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50 Years!

That's right. While it doesn't seem like yesterday, it was awhile back. This year we will celebrate the Cav's arrival in Vietnam. We will recognize the "Advanced Party" and those that came over from Ft Carson. This will be our 19th reunion. We have had terrific participation, despite the fact that our numbers have been dwindling. Let's keep it going. My children are scattered, but they have been able to attend several reunions. It's a 2fer. I get to see them and they get to meet some of the greatest guys I've ever known. Bring family and friends.

We were all about twenty at that time, Some Older, Some Younger. Now, we will be lucky to have twenty years left. My attitude about Vietnam has changed as I have gotten older. I now look at it as the education and adventure of a lifetime. I am not at all active in any veterans organizations, except "The Cav". We already know each others war stories. We were there together. I walk into the hospitality room and I feel I am walking among heroes. Friends I knew from the past and some friends I am about to meet. Every year we pick up a few new guys and some that haven't been to a reunion in awhile.

The only Vietnam veterans I run with around here are a few guys I play handball with at the Flint YMCA (We are old, so our sponsor is a medical device company). A younger Afghanistan vet related a story about a mortar attack near their recreation center. My friends only comment was, " You guys had a rec center?" I do remember our club in Quang Tri. Run by our poet laureate, Jim Littlepage. I can't remember the name of the guy before him. It was usually a job awarded a field soldier as he got short. The NCO's had the B&B lounge. Established by Don Bunch and Joe Byrne. Both are in " Fiddlers Green". I remember them coming to one of our first reunions. They hadn't seen each other in thirty years. Joe from Indianapolis, Don from Radcliff, Ky. drove together to Las Vegas. Two of the Cav's Best.

See you in Nashville, John Sharpe 2nd Platoon 69/70

VA Computer and Cell Phone Apps

"All you need to connect to healthcare at the Department of Veterans Affairs is a computer, tablet , or smartphone.

Last August, officials unveiled a special app, the VA Video Connect, and so far 20,000 veterans have used it to increase their access to 4000 VA providers and cut down on travel time.

With the app, you can connect to a virtual medical room, just like you were meeting in person. You can have an appointment without ever having to leave home. (For Details,) go online to (mobile.va.gov/appstore) and read the FAQs.

Note the link to the test site to ensure your devise is compatible. If you have an iPhone, you will end up at the Apple app store for your free download. For an Android devise, you will find instructions linked from the page. On the same page are other applicable VA apps. There is a scheduling app so you can make appointments for primary care. See the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) app for help with managing daily struggles due to PTSD. If you have a problem with mood, check the Anger and Irritability Management skills app"

(The article from which the above was excerpted was authored by Freddy Groves for "Veteran's Post" in the New Mexico Marketplace magazine, July 2018) Thank you Bob Richards for sharing this with the Trooper

A-TROOP 4/12 VIETNAM REUNION RESERVATION FORM

>>> Print this page and mail completed form with a check payable to: MRP, Box 1588,
Colleyville, TX 76034

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		Reunion Registration Fee – Member (non-refundable)	\$50 pp		
		Registration- Spouse/Guest <u>Must</u> indicate number attending	Free		
Thu 11/8	0900-1500	Event A: Nashville City Tour & CMHOF	\$55 pp		
Fri 11/9	1200	Ladies Luncheon – <u>Must</u> indicate number attending	included		
Fri 11/9	1730-2130	Event B: Grand Ole Opry	\$65 pp		
Sat 11/10	1100-1430	Event C: General Jackson Showboat Lunch Cruise	\$75 pp		
Sat 11/10	1800	Farewell Banquet Dinner – make selection below			
		Roasted Turkey Breast	\$50 pp		
		Honey Glazed Pork Loin	\$50 pp		
		Apple & Brie Stuffed Chicken Breast	\$50 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after September 26, 2018)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
TOTAL					

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST: _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ST: ___ ZIP: _____
PRIMARY PHONE: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: WHEELCHAIR LIFT, DIETARY, ETC.: _____	

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.
- There is a \$10 per person refund processing fee. Requests must be made in writing prior to the cut-off date.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee until Midnight before the 1st day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins – notification in writing must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee.
- Email/Mail notice for cancellations required.

Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7

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Remember these things to get to Reunion Planners web site for Registration

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Reservations must be made directly to the hotel using the following information.

Maxwell House Hotel, A Troop 4/12 Cav Reunion
2025 Rosa Parks Blvd.
Nashville Tn. 37228-1505
1-615-259-4343
mention: A Troop 4/12 Reunion



Sniper Tom McPhee 1st Platoon, Bob Rebbec 2nd Platoon and Dennis Patrick 3rd Platoon

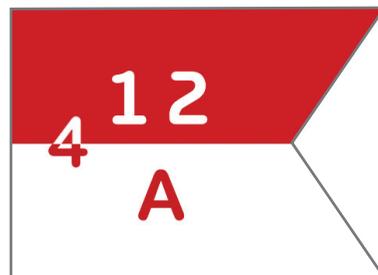
Last year I heard of a shooting match based on the bucket scene in the movie *Quigley Down Under* and I decided I HAD to do that. Denny Patrick was interested in seeing it too so we planned to go to Forsyth, Montana for the 27th annual Matthew Quigley Buffalo Rifle Match held over Father's Day weekend. (you can check it out on the web if you are interested). I remembered that Tom McPhee was a serious shooter as well, so I contacted Teri and Tom who , it turned out , live just a few hours from Forsyth! They were excited and decided to join Denny and me. I am so glad we could get together, it was a wonderful few days of camping, shooting and camaraderie.

Teri was our gracious and generous camp cook, Denny was my life saver. There was lots of walking and he pushed my gun cart up hill and down as my emphysema and the bit of extra altitude was kicking my butt. And " Sniper Tom" was free with some helpful shooting and reloading tips from his 20 year's experience shooting high power rifle competitively. Tom and I both practiced during the week and shot in the match Sunday. (Saturday it was rained out.) Needless to say we did not win. Shooting with iron sights at ranges 350 to 800 yards ain't easy for old eyes !! Plus we are both total FNGs to this type of shooting. And Tom was not shooting his own rifle. And did I mention it Rained? And the moon was outta phase. And well you get the picture . Maybe next time.

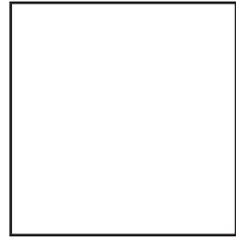
I think we all had a good time. There are no words I can put to what it's like when I can share feelings with a fellow A Trooper. I hadn't seen Tom in years but we were on the same page almost instantly. The older I get the more I realize the impact my experiences both in the RVN and our "welcome" upon coming home have had on making me who I am. There is nothing I can imagine more comforting than talking with another like-minded A Trooper!

Rumor has it this may have been the last Quigley shoot. I certainly hope not, but if it was, I'm grateful for the experience and if there is another shoot next year I hope to be there again enjoying Teri's cooking and being with Tom and Denny. Bob Rebbec, 2nd Platoon A Troop 4/12 Cav. RVN 69-70

Editors note, I would like to thank Bob for sending this to me. I am always looking for material I can share with the Troop. It rings true the gathering of Troopers always brings a smile to a face and peace to the Heart.



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