

OC24-69, 50th Company, October 2026 – AT EASE!

Hello 50th Company:

Well, another successful 50th Company reunion is in the history books. Santa Fe, as expected, turned out to be a great location for a reunion. The weather was nearly perfect; there were many attractions to see; and the hotel and restaurant were very accommodating. Best I was able to detect, everyone came away with the “feel good” feeling that has always been typical of our reunions.

This year we tried something new. At our pre-banquet cocktail party we tried setting up a zoom station for classmates that could not attend in person. After some minor technical difficulties, we were able to get zoom operating, allowing us to visit with several classmates who could not attend. Hopefully, we will be able to learn from this experience and make it even better for next year.

Just about everyone that I spoke with at the reunion wanted to know where we are planning for next year. The Planning Group is taking October off to regenerate and will start the decision process for next year’s location next month. By the way, our planning meetings are open to everyone. I will be sending out a zoom announcement towards the end of this month. If you are interested in joining our Planning Group, you are more than welcome. We meet once a month for an hour to take care of business as well as have some fun in the process. It really is more fun than work so please consider joining us. The more the better!

One of the highlights of our last reunion was a video presentation by Mike Gilpin about his upcoming documentary on Vietnam. If you remember, we had Mike scheduled to speak to us in Santa Fe. However, due to his traveling commitment to promote the documentary, he could not attend. Mike and the documentary crew will be on the U.S.S. Midway in San Diego, CA, on November 1, 2026, for a premiere showing. Scott Davis and I will be in attendance. As far as I know at this time, the documentary will be starting on Amazon Prime in the near future. After my trip to San Diego, I will report back to you on the film plus provide any other specifics that I learn.

That is it for now. Again, please consider joining the Planning Group.

Until next time,

Stay Well; Stay Healthy; and above all else, Stay Positive.

Lou

