

2017 REUNION

The **Twelfth Annual Charlie Company Reunion** was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 9 & 10, 2017. We had 52 present and were happy to welcome Javier (Iggie) & Cheryl Velazquez as newcomers to the reunion! Iggie is now the 93rd CCo vet to have attended at least one reunion. Henry Person and Steve & Barb Stinnett were also present as guests. We missed Ms. Grace but we are hoping to see her next year!

The agenda did not change much but the venues did. Friday's event was a Coffee & Cookie Reception. Saturday was the Charlie Company golf outing and the ladies brunch. TEE TIME had been hosted by *Boone Links GC* for 10 straight years but moved to a par 3 course, *The World of Golf Course*. Scores seemed to fall but Andy Adams still won another trophy. TEA TIME for the ladies moved to *Mrs. Teapots Tearoom* thanks to the work of Chris Dove. Saturday night was our Banquet, Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards and Raffle drawing and winners. **New t-shirts**

2016 REUNION

The Eleventh Annual Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 4 & 5, 2016. We had 50 present and were happy to welcome Al Sterchi and Bob & Toni Pillsbury as newcomers to the reunion! Steve & Barb Stinnett were guests along with Grace Eckels, our WWII Marine, our always welcome guest, and den mother.

Friday's event was a Coffee & Cookie Reception and Saturday was the Charlie Company golf outing at Boone Links GC and the ladies luncheon at Yesterday's Tea Café & Matcha Bar. Saturday night was our banquet, business meeting, Memorial Toast, awards and raffle winners. **Challenge coins.**

2015 REUNION

We returned to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 5 and 6, 2015 for our **Tenth Annual Reunion**. We had a total of 55 present and Guy Thomas was our first time guest this year.

To celebrate our 10th Reunion a **coffee mug** with either a Charlie Company or Charlie's Angels emblem was given to each attendee. The

veterans also received an **Americal cap** and were presented **three military pins** by Lt. Vincent. The pins were a small CIB, an 11th Brigade, and a 1st-20th... all suitable for cap display! We hope they will be worn proudly and will be a reminder of friends and of the reunions. Someone said their coffee tastes better when drinking from a military mug so that may be another daily benefit for some. With our **10th reunion** we have had 90 different veterans attend at least one reunion and this combo of vets has totaled 333 reunion visits. In addition 77 others have met with us... 61 ladies and various other friends and relatives.

2014 REUNION

It was off to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on **June 6 and 7, 2014** again for our **Ninth Annual Reunion**. We had 75 attend this reunion, which was our second highest attendance ever. Our first time guests were Benjamin & Joyce Wilson, Doug & Mary Baker, Dwight & Sharon Cole, Harry & Marsha Benich, Ken & Filippa Griesman and nephews Anthony Cerone and Fabrizio Tierno, Michael Olshefski, Richard Scott, Nathan Williams (son of Ronnie & Ramona), Ari Foster (Roland & JoLynda Watts grandson), and the Copeland's who were guests of Eddie & Maggie Daniels.

Friday's activities included a Cookies and Coffee Reception furnished by the Hilton and the golfers and hecklers headed out to Boone Links G.C. for an early tee off Saturday morning. Andy Adam had to share the coveted olive drab green jacket and trophy since he and James "Bit" Chisholm tied to share the crown! Later that morning the ladies left for the noon brunch at *Yesterday's Café & Tea Room*.

Our closing **Banquet Buffet** was held Saturday night followed by a Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, and Group Pictures.

We always have a great time at the reunion but several thought this one was special!

2013 REUNION

We returned to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on **June 7 and 8, 2013** for our **Eighth Annual Reunion** with 66 in attendance. First time guests were Kathy (Al) Blosser, Steve Carlisle and his daughter, Kathy Banks, Ronnie & Bev Cole, David & Kathy Craig, Dennis & Judy Roehrs, Chris Walker, and Kim Fleig. We told you of meeting WWII vet, Grace Eckels, last year but we could consider her as another first time

guest since she did attend the ladies brunch and the Saturday evening banquet this year!

The **Hospitality Room** was pretty well set up by Thursday including a new banner behind the registration desk donated by Al Blosser and a Charlie Company guidon donated by Chuck Unterberger. These and all our other items were hung by those fabulous "wall hangers", Mike Bingham and Ronnie Ray. Before long the **Regional Refreshments** table was full along with the **Memorabilia** tables.

Friday's activities included a **Cookies and Coffee Reception** furnished by the **Hilton** and the **BB Riverboats "Chaistian Moerlein Beer & BBQ Dinner Cruise"** that night.

Eighteen golfers and hecklers headed out to Boone Links G.C. for an 8:30 a.m. tee off Saturday morning. Andy Adam won the coveted olive drab green jacket again!

Later that morning twenty-two of the ladies left for the noon brunch at *Yesterday's Café & Tea Room*.

Our closing **Banquet Buffet** was held Saturday night followed by a Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, and Group Pictures. **CA shirts**.

One of Hilton's employees, Charmaine Fox, introduced us to her mother, Grace R. Eckels (born September 17, 1922). Grace's husband, Charles William Eckels was born May 3, 1921 and was in the 11th Airborne in Japan and later with the 82nd Airborne in Fort Bragg. He retired as a Lt. Col. and then went on to work in Vietnam for the State Department after he retired.

Grace's story is amazing for a lady during that era! Grace served in the Marines for three and ½ years from 1943-1946 and was the first married woman in Boot Camp. Before she was discharged May 6, 1946, she was an Acting Drill Sgt. in Camp Lejeune, NC for one year. Grace also worked as a guard in the Navy Annex in Arlington, VA. In 1945 she marched for President Roosevelt and Admiral John Sidney McCain's funerals.

Grace joined us in the meeting room and we definitely enjoyed talking with her. You can tell she likes purple but if you look you'll see some light blue in her lap, a Charlie's Angels shirt Ronnie Ray and Mike Bingham gave to her. We hope she schedules her trip east when we're back at the Hilton in June! Online store.

2012 REUNION

We returned to the Hilton Cincinnati Airport in Florence, KY on June 8 and 9, 2012 for our **Seventh Annual Reunion**. Our first unofficial event was dinner Thursday night at *Karlos Italian Restaurant* for thirty or so early arrivals. A *Coffee and Cookies Reception* began in the Hospitality Room at 2 p.m. Friday. The Friday night dinner cruise with *BB Riverboats* had forty-two from Charlie Company on board.

At 8:30 Saturday morning the golfers and hecklers were off to [Boone Links GC](#) in Florence to compete for the only Olive Drab Green Jacket Competition in the world! The ladies also headed out later that morning for their noon brunch at *Yesterday's Cafe and Tea Room*. The hospitality room stayed busy Saturday although several were out and about visiting other attractions around the area. Our Saturday night buffet at 6:30 preceded our business meeting, memorial toast, awards and raffle drawings.

The ladies liked the **Charlie's Angels polo shirts** and we will offer them one more time for newcomers next year just as we did for the men this year. Great price. All you have to do is to show up!

Our regional refreshments were a great addition to the basics that were provided. Thanks to everyone's contribution. Thanks for bringing items for display, albums and other memorabilia to the hospitality room. You could see someone looking at those most any time we were gathered in the room.

2011 REUNION

The **Sixth Annual Charlie Company Reunion** was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on **June 10 and 11**, 2011. Our first event was a riverboat luncheon cruise Friday followed by a reception at the Hilton later in the afternoon and a buffet supper and business meeting that night along with a Safety Committee Report and Recognition.

Saturday was Tee-N-Tea day with golf in the morning and a tearoom brunch for the ladies at noon. Saturday night featured another buffet, Awards and Memorial Toast. Fifty-seven were in attendance this year with four first-time vets and four other new guests: Eddie Daniels, George DeBoer, Nate Hutchinson and Robert Yancy. Minerva Adam, Maggie Daniels, Beverley Houghton and Laura Knepp were also attending for the first time. A total of seventy-six different veterans and fifty-six different

guests have attended at least one reunion during the past six years!
White shirts!

2010 REUNION

The **Fifth Annual Charlie Company Reunion** was held again at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 4 and 5. We had a total of fifty-nine present and this included five men of Charlie Company attending the reunion for the first time! Vince Alagia, our defending champion from last year was unable to attend. However his record low score of 88 fired in 2009 still stands. Andy Adams, a first time Charlie Company reunion attendee, shot an 89 so he is our champion for this year. Another quilt, a counted cross-stitch of the VN Veterans Memorial and many other items donated for the Raffle. Tony Nunes has created a group page for Charlie Company vets and family on Facebook named C 1/20.

2009 REUNION

The **Fourth Annual Charlie Company Reunion** returned to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* on June 12-13 although one half of the participants were already there on the 11th. We had eighty-three in attendance and forty-one of those were brand new to the reunions!

All the activities, Florence Antique Mall, golf and brunch at [Yesterday's Cafe` & Tea Room](#) were well attended. George Wendell (Little Moose) had the winning ticket drawn by Mary Ann Kinch for her donated quilt. This began our Raffle event in subsequent reunions. Vincent Alagia scored 88 on the par 72-course.

2008 REUNION

The **Third Annual Charlie Company Reunion** was again held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* on June 20-21 with a total attendance of fifty-two!

2007 REUNION

Charlie Company held their **second reunion** on June 8 and 9 at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport*, Florence, KY. A website and Volume 1-Issue 1 of a newsletters were two results of the beginning of our Saturday night

tradition; Banquet, Business Meeting, and Memorial Toast We had forty-six in attendance.

2006 REUNION

The **First Charlie Company Reunion** was held June 16 & 17 at the *Red Roof Inn* in Florence, Kentucky. We had seventeen in attendance and enjoyed it so much we decided to try another!

2002 Meeting

In the summer of 2002, Keith Trace, Bill Allen, Dan Malin, Mike Stinnett & Duck Watters met one hot afternoon in Ohio.

2001 Meeting

Bill Allen (Willy), Leonard Hartoonian (Snake), Keith Trace, Mike Feltes, and Dan Malin (Ohio) met at the ADVA annual reunion at the Marriott Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio June 22, 2001.
