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## Happy Valentines Day!

The **Seventh Annual Charlie Company Reunion** will be held at the [Hilton Cincinnati Airport](#) in Florence, KY on June 8 & 9. The room rate will remain the same as the last two years (\$85) and reservations may be made [online at our website](#) or by calling 1-859-371-4400. The highlights will be a Friday night dinner cruise with BB Riverboats, another **TEE-N-TEA** Saturday with the golfers out early that morning and the ladies *Yesterday's Café and Tea Room* brunch at noon and our evening buffet at the Hilton. Probably the most enjoyable highlight is sitting in the hospitality room, partaking of the regional refreshments and talking with old friends or making new ones!

### FRIDAY'S DINNER CRUISE

[BB Riverboats](#) have changed Friday nights this year and the copy below is from their website:

**Christian Moerlein Beer & BBQ Cruise**, Boarding at 6:00 pm; Beer Tasting Begins at 6:30 pm; Sailing from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Cincinnati's own Christian Moerlein Brewery and BB Riverboats have teamed up for a great new cruise for this season. Come aboard one of our beautiful riverboats for an included tasting of some of Christian Moerlein's premium brands. A member of the Christian Moerlein team will be directing the tasting and talking about the history of the brewery and the principles of their beer. Once you have figured out which is your favorite, you can enjoy it with a scrumptious buffet. Music will be provided by a local area band for your entertainment (*Big*

*Whiskey* - Acoustic Based Rock Band).

**Sightseeing Only Ticket:** Want to take a cruise, but aren't interested in the meal? Our Sightseeing Only option is perfect for you. Enjoy the same great BB Riverboats cruise without the meal. (Adults: \$23.00\*; Seniors: \$20.50\*)

**Cruise Menu:** Beef Brisket, BBQ Roasted Chicken, Pulled Pork, Grilled Marinated Vegetables, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Broccoli Slaw, Cucumber, Onions, and Tomato Salad, Saratoga Chips, Southern Style Green Beans, Baked Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Fresh baked bread assortment with butter, Shortcake with Fresh Fruit and Whipped Cream

The **all-inclusive rate** is \$45.62 per person if we have a group of 15 or more. This was the same pricing they did last year. The price listed online is \$39.95 but the \* by the prices says (*\*All meal cruises are subject to a 15% food service fee. All cruises are subject to a 1.5% port charge and 6% sales tax. Seniors 60+.* That's \$8 or so in fees added to the \$39.95.

It was suggested we book as soon as possible since they already have two large groups booked for private cruises that night. The pay plan is the same as last year; 1/3 down at sign-up and the rest (along with the final count) due one week before cruising. They will give refunds up to one week before the cruise but nothing during the seven days prior to June 8.

So, if you want to cruise with us on **Friday**

**June 8**, please send **\$45.62 per person** to be received before **April 2**. The count and partial payment will be done that day although I may make the reservation prior to that if enough send in their payment. I will only make reservations for those who have paid. We can still add to the number later if space is available but this would get our group enrolled earlier. ***Cruise only is still an option but please be advised the Cruise Only guests will not be seated with the Cruise & Dinner guests.***

### SATURDAY'S DINNER BUFFET

The Hilton said **\$25 per person** would cover the cost of our **Saturday night buffet (June 9)** and that is all-inclusive (taxes & gratuity).

Last year many of you sent a check for everything at once and a few even included their **\$20** dues. That is not required but deadline for the cruise is **April 2** and the Saturday night buffet deadline is **June 1**. Please make out checks to either *Mike Stinnett* or *Charlie 1-20* and send to my address listed in the Contact Section.

### ATTENTION Charlie's Angels!!!

*By Helen Vincent*

Hey Angels! Plans are in process for the reunion this June. Last year the men attending the reunion were given white polo shirt compliments of Charlie Company. The shirts were quite nice and I thought the men looked very handsome in them.

Interest was shown by the ladies for us to have shirts as well, (identifying us with the guys). I have done a little preliminary work and spoken with the contact person Mike Stinnett's worked with at [Queensboro Shirt Company](#). They are very nice to work with and very willing to help us come up with our own logo.

Please send ideas for the shirt i.e. color, style and especially ideas for the logo soon but, most important, if you are attending the reunion this year and would like to receive a shirt, **please send me your shirt size before May 1**. You can email me at [helen615@sbcglobal.net](mailto:helen615@sbcglobal.net) or call 314-878-5331.

Hope everyone is doing well - Bud and I are looking forward to our time together this year.

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### 2011 AWARD WINNERS

Beginning at our second reunion, we have awarded the vet traveling the most miles to attend the reunion and the vet traveling the shortest distance to the reunion a worthy "prize" for their efforts. The exceptions are screwed up flights don't count and we do not have repeat winners. [Mark and Lora Knepp](#) flew all the way from California to be with us and took the "longest" award and [Nate Hutchinson](#) came up from Louisville and took the "shortest" award. Bud Vincent received a flag flown over the US Capitol as our way to honor him and show our appreciation for all his help with the association.

Our [Google map](#) with markers representing reunion attendees is impressive.

**GOLF** Bud Vincent (left) was the winner of the golf match and is already wearing the coveted olive green jacket. Mike Feltes is presenting Andy Adam his second place trophy of pound cake and peaches. Even the H&I team traveling with the golfers but not playing, were presented awards for outstanding Heckling/Harassment.

You will notice Al Blosser, Mike Dove and Nate Hutchinson are holding wild turkey balls. Hang on... some of you are letting your mind go to the wrong place! These were souvenir golf balls from the Wild Turkey Distillery. Aren't you ashamed you took this the wrong way?



**SAFETY COMMITTEE** Unknown to most Board members a rogue Safety Committee was formed just for the 2011 reunion. Chairman of the Safety Committee, Ronnie Ray presents Andy Brower (left) a pink fishy bath mat to help keep his feet firmly in the bathtub and Dan Malin (right) receives a helmet to use when teaching his grandkids how to bat (although many of us still suspect a frying pan). The Safety Committee hopes these “awards” will make their lives better and SAFER.



Other pictures from the last reunion may be found on our website or [click here](#). Vic & Ursula also posted on [sutterfly](#). If you have some you would like posted, please send them. We did not get one of Bud receiving the flag; anyone have that one?

COMMENTS FROM OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

*Teach, just wanted to tell you that you did a great job on the newsletter. Ashby was grinning from ear to ear when I gave him a copy. The Commander of our MOPH read it and was really impressed. He got teary eyed when he read the letter from the girl. Ronnie Ray*

Dan Malin said Rick, our printer at Downtown-Direct, was impressed with the newsletter.

*Thanks Mike, the e-mail from Tina really should make a lot of us feel better about the Vietnamese people in general. If you have further contact with her, thank her for me, and Ronnie Ray's grandson also. I hope your Thanksgiving is a great one, and it's NOT served out of mermite cans, Your friend, Chris Walker*

*Teach, this was the most powerful newsletter (to date) for me. Tina sounds like a lovely person. I met a Vietnamese man on a flight to Costa Rica about 15 years ago. Normally I mind my own business when on a plane but somehow we struck up a conversation. He told me his story about how he escaped in the 80's; his family sold all their gold to buy him a ticket on one of those overloaded sampans. Finally he made his way to the US, to Houston, where he married, and started a number of beauty salons. He became, through hard work, a successful businessman. He still has nothing good to say about the communists after spending 4 years in a reeducation camp after being captured as a teenager. Mike Feltes*

Giving credit where it is due, these two stories are what made the last issue special and it wasn't my writing. I hope many of you will consider sharing a story or two with us. I know each of you have one... we've heard a bunch at the reunions. Frankly, we are getting to an age when we should be writing down a few stories. History isn't history until it is written down.