

2024 REUNION

The **Eighteenth** Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 7 & 8. Fifty people attended this year. There were no new vets attending this year so the count remains at 98 vets who have attended at least one reunion.

We met several family members this year. Jim & Kathy's daughter, Jamie and grandsons Cooper & Lucas, returned. Liz sent daughter Sara in her place to accompany Chuck while driving from Minnesota. Dave came with his grandson Jack and Vic & Ursula's son Glen made it Saturday. Mike Dove was surprised to find Room Service had employed daughters Erin & Emily and grandchildren, Caleb, Emma Grace, Nathan, and Benjamin. Obviously we also welcomed Charmaine and family... husband Steve, Chris & daughter Sarah & granddaughter Josie. Chris & Steve barbequed the pork but didn't let us pay for it.

Friday was another Coffee & Cookie Reception and some went on another *BB Riverboats cruise* that night. The ladies returned to the *Tousey House* for a luncheon Saturday while a group went to the *Eden Park Vietnam Memorial* in Cincinnati. The Board again approved the use of company funds to pay for Saturday's Banquet meal of barbeque pork and fried chicken with all the trimmings. The Hilton donated cheesecakes along with one free room night as a raffle item.

At the Business Meeting a preliminary financial report was given and approved. Dave Wantland stated he was editing Chuck Seketa's Daily Reports to include just Charlie Company actions for the time he was in country and offered to share if anyone is interested. Naturally, we finished the night with our Memorial Toast, Awards, Raffle, and pictures.

2023 REUNION

The **Seventeenth** Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 9 & 10. Thirty people attended this year. There were no new vets attending this year so the count remains at 98 vets who have attended at least one reunion. This combo of vets has totaled 496 reunion visits. In addition 99 others have attended (71 ladies and the rest a combination of relatives and friends).

Friday's event was another Coffee & Cookie Reception and the ladies returned to *Tousey House Tavern* for a luncheon Saturday. The FREE Saturday night's Banquet was attended by 30 and was followed by the Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, Raffle, and pictures.

2022 REUNION

The **Sixteenth** Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 11-12. We had 35 in attendance with James Matson and Ken Townsend attending for the first time. James and Ken are #97 & #98 in the number of Charlie Company veterans who have attended at least one reunion! James' wife, Kathy and their daughter Jamie and grandsons, Cooper & Lucas along with Rick Tucker's three daughters, Janie, Julie & Amanda, were also first time visitors!

Friday's event was another Coffee & Cookie Reception and the ladies returned to *Tousey House Tavern* for a luncheon Saturday. The FREE Saturday night's Banquet was attended by 35 and was followed by the Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, Raffle, and pictures.

2020/2021 REUNION

We lost our ANNUAL designation in 2020 with the cancellation of The **Fifteenth** Charlie Company Reunion. However, the 15th was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on September 24-25, 2021. We had 31 in attendance with James & Renae Costabile and William Gruendler attending as first time guests. James and William are #95 & #96 in the number of Charlie Company veterans who have attended at least one reunion!

Friday's event was a Coffee & Cookie Reception and the ladies returned to *Tousey House Tavern* for a luncheon Saturday. The FREE Saturday night's Banquet was attended by 28 and was followed by the Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, Raffle, and pictures.

2019 REUNION

The **Fourteenth** Annual Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 7 & 8. We had 51 in attendance with Ronnie & Teresa Ray's daughter Allison and grandson Ashby and Andy Brower's son, John, attending as first time guests.

Friday's event was a Coffee & Cookie Reception and the ladies luncheon Saturday had 21 in attendance at the *Tousey House Tavern*. Fifty were present for Saturday night's Banquet, followed by the Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, Raffle, and pictures. Reunion perk was a Charlie Company decal and a Charlie's Angels decal at registration. However, a generous and anonymous gift allowed us to give each vet a Tribute Flag after all but the picture taking was finished!

2018 REUNION

The **Thirteenth** Annual Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 8 & 9. We had 48 in attendance with Thomas Peters becoming the 94th Charlie Company vet who has attended a Charlie Company reunion! Robert Yancy's wife, Queen, also attended for the first time.

Friday's event was a Coffee & Cookie Reception. The final Charlie Company Golf Tournament took place Saturday, June 9 at *The World of Golf*. Mike Yelenovic won the trophy and the coveted olive green jacket and his name will be added to the trophy. Andy Adams will be mailed the trophy and he will also inherit the coveted olive green jacket as a memento of his many victories.

The ladies luncheon was well attended at the *Grandview Tavern* in Fort Mitchell. It was still business as usual Saturday night: Banquet, Business Meeting, Memorial Toast, Awards, Raffle winners and pictures. Reunion perk was 1-20 cap. This was our second year to donate \$1000 to *Wreaths Across America* in honor of our KIA's in Vietnam and those who have passed away since we have come home.

2017 REUNION

The **Twelfth** Annual Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 9 & 10. We had 52 present and were happy to welcome Javier (Iggie) & Cheryl Velazquez as newcomers to the reunion! Iggie is now the 93rd Charlie Company vet to have attended at least one reunion. Henry Person was also present as a guest.

The agenda did not change much but the venues did. Friday's event was a Coffee & Cookie Reception. Saturday was the Charlie Company golf tournament 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 were the reunion perk and it was reported this year we also donated \$1000 to *Wreaths Across America* in honor of our KIA's in Vietnam and those who have passed away since we have come home.

2016 REUNION

The **Eleventh** Annual Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 4 & 5. 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. A Challenge coin was the free reunion perk along with bottled water with a big hint label.

2015 REUNION

We returned to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 5 and 6 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 were the other reunion perks. The pins were a small CIB, an 11th Brigade, and a 1st-20th... all suitable for cap display. 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 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 GC* 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.

2013 REUNION

We returned to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 7 and 8 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.

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

Eighteen golfers and hecklers headed out to *Boone Links GC* 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. Blue CIB shirts were the reunion perk this year.

2012 REUNION

We returned to the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 8 and 9 for our **Seventh** Annual Reunion. We had 56 in attendance with Royal & Denise Vanatta and Delton Watt's guest, Rita & Anna Cooper as first time guests. WWII Marine veteran, Ms Grace Eckels made her first appearance and became another Charlie's Angel.

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 as their reunion perk.

2011 REUNION

The **Sixth** Annual Charlie Company Reunion was held at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport* in Florence, KY on June 10 and 11. Our first event was a *BB Riverboats* 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!

Free white polo shirts with VN Ribbon were the first of our reunion perks!

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! These five were: Andy Adam, Carl Edwards, Dean Thiemkey, Don Townsend, and Delton Watt.

Vince Alagia, our defending CCGT champion from last year was unable to attend. Andy Adam 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 were donated for the Raffle.

Tony Nunes has created a group page for Charlie Company vets and family on Facebook named C 1/20. Julia Chisholm has opened a group page for Charlie's Angels.

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! First timers: Vincent Alagia, Mike & Chris Dove, Daniel Flores, Jerry & Laura Groce, Len & Pat Groom, Al & Betty Hammock, Milt Houghton, Tom & Mary Ann Kinch, Mark & Laura Knepp, John Loeb, Tim & Carol McClaughry, Paul & Kay Medlo, Tony & Bev Nunes, Tony Puglia, Richard & Deborah Rey, Robert Robbins, Larry & JoAnn Rodgers, James & Debbie Stephens, Roland & JoLynda Watts, Chuck & Cindy Welegala, George & Sandra Wendell, Ronnie & Mona Williams, and Dennis & Patsy Yother.

All the activities, *Florence Antique Mall*, golf and brunch at *Yesterday's Cafe` & Tea Room* were well attended. Vincent Alagia scored 88 on the par 72-course to win the CCGT.

George Wendell (Little Moose) had the winning ticket drawn by Mary Ann Kinch for her donated quilt. This began our Raffle event for subsequent reunions.

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! Newcomers were: Al Blosser, Charlie & Sandy Brown, James Chisholm, Wayne & Linda Darnell, Charles & Kim Doan, Jerry & Sandy Holloman, Larry & Vicki Konya, Tom & Susan Moore, Roy Otis, Gary & Nancy Rosc, Phil Sherwood, Daniel Simone, and Dave & Ruth Wantland.

Mike Feltes and Bud Vincent began the first of the Charlie Company Golf Tournaments and the ladies had their first visit to *Yesterday's Cafe & Tea Room*. 152 was the latest number of Found Charlie Company vets.

2007 REUNION

Charlie Company held their **Second** reunion on June 8 and 9 at the *Hilton Cincinnati Airport*, Florence, KY. We had forty-six in attendance. New attendees were: Mike & Pat Bingham, John & Lynn Bortorff, Andy Brower, Bill & Denise Donaghy, Jimmie Dubose & Annie, Gary Ellis, Joe & Debbie Francomacaro, Frank Hill, Bob Joyce, Wayne & Beverly Kelly, Russell Miles, Larry Mueller, Tom Munley & son, Gary Oxley, Rosolino Pizzilo, James Taylor, Bud Vincent, and Jim Yunag. Peggy Rasmussen, Patty Stinnett & Liz Unterberger also joined their husbands this year.

We had a free meeting room and could bring our own refreshments but no money to buy them so we began Regional Refreshments by asking those attending to bring a few items from their hometown or state. That tradition will be carried on.

Saturday night included a Banquet and our first Memorial Toast. This website and a newsletter were two results of our first Business Meeting with Debbie Francomacaro became our first editor and Rosolino Pizzilo was selected Treasurer. An Advisory Board was established before the next reunion consisting of Mike Feltes, Dan Malin, Michael Stinnett, Chuck Unterberger and Bud Vincent. A list of 98 Found Members was published and another 41 were listed in the next issue.

We began with just a few awards this year based upon how far you traveled to get to the reunion (closest & farthest) with Gary Ellis getting the Mercedes Benz of MREs to help with his return trip to Washington while Keith Trace received a walking cane to get him back to Ohio. Chuck Seketa received our first Flag Award (a flag flown over the US Capitol).

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! Attending were: Bryan and Peggy Ciula, Mike Feltes, Leonard Hartoonian, Dan Malin, Wayne Rasmussen, Ronnie & Teresa Ray, Mike Stinnett, Keith Trace, Chuck Unterberger & daughter, Duck Watters, Mike & Ursula Yelenovic, and Chuck Seketa (from Delta Co. & Dan Shaw (his aide)). We brought our photo albums and began our memorabilia tradition. We could not believe all that Chuck Seketa had collected about 1-20th which later was included in the <http://www.1-20infantry.com/> website.

2002 Meeting

In the summer of 2002, Bill Allen, Keith Trace, Dan Malin, Mike Stinnett & Duck Watters met one hot afternoon at a Vietnam Veterans event in Ohio. The reunion idea was forming!

2001 Meeting

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