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REUNION VI~ 2011

The Sixth Annual Charlie Company Reunion will be held at the **Hilton Cincinnati Airport** in **Florence**, **KY** on **June 10 & 11**. The contracted cost of the rooms will be \$85 per night. This price is good three days before and three days after the event. The cut-off date for Hilton reservations is May 31st. After that time any available rooms will be open to the public. You may register online or call the Hilton at 1-859-371-4400.

AGENDA

RIVERBOAT CRUISE - Friday Noon

Forty-six have already signed up and paid for the riverboat *cruise and lunch*. BB Riverboats recommended we make reservations early to be sure we can "cruise" and a deposit was required at the time of reservation. We made the reservation and sent the deposit soon after our **March 4** deadline. We can add to this final count as long as space is available. They will give refunds up to one week before the cruise but nothing during the seven days prior to June 10.

So, if you haven't paid but still want to Cruise & Lunch with us on Friday June 10 from 12-2 pm, please send \$27.50 per person to be received before June 3. The final count and payment will be done that day. Please be advised the Cruise Only guests will not be seated with the Cruise & Lunch guests!

RECEPTION – Friday 4:00 P.M.

A punch and cookies reception will be held in our Hospitality Room at 4:00 p.m. Do not be surprised to find some have already started before 4:00! In fact, the Hospitality Room will probably be in use as soon as they will let us in that week. No cost and no reservations needed.

Speaking of the Hospitality Room, let me mention a few things you'll find there (hopefully). Registration Desk: complete with registration forms, name badges, area brochures, and usually at least one person to explain all about the reunion. Regional Refreshments: The Hilton allows us to bring in our own food and drinks and people have been bringing different refreshment items from their city or state. We have had fun with these "care packages" and have certainly enjoyed them! Don't feel obligated to bring something or huge amounts. We usually have enough leftovers for take-home goodie bags. Memorabilia: Vets usually bring their Vietnam photos, albums, orders. newsletters, and many other items for display. We had four tables full last year.

BUFFET - FRIDAY 6:30 P.M.

Both evening buffets will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the cost of the meals will be \$25 per person per meal and is inclusive (tax and gratuity). Payment must be made in advance. Deadline for the meal reservations is June 3 although it may be possible to make additions later than that if

we can give the chef enough time to make the changes.

Friday night's menu:

Fresh Fruit Salad
Herb Crusted Pork Loin with Chef's Select Sauce
Grilled Chicken Breast with Chef's Select Sauce
Au Gratin Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetable Medley
Dinner Rolls with Butter
Iced Tea and Coffee
Assorted Cakes

These dinner buffets and the riverboat luncheon are the only scheduled meals at the reunion. There are several restaurants nearby for breakfast and lunch and Hilton's restaurant will give us a 10% discount on meals. Of course, all these scheduled meals are optional.

BUSINESS MEETING - FRIDAY 8 P.M.

We have a light agenda this year consisting mainly of a financial report and Guideline approval. The Guidelines have been emailed and posted on our web site under ABOUT US. We will have a few copies available but will not hand out a copy for everyone since most will have access to this from home. Please read these prior to the meeting.

TEE-N-TEA SATURDAY

Tee Time. Russ Gartner, the PGA pro at Boone Links GC in Florence, will accommodate Charlie Company for another golf outing Saturday June 11. Tee time is 8 a.m. with two foursomes going off front nine and two off back nine simultaneously. Green fees are \$40 with cart. Golf club rentals are available at Boone Links for \$10 in case you do not want to haul your clubs but still want to play.

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This group always has an enjoyable morning so come join them! Actually you can go with them and not play golf. There is a DH in baseball but evidently this group has a few DH's too. However, I think the "H" is Heckler instead of Hitter.

Email or call Mike or Bud to let them know you want to join them!

One of the golfers, Mark Knepp sent us a "You Won't Believe This" story.

I started golf five years ago and play a par-3, ten hole local course. Hole #4 was put in the middle of a fairway on a par 4 as a par 3 to make it a 10-hole course.

On August 16, 2008 after a Saturday morning Scramble, ten of us put up \$5 each on a Horse Race. We all tee up on hole #1 with the cup 133 yards away. Normally there would be 3 birdies out of 10 players. Those 3 would move on to Hole #2. Say two shoot par and the other puts it in the water, the two then move on to the next hole. One gets a bird the other a par and it is over! That player with the birdie takes the pot.

I was the 9th to tee up and there were 4 or 5 balls on the green and a few short or left or right of the green. I teed off and put it in the Hole! The 10th player had a bad tee shot. Done deal; I made \$45 with my K-Mart 3-Wood.

August 15, 2010, one day off of two years to the day, I aced #6; 88 yards with a Taylor made R7 7 Iron.

November 16, 2010 I aced #2, the island green; 86 yards with the same 7-Iron.

Now this is really nuts! On February 9, 2011, I aced #1 again with my 3-wood. Shot. Three aces in less than six months? Four lifetime! The owner, Keith Moles, a pro, came out of the clubhouse and shook his head. I asked him, "How many do you have?" "None. Mark you don't understand, the odds are one in something like 10,000 for a hole in one." I said, "I have only played 7 or 8 par 72 courses and my best is a 114. Here I get 50-60 chances a week to ace. You would have to play 2-3 rounds a day everyday on a par 72 and who does that? Who has time for that? "He shook his head again and walked off.

However I do want to remind you that I get 50 to 60 chances a week to drive the Green; i.e. all par 3 holes. On an 18-hole course there are maybe 3 or 4 par 3's so do the math. I'm still impressed.... I've probably gotten that many hole-in-ones lifetime.... on Putt-Putt courses!

Tea Time. Reservations have been made to return to Yesterday's Café & Tea Room at noon, Saturday and we need to know how many ladies plan to attend. There is nothing to prepay but we do need a number for them as soon as possible and also your choice of menu option before 5 p.m. Friday June 10. The owner, Susan Schultz, invited you to "Come join us for our annual luncheon tea. Same great food and staff as in year's past, but this year come see the beautiful expanded dining space! Because of this larger space we will be able to accommodate up to 40.

Menu selection:

All lunches will begin with a choice of soup, include a green salad, scones with fruit curd, entrée of your choice and finish with a petite dessert served in a teacup! Iced tea and hot tea included.

Please choose either 1) chicken salad, 2) bacon quiche, 3) mushroom quiche or 4) asparagus strata (crust-less quiche similar to soufflé)

Discounted group price has remained the same - \$21 per person, (includes tax & gratuity)

Attention Non-tea lovers: We have other beverages such as fruit smoothies, wine, champagne, and mimosas available a la carte.

This event grows larger every year, and is a popular event...please reserve early!"

Susan thought you would be amazed at her newly remodeled space and patio! The lady at NKYCVB even mentioned really liking the renovations. A shuttle has been arranged and will leave from the Hilton at 11:30. Don't forget a \$1 per person gratuity for the shuttle ride. Again, we do not have to prepay, just let us know if you want to attend and give us your menu choice by the day before.

BUFFET – SATURDAY 6:30 P.M

Saturday night's menu:

Garden Salad with Assorted Dressing
Fried Chicken
Homemade Meatloaf
Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes
Country Style Green Beans
Dinner Rolls with Butter
Iced Tea and Coffee
Fruit Cobbler with Bourbon Vanilla Sauce

CONTACT INFORMATION

Do you have comments about the newsletter or 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) 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 (931) 647-8917. Please be sure to let us know a change of address including email. If you have not heard from us by email for some time you may be the one of

the dozen or so who "bounces back" after sending an email to all.

REUNION RECAP

- Register online or call the Hilton at 1-859-371-4400 before May 31st deadline
- Riverboat Cruise & Lunch, Friday June 10 is \$27.50 per person to be received before June 3
- Friday and Saturday evening buffets are \$25 per person per meal and payment must be made by June 3
- Contact Mike Feltes or Bud Vincent if you wish to play golf before June 11, 8

p.m. tee off time!

• Sign up for tearoom brunch prior to reunion and give us your menu choice by Friday, June 10, 4 p.m.

REMINDER: Dues are still \$20 a year and some are including that amount with meals or riverboat payments. Money received from dues is applied to newsletter expenses. We currently are mailing over 200 newsletters each quarter and emailing twenty or more.

Send reunion reservations and payments to Mike Stinnett and, as usual, make the check out to *Charlie 1-20* or to Mike Stinnett.