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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. You may register online or call the Hilton at 1-859-371-4400.** We are going to have practically the same agenda as in the past but we are adding an optional riverboat cruise for Friday noon with BB Riverboats.

Thirty-two have already expressed interest in the riverboat cruise with most indicating **lunch and cruise** instead of **cruise only**. **BB Riverboats** recommended we make reservations as soon as possible to be sure we can "cruise" so we have set a deadline of **March 4** to make the initial reservation. They will accept reservations after that date as long as space is available and also stated March would be a good time for a group our size to make reservations to be sure we well be able to cruise at the time we want. A deposit is required at the time of reservation and so we need this earlier than the meal money. They will give refunds up to one week before the cruise but nothing during the seven days prior to June 10. ([Web site info...](#) Riverboat Cruise)

Our "interest" surveys indicated 23 wanted the **Cruise & Lunch**, 3 wanted **Cruise Only** and 8 either had no preference or didn't state it. The group rate for **Cruise & Lunch** is \$27.50 and enough have already sent money so we now qualify for this reduced rate instead of \$34.50.

Right now we do not have enough to qualify for the **Cruise Only** group rate so we are asking for

\$16.50. If we do qualify for the group rate, you will be refunded \$1.50 at the reunion to make up the difference between the group rate (\$15.06) and non-group rate. ***Please be advised the Cruise Only guests will not be seated with the Cruise & Lunch guests!***

So, if you want to cruise with us on **Friday June 10 from 12-2 pm**, please send **\$27.50 per person** if you want **Cruise & Lunch** or **\$16.50 per person** if you want **Cruise Only** to Mike Stinnett, 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 to be received by **Friday March 4**. Payment will be accepted after that time with the understanding that we may not be able to add more to our group if they do not have the space. As usual, make the check out to *Charlie I-20* or to Mike Stinnett. You may include your cruise preferences and # of people on the memo line of the check. Some have also sent the money for the optional Friday and Saturday night meals. The buffet menu will be in the next newsletter and the cost is \$25 per person per meal.

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.**

CHARLIE'S ANGELS

Some of these were our “angels” even before we went to Vietnam and have been angels for sticking with us all these years. Just guessing, some of us are probably better men today because of them!



Teatime.... Yesterday's Café & Tea Room... Not to be confused with another event involving tee!





Susan (center at right), the owner of the tea room, is either telling the ladies your “quiet time” is almost up or you really don’t have to do the pinkie thing with tea unless it is “high tea”. The ladies have appreciated Susan from the very first visit to the tearoom and her gift to Debbie at the last reunion was one of the nicest things above and beyond the call of duty I have observed at any reunion! Thanks, angels.



SERVICE AWARD Mike and Pat Bingham were presented a flag that has flown over the US Capitol in recognition of their service to our association. Mike and Pat have been very supportive of the reunion, especially the refreshment area. Pat wasn’t sure about her first reunion and was prepared to read most of the weekend. That didn’t happen and I think she and Mike have enjoyed them more and more each year. Pat and other ladies have done a great job of making the women feel welcome to a point where I think they have about as much fun as the vets. Thanks to Mike and Pat for all they do for our organization.

FIVE-YEAR PARTICIPANTS The ten pictured below have attended all five reunions. (Back, left to right); Wayne Rasmussen, Dan Malin, Ronnie Ray, Bryan Ciula, Mike Yelenovic. (Front, left to right); Chuck Unterberger, Mike Stinnett, Teresa Ray, Peggy Ciula, and Ursula Yelenovic.



We have had seventy-two different vets attend the reunion these past five years along with fifty-one guests. For the most part, these vets have made possible our newsletters, web site, and vet searches by paying dues, making donations, and contributing in many different areas to our reunion. We are grateful to several others who have sent in dues over the years we have organized.

RETURN TO VIETNAM

In our last issue we told of Wally Herman's return trip to Vietnam as a group of fifteen Purple Heart recipients. He has sent [photos](#) and they are now uploaded to our web site and the places are identified. Be sure to take a look at these interesting pictures.

Do you ever have thoughts about returning to Vietnam? I have dreamed about it several times over the years but that is literally true! In my dream I would be back and all the time wondering "Why am I here again?" since I finished my tour once. Seems like the last few times in the dream I have not only wondered "Why?" but also thought, "Don't they know I am too old to do this again?"

Maybe I'd go if the cost wasn't too much but there are too many other places I would like to see before spending a lot to return to Vietnam. My few points of interest would be our AO (Bronco, Liz and SOP especially), probably Chu Lai (stand down area and PX) and parts of Cam Rahn Bay. The visit wouldn't take long... a LOH ride would be plenty for most of the sites! I will wait until Spock and Scotty have a commercial teleportation version released. Do you have any thoughts about this... the return to Vietnam, not teleportation? Has anyone else returned? Google Earth can beam you up above the area if you have never used that free application. <http://www.google.com/earth/index.html>

Your comments are welcome about this or any other subject. The more you write means the less you will hear of my comments!

FACEBOOK PAGE

Tony Nunes has created a group page for Charlie Company vets and family on *Facebook* named **C 1/20**. You should be able to find the group by keying in **C 1/20** in the search box of *Facebook*. This is a **closed** group and Tony will be the one allowing people to join the group. You do not have to become his "friend" to join the group. Those of you who use *Facebook* know this is a good way to communicate without having to do everything with email.

WINTER WEATHER

I am sure the subject of a lot of talk this winter has been about the weather. Stories of the bitter cold, deep snows and lots of them have been exchanged. So far, no one has complained about the sunburns at the beach or other such calamities while most have shivered. Returning from R&R in Hawaii just before Thanksgiving in 1969, the pilot announced it was 65 degrees at the airport. I thought I was going to freeze to death when we got off the plane! Guess it is what you get used to.