

CHARLIE COMPANY NEWSLETTER

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~~Reunion XV 2020~~

The **Fifteenth Annual Charlie Company Reunion** scheduled to return to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on **June 12 and 13** has been canceled. We hope we will be able to hold the Fifteenth Reunion; however, we will have to drop the *Annual* in the title unless there is a call to reschedule later this year.

During the past years we have been able to reunite VN vets for their own mini-reunions. If you would like to get in touch with someone please ask to see if we have their contact information. If they have not given us permission to share their contact information your request will be passed on to them and they can either allow the contact or get in touch directly if they so desire.

Our practice is to never give away contact information about any of our members although we do have a list of those who have agreed to share their contact information with others. If you want to check on someone or want to share your contact information with others please contact Mike Stinnett at (mike.stinnett@yahoo.com) 319 Antioch Road, Clarksville, TN 37040 (931) 647-8917. Each person on the list will receive an email with the updates.

1-20 Data

Our reunion "gift" plan this year was to purchase 64 GB flash drives and share the 1st/20th data Leslie Hines, Americal Division Historian, has given to us. Data includes a copy of Chuck Seketa's Daily Reports of 1st/20th action reports for 1967-1971, Division TOC reports, copies of Americal newsletters, 11th Brigade "Trident" newsletters, and 1-20th "Sykes Reporter". You may recall, we have 20 available on our website but this collection has 38 issues. Also available are issues of "Southern Cross", ADVA Journals, other Unit journals, maps, photos and many other items. The last page of this newsletter has an offer to obtain your own copy whether you planned on attending the reunion or not.

UFO

No vet, to date, has reported spotting Elvis or something you might have seen on a tabloid prominently displayed by the checkout registers of many stores. However, this interesting entry was found while looking up May 31st and June 3rd, 1969 entries in the Divisional TOC that is a part of the data just mentioned.

DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG

Americal Division TOC - CHU LAI, RVN

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Hour Date
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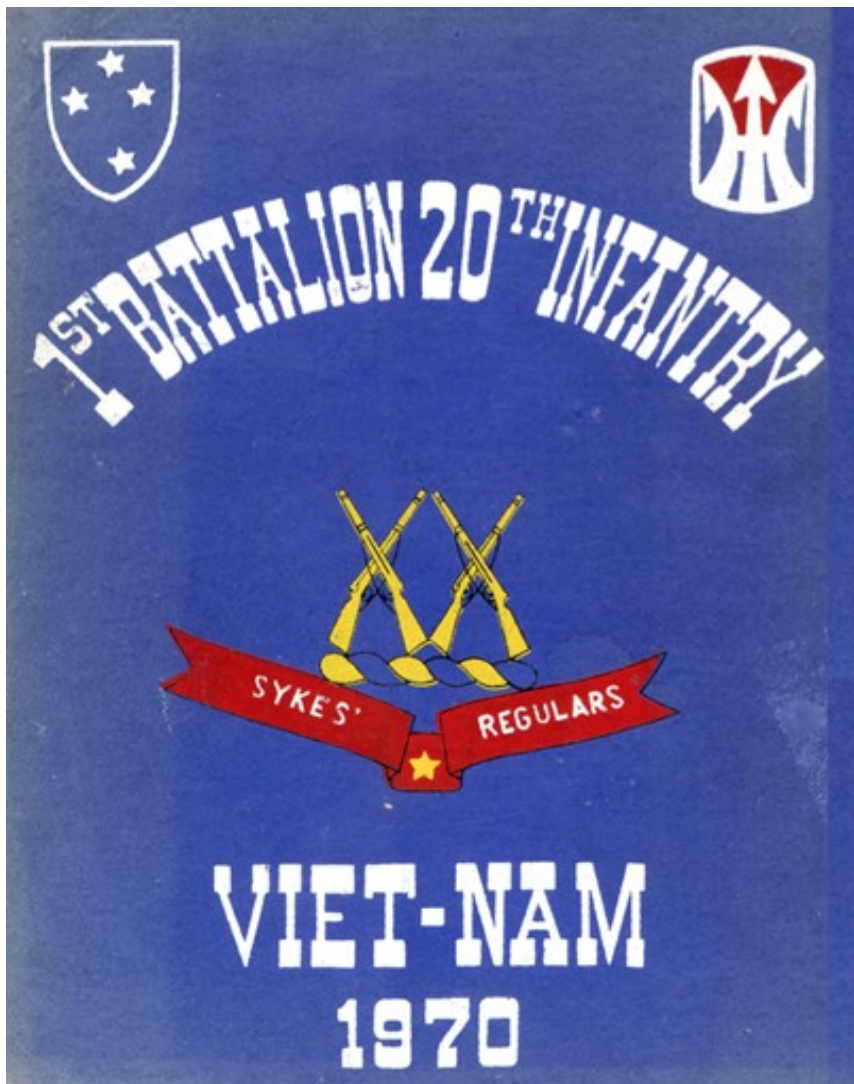
C) 11th Bde, SGT Long, BTOC LZ Bronco at 022233H Jun 69, UFO seen travelling N past LZ Bronco. Seen by 2 men, 1 described it as a giant green ball, the other as moon sized green ball. UFO was picked up by AN/PPS-5 radar, travelling NNE, monitored 40-50 sec at high rate of speed (faster than any jet). Looked like it was travelling along surface of the water.

LASER BEAMS AND RADAR - Several years ago I reread in my diary a reference about a laser beam and it hit me that laser beams were used in VN. So, it is possible to know something but not know you know it! Here's another free history lesson:



The AN/PPS/5 radar sets were short range ground surveillance radars that made use of the doppler effect to detect a target. The sets detected the difference in frequency between the echoes reflected from stationary objects and the echoes reflected from moving objects, and presented this information as a target indication to the radar operator. To detect a moving target the radar set needed to receive echoes from a fixed object together with the echo from a moving target.

ZOOM - You may have recently seen a virtual meeting of people using the Zoom app. Zoom requires a computer or iPhone and an email address. **IF** you think you would be interested in having a small virtual reunion or have skills and wish to help, please let me know.

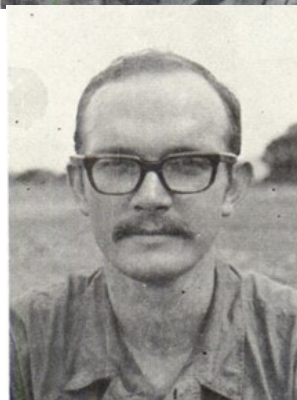


Another of the items in the drive is a yearbook type memento you might have seen at a reunion. Ronnie Ray loaned his copy to be scanned.

This yearbook covered all areas of 1st-20th from the Colonel on down though each company in the battalion. You may be in the "book" if you were still in the company Fall of 1970. The photographs below were copied from Charlie Company and each of these fine, young men have been to at least one reunion.

Your job, if you choose to accept it, is to identify these younger versions of the vets that you have seen at haunting the halls of the Hilton.

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Anyone think you have 12 of 12? Initials of the correct answers are: VA, MB, JC, DC, JD, RO, RR, RS, RT, RV, DW, and RW. Extra points if you can add nicknames!

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FLASH DRIVES - Another **IF** to go along with the Zoom **IF**! **IF** you would be interested in receiving one of these flash drives loaded with over 62 GB of the 1st/20th history mentioned earlier, please let me know by using the same contact information listed on page 1. We realize not every one who planned to attend the now canceled reunion would care to receive a flash drive and we have no clue as to how many would want one by opening it up to all Charlie Company vets. So, at this time, we first need to know how big this project will be.

The actual cost will be between \$15-\$20; a flash drive will cost \$10 or so and a mailer and postage will have to be purchased. The board has approved the project but not the entire cost just yet. Our first idea was to give these out free at the reunion because we feel those supporting our association deserve this and, of course, that would have meant no mailing costs would have been incurred. Therefore, those previously participating with the Association may receive this free or postage only while others may have to pay the full cost. This will all go through the Board before actually beginning the project. Please respond by July 1 **IF** you are interested the **Zoom** and/or **Flash Drive IF**'s.