repay any **unapproved** expense by a member.
- I. Extra-ordinary expenses (not in budget) should be pre-approved by majority vote of board members prior to commitment for the actual expenses. Funds must be available to maintain budgeted items for the rest of the fiscal year.
- J. The advisory committee is granted some leeway in changing budgeted expenditures as long as members are notified by email and newsletter of their intentions. Expressed opposition by one-fourth of the members (those who have paid their dues) will result in the change being dropped until it can be voted on by the entire membership.

IN A FAR AWAY LAND LONG AGO

Dan Malin - aka: Ohio

An infantry squad was sent out on a dark night to set up an ambush (snake as we called it) on a jungle path in the mountains of Vietnam. The squad leader found a good location for the snake to be set up. Knowing that this was a highly traveled path we agreed on a 50% watch. For most of the night the time passed quietly till about 2 in the morning. All of a sudden one of the guys who'd been sound asleep jumped up and down began screaming,

“Snake! Snake!” Trace got to him first, we got his pants down and Keith threw the snake in the bushes. Yes--a snake had crawled up his pant leg looking for warmth. Needless to say we had to pack up and move to another location – fast!!

Characters in this event Keith Trace, Dan Malin, and the rest of Trace’s squad. And who was the poor soldier that the snake crawled up his pant leg? Well lets just say “Thank You” Reverend Jimmie (Tallman) for reminding me of one of the better times we had back then.

Brief History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day, formerly known as **Armistice Day**, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislature that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress -- at the urging of the veterans service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



In 1968, the **Uniforms Holiday Bill** ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the last Monday of October. Many states did not agree with this

decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on Nov. 11.