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REUNION XVII ~ 2023

The **Seventeenth Charlie Company Reunion** was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 9 & 10. Thirty people attended this year. Vets attending (with the number of reunions attended) were: Al Blosser 15, John Bottorff 16, Andy Brower 10, Charlie Brown 4, David Craig 5, Mike Dove 13, Mike Feltes 16, Milt Houghton 12, James Matson 2, Tim McClaughry 12, Ronnie Ray 17, Phil Sherwood 11, Mike Stinnett 17, James Taylor 7, Chuck Unterberger 13, and Chuck Welegala 14. There were no new vets attending this year so the count remains at 98 vets who have attended at least one reunion.

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Front L-R: David Craig, Chuck Welegala, Mike Feltes. Mike Dove, Al Blosser (his cloak of invisibility did work this time) and C Andrew Brower.

Back L-R: Milt Houghton, Jim Matson, Tim McClaughry, John Bottorff, Ronnie Ray, Mike Stinnett, Charlie Brown, Chuck Unterberger and Phil Sherwood.

CHARLIE'S ANGELS ~ still smiling Saturday night!

Standing L-R: Carol McClaughry, Beverley Houghton, Cindy Welegala, Sandy Brown, Patty Stinnett, Teresa Ray and Kathy Craig, **Seated L-R:** Lynn Bottorff, Kathy Matson, Liz Unterberger, and Chris Dove.

FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2022-2023

We began 2022 with Cash on Hand of \$544.23 and added Dues \$400 and Donations \$1858.30 for a Total Income of \$2802.53. Expenses for Newsletters \$343.19, Reunion \$1653.21 (meals, \$1264.68 and hospitality room for 3 nights, \$186.57), and Other Expenses \$5.46 (GoDaddy for our web site) gave us Total Expenses of \$2001.86 leaving us a balance for the fiscal year 2022-2023 of \$800.67. So far this year, 2023-2024, we have received \$340 in Dues in addition to Donations totaling \$1390 (\$780 was from Raffle Tickets, \$250 from NKYCVB for holding our reunion in Northern Kentucky, and \$310 from individuals). Our current bank balance is \$2530.67.

The Board again approved the use of company funds to pay for Saturday's Banquet meal at the reunion that included service, tax and gratuity charges. A preliminary report was given and approved at the Business Meeting following the Banquet meal. Regular reports as required by our Guidelines continue being sent during the year to Board members for their information and approval.

CONTACT INFORMATION - Do you have an update of your own address, phone # or email address? Do you want to share your contact information with others as we have done with Charlie's Angels Address Book? This contact list is also available for those who have agreed for their names to be given to others in our Association. Otherwise, your information is never shared without your permission. Do you need information about our contacts or do you have information about other vets not known to us? Contact Mike Stinnett at 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 ~ (931) 647-8917 ~ (mike.stinnett@yahoo.com) for updates and questions.

Since our last reunion, Carl Yates, now living near Portland, OR, has sent us copies of four sets of orders dating back to early 1971. We are grateful to him for sharing and will continue to add new names to our data as they come available. I do have a few sets that were sent to me along with copies of others that were sent to Dan Malin.

REUNION XVIII

2024's reunion will return to the ***Hilton Cincinnati Airport*** in Florence, KY on **June 7 and 8**. The discounted rate is \$122 and is good three days before and three days after the reunion. The cutoff date to make reservations in the block at the discounted rate is **Friday, May 8th 2024**. Any requests after this date are based upon availability and not guaranteed the group's discounted rate. The Reservation link and phone numbers are posted online.

We will not be having our banquet meal prepared by the Hilton next year but will have a catered event instead. Cancelling this meal with the Hilton means the large hospitality room will not be available at the same cost as our last three reunions. However, we will have use of two conference rooms that are used for meetings for groups of 30-40 people per room. Our last three reunions have had just over 30 attending so these two rooms should be sufficient for our smaller crowd.

We feel that we are approaching a crossroads of sorts about continuing with reunions. A recent request for opinions to hold a reunion next year resulted in 21 vets responding with 19 in favor of having at least one more reunion. There is also a feeling from some to continue as long as we can. Age 95 was one recommendation.

We hope to come to a decision at Reunion XVIII as to whether or not to plan Reunion XIX. If so, what changes do we need to make, who will be responsible for the different aspects of any future reunions, and how long should we continue? How about the current work of the Association? Communication, newsletters and our website, finances, recordkeeping are also items that should be backed up with more than one person assuming the responsibilities. If you have any thoughts on any Association matters, please tell any Board member. Our next communication will probably be by email to those who have attended a reunion.

SAVE THE DATES and make your reservations. Another riverboat cruise has been suggested but we haven't heard from many about this request. Let us know.

Friday Night ~ <i>Ford's Garage</i>	
	
Saturday ~ Angels Luncheon <i>Tousey House Tavern</i>	Ronnie Ray had his van painted to preview next reunion's ceremonies ... he's got the cigar if Phil can grow the beard.
	