



# CHARLIE COMPANY NEWSLETTER

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## REUNION XIV ~ 2019

The **Fourteenth Annual Charlie Company Reunion** was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 7 & 8, 2019.

Fifty-one people attended this year. Vets attending (with the number of reunions attended) were: Andrew Adam 9, Al Blosser 12, John Bottorff 13, Andrew Brower 9, James Chisholm 10, Bryan Ciula 12, Dwight Cole 5, David Craig 4, Eddie Daniels 9, Mike Dove 10, Mike Feltes 13, Al Hammock 6, Milt Houghton 9, Larry Mueller 6, Tony Nunes 7, Bob Pillsbury 4, Wayne Rasmussen 11, Ronnie Ray 14, Dennis Roehrs 7, Phil Sherwood 8, Mike Stinnett 14, James Taylor 6, Bud Vincent 10, Dave Wantland 12, Roland Watts 9, Chuck Welegala 11, Mike Yelenovic 13, and Dennis Yother 5.

Twenty wives were also in attendance (see Charlie's Angels group picture). Ronnie & Teresa Ray's daughter, Allison and grandson, Ashby and C Andy Brower's son, John, attended as guests.

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**Standing L-R:** C Andy Brower, Al Hammock, Bud Vincent, Mike Dove, Bryan Ciula, Milt Houghton, David Craig, Dave Wantland, Ronnie Ray, Mike Yelenovic, Bob Pillsbury, Andy Adam, Dwight Cole, Wayne Rasmussen, Mike Stinnett and Chuck Welegala. **Seated L-R:** Dennis Roehrs, John Bottorff, Roland Watts, Dennis Yother, James Chisholm, Tony Nunes, Al Blosser and Larry Mueller. Mike Feltes is doing his knee stretches and Phil Sherwood is proving he is still able to get into a kneeling position. Eddie Daniels and James Taylor were not present for the picture.

## REUNION XV

2020's reunion will return again to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on **June 12 and 13**. The discounted rate is \$112 and is good three days before and three days after the reunion. That's a good perk for many since 21 of the 15 rooms reserved for Thursday this year were occupied. That is not a typo. Our Hilton contract called for 15 rooms available Thursday but 21 were actually reserved. Thursday nights used to be about 1/4 of those attending but has increased to a point that saying the reunion begins on Thursday would not be far from wrong. More reunion details are already posted online.

Thanks to Les Hines, the Americal Division Veteran's Association Vietnam Era Historian, this next reunion may be historical in more ways than one! Les is working on a compilation of articles from the Americal's data base on 1/20th and offered to share many things with us. He is hoping to have a rough version completed by the end of July and is up to nearly 500 pages at this point.

Les has maps, videos, reports, newsletters, etc. regarding the Americal Division. He has already mailed a large area map of our AO with all of the fire bases marked. We had 20 Sykes' Regulars Reporter issues posted on our website and he now has 38 including 2 that were on our web-site that he had not seen before. We have these to share along with a transcription of each and an index of names listed in the newsletters! He has mailed a compilation of articles printed selected from the Pacific Stars & Stripes and the Army Reporter that feature 1/20th's activities. This is not all and I believe you will be as impressed as you were when Chuck Seketa let us see his collection of the battalion's Daily Reports. You will be hearing more of this topic before next June!

**CHARLIE'S ANGELS** attended a luncheon at *Tousey House Tavern* and this is all of the ladies Saturday night.



**Standing L-R:** Ruth Wantland, Kathy Craig, Patty Stinnett, Peggy Rasmussen, Betty Hammock, Beverley Houghton, Lynn Bottorff, Peggy Ciula, JoLynda Watts, Julia Chisholm, Patsy Yother and Teresa Ray. **Seated L-R:** Toni Pillsbury, Barb Feltes, Bev Nunes, Chris Dove, Maggie Daniels, Barb Peterson, Ursula Yelenovic and Sharon Cole.

## TRIBUTE FLAG



Thanks to a donor who wanted to remain anonymous we were able to give Tribute Flags to each of the veterans present. It was a generous donation given with the thought that “our reunions have been the best therapy we could have among the finest men he has ever known. You guys are family and much more.” Quotes were from his email... didn’t want you to think it was made up.

The Tribute Flags are made of wood by **1911 Custom Flags** and look even better up close. The men making these are also veterans and said they would make one for others at the same price as they gave us for our order of 30. Free shipping is also included. You can find them online at <https://www.1911customflags.com>.

## OUR SYMPATHY to the families of:

Jerry Holloman ~ Mortars ~ Nov. 1968 to Nov. 1969 ~ Died February 16, 2019

Harry Benich ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon ~ Oct. 1970 to Oct. 1971 ~ Died May 13, 2019

James Donovan ~ Captain ~ Died May 18, 2019

**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? Do you need information about our contacts or do you have information about other vets not known to us? Contact Mike Stinnett at (mike.stinnett@yahoo.com) 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 (931) 647-8917 for updates and questions.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

We began 2018 with Cash on Hand of \$3229.36 and Dues \$760, Donations \$2527, Other Income \$95 and Meals \$1248 for a Total Income of \$7859.26. Expenses for Newsletters \$653.98, Reunion \$1805.20, Other Expenses \$1019.84 and Meals \$1613.27 gave us a Total Expenses of \$5092.29 leaving us a balance for this new year 2019-2020 of \$2767.07. We have taken up \$620 in Dues so far this year and Donations totaling \$1567 which \$1227 was from Raffle Tickets! Our current bank balance is \$4816.80.

One of the Other Expenses was our third year of donating \$1000 to *Wreaths Across America* to honor Charlie Company’s KIA’s in Vietnam and those we know who have passed away since their return from Vietnam. As you may notice there is a difference in Meal Income and Meal Expense since it has been approved to use company funds to pay the Hilton’s service, tax and gratuity charges.

A preliminary report was given and approved at the Business Meeting. Monthly reports are being sent during the year to the Board members for their information and approval.

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