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Reunion: May 16 - 19, 2013 Colorado Springs, CO.



7th BN - M110

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Next Reunion: See page 5 for details on our Colorado Springs Reunion at this Marriott Hotel. Start planning NOW!

Pack Your Duffle & Do the Shuffle, and meet your old comrades!



MEET YOUR BUDDY:

Don't assume that your buddy will show, contact him NOW! E-mail "Davo" for the current member list, or ask about those you want to see there. We have many leads on Vets.



The...HIGHLANDER

7/15TH REDLEGS - VIETNAM





FIRST FIELD FORCES - VIETNAM - "First for Freedom"

41st ARTILLERY GROUP / 52nd ARTILLERY GROUP - "Big Guns are Ready"

7TH BN, 15TH FIELD ARTILLERY - "You Yell, We Shell Like Hell"

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To our new association members; WELCOME HOME! We are confident you will value this connection with those who also served in your unit. The connection occurs in various ways: newsletters published a few times a year, a reunion every other year, an outstanding website and the ability for you to reach individuals you served with via the new member contact section or the full membership roster.

All vets are urged to participate by sending photos/articles/letters to the editor for possible inclusion in the newsletter or website. Importantly, please send our group leader Dave, copies of old rosters and orders with names of vets. This gives Davo more names to track down as he works to grow our ranks.

Association dues are \$12 per year, preferably early in the year so we can plan our work for the year. All funds go toward newsletters, the terrific web site, office supplies and vet searches. None of the association leaders are paid for their efforts.

Contact Davo for lists of current members, vets wanted, and deceased. Visit our website for History, Photos, Articles, Vietnam BN Newsletters, & Vet Benefits. Sign the Guestbook, ...if someone searches for you, your name will appear. Best Wishes, Phil & the Association Leadership



"INCOMING" !!! - New Comrades, by ...Davo

Know a Vet who isn't receiving our newsletters, let us know! Please send in old orders & rosters with names to search! Contact: "Davo" at 1-414-464-2939 hidavo@earthlink.net "Help us find more vets from the 15th FA Regiment"



<u>VET SEARCHES:</u> Help Davo by doing it yourself or pass on leads to him. (Total, all located: aprox. 1300)
7/15th FA LISTS Available: 800+ Members & 400 Deceased (w/19 KIA) in MS Word, 2040 Wanted: MS Excel via e-mail..

<u>Vets who Move:</u> We average 15-20 returned newsletters per issue. Help us save postage and help you stay in touch. Let us know when you move, change E-mail addresses or phone numbers. (Those returned issues marked "TEMP AWAY" assume address is correct.)

This issue of the HIGHLANDER is being sent to 898 veterans of the 15 FA Association and/or family members.

7/15TH FA VETERANS FOUND: After July 10, 2012: (Will continue searches to Mar 2013) (Svc-Dates 12/69-70 is Dec to Dec)
Doran "Jay" Murphy 12/69-70 A-Bty Sgt5 13E/FO D'Iberville MS 228-396-xxxx @bellsouth.net
Gary D. Rakes 12/69-12/70 A-Bty Sp4 13A Waynesville NC 828-216-xxxx Linda: @yahoo.com
NOTE: Due to illness, vet searching & cold calling slowed way down. I'll try some calls if I feel better soon? For those I gave phone
Numbers to, I suggest you try them yourself for now. Davo

<u>6/15 Contacts:</u> Dick.Brown@speaskeasy.net <u>John Sarantakes:</u> jsarantakes@kc.rr.com <u>Gaither Kitchell:</u> gatorpub1@embarqmail.com <u>6/15th Contact and "Wanted" Lists: <u>Charles Sones:</u> cesones@frontiernet.net 928-333-7271</u>

6/15th FA VETERANS FOUND After July 10, 2012:

Frank A Hare 1969 HHB, Apple Valley CA, 760-247-xxxx

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING VETERANS

7/15th FA DECEASED VETERANS:

Sp-4 Lawrence F Edwards 70-71 C-Btry PFC 13A 25 Feb 50 - 3 Oct 06 Albuquerque, NM LocateGrave:Svc# orig CA, relatives? Sp-4 Steve Gates 6/67-6/68 A-Btry 13A; 4 Sep 46—11 Sep 12, Janesville WI Online Obit

Sp-4 Thomas E. Jackson 68-69 C-Btry 13A SSG/Ret'd 6 Sept. 47 - 16 Apr. 2010 Columbus, GA (Orig TN) findagrave.com/Relatives Pfc William C "Smiley" Miller 68-69 HHB 13A via Greg Findon: died aprox. yr 2000 from cancer, Allentown PA. Relatives?

Sp-4 Lucious McMurray Jr. 67-68 HB/Supply 27 Oct 46 - 8 Mar 05 Paterson NJ w/Mom listed deceased/old addy, old: 201-345-1989

Sp-4 David C Nelson 69/70 A-Btry Sp4 13A 4 Apr 49 - 27 Feb 11 Borden IN, SS#/OrigKY, wife Dorothy: contact long ago, no reply Sp-4 Windel Wayne Tuten 70-71 C-Btry Sp-4 13A 17 Jul 42 - June 1978 Svc# Match Perry FL Relatives?

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Pfc Theodore J Woelfel 67-68 B-Btry RTO 14 Aug 45 - 21 May 2012 Center Township, PA Obit:VVA / obitsforlife.com/Relatives Sfc James Woods 6/69-70 B-Btry Chf/Smk 25 Apr 32 - 27 Sept 2011 Cordova TN, visas#, was Memphis, MSG retired Korea/Nam

6/15th FA DECEASED VETERANS:

Mike J Howell Svc-Btry 65-69 1SGT Supply Died 9/2/12 Leavenworth KS 913-727-1668, Relatives?
Rochester Johnson 1969 SFC, CD name, Svc#Match at Locategrave: 1930-2008 El Paso TX, Originally SC, Relatives?
Roger L Medrano A-Btry 67-68 SGT 2/2/43 - 11/11/10 Katy TX, SS# match/addy/Truett St, Houston, obit, relatives: Irene, son jr. Paul Mieth 1969 HHB SP4 Mechanic, Died 7/29/11 Buffalo NY

MAY OUR COMRADES REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

Death of 6/15 Soldier 50 Years Ago Remembered

The VFW Magazine's October, 2012 issue included an article on hostile actions occurring in Korea's DMZ. The article highlighted the killing of Pfc. Richard J Rimer of B Battery, 6th of the 15th Artillery, 7th Division. Pfc. Rimer was on guard duty near the village of Hyang Yang the night of October 3, 1962 when he was shot four times to the head and chest and stabbed eight times. A bayonet and shells used in Russian made weapons (both of which were known to be carried by North Korean Special Forces) were found near the body. Pfc. Rimer was the first American killed on the ground by North Koreans since Korean War cease fire.

A memorial to US and South Korean troops attached US units killed in South Korea since the end of the Korean War was dedicated on June 2, 2012. It is located at the US Army Garrison Yongsan near the 8th Army Headquarters. Pfc. Rimer's name is included among the 92 Americans listed.



15TH FA MEMBERSHIP UPDATES (PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO!)

Updates: 414-464-2939 leave message if no ans.

Please contact us with names of those who are not on our mailing list or those who are deceased.

(Contact Davo for a list of 6th & 7th BN historical docs available via e-mail, or locations to search online.)



VETS WHO MOVED: UPDATE Addresses, Phone, Apt. #, E-Mail to hidavo@earthlink.net or 414-464-2939. Newsletters sent 1st Class w/ "Return Service Requested" requires the PO to return the issue to Davo. so we know you moved. Most returned newsletters with new addresses are changed for the next mailing, but not re-sent. You will get the next issue. E-Mails are the primary form of contact between comrades. We currently show 67 E-mails that bounced back as undeliverable some whose firewalls will not let us through. If you haven't heard from others, please update your information to be listed.

7/15TH Changes after July 10, 2012: (For issues returned as "TEMP AWAY", Please advise second residences.)

E-Mails:

John Barnhill: Goliad, TX 77963?-0419 Old: 713-755-xxxx Old: @aol.com/User Unkn ???

Sam Carpio: Trinidad, CO 81082 Old: 719-846-xxxx?? E-mail: ?? Carl Clark: Gotha FL 34734? 407-253-xxxx? No contact yet, tried address

Gary Deyo: @frontierenet.net Greg Findon: @ptd.net 610-360-xxxx

Bill Hutchins: @gmail.net

Marion "Allen" James: @gmail.com

Tim Kilgannon: Ft Mill SC 29707? W:540-533-xxxx? H: 803-431-xxxx/xxxx? News issue sent.

Lewis Kleinkauf N. Kingston RI 02852 old: 401-295-xxxx NIS or 915 Tenrod?

Roy McCrary: Bastrop TX 78602 512-496-xxxx

Dave Olson: PO Box Portland, ME 04103 Old: 207-767-xxxx @maine.rr.com

Richard Pennell: Richmond TX 77407 832-686-xxxx @yahoo.com

Teddy Roberts: rec's mail at Moms: Clebunre TX 76033 no phone Mom: 1-817-645-xxxx

Dale "Mike" Schumm: Murrieta, CA. 92563 1-951-696-xxxx @verizon.net

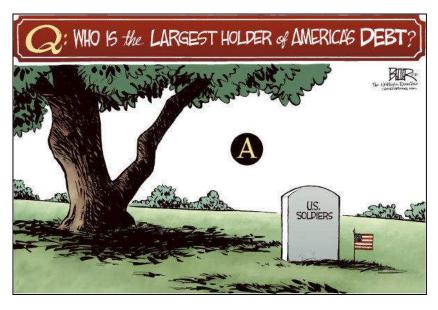
Jim Sissell: Las Vegas NV 89115 as of Oct 1, no ph yet.

Archie Stanley: Winchester, OH 43110 740-407-xxxx @gmail.com Henry Stewart: Roseville, OH 43777 old: 740-697-xxxx ?? E-mail ?? Albert Washington: Lincoln Park, MI 48146 313-338-xxxx @att.net

Jim Wllmon: Cleveland OK 74020 6/15th changes after Feb 2012:

Stan Hudzinski: at old Middle Rd, E. Comcord NY (add lot #9) 14055 old mobile 716-864-xxxx rings, left message, no reply.

Richard Kucera: PO Box Bennet NE 68317 old: 402-782-xxxx/no ans, old mail @windstream.net unans'd





Join fellow soldiers and veterans for the 15th Field Artillery Regiment Vietnam Veteran's Reunion in Colorado Springs, CO

May 16 – May 19, 2013

We want to welcome you and your family to the 10th Reunion of the veterans of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment. Come join us for a visit to Colorado Springs, CO at the foot of Pikes Peak and the beautiful Rocky Mountains to celebrate your role in the history of the 15th Field Artillery. This is a great opportunity for members of the past and present 15th Field Artillery to gather once again and get to know one another. We promise you a time that you will not forget! **NOTE: This** may be the "**Last call Reunion Issue!!!**

Agenda

Wednesday, May 15 th , 2013 –					
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	- Early arrivals, Marriott Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO				
and the same	- Open day				
<u>Thursday, May 16th, 2013</u> –					
9:00 am – 9:00 pm	- Check in and open registration, Marriott Hotel				
9:00 am – 10:00 pm	- Hospitality Room open until 10:00 pm				
9:00 am – 10:00 pm	- Socialize in the hotel or browse the local area				
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	- Lunch provided in the Hospitality Room.				
Friday, May 17 th , 2013 –					
7:00 am – 8:30 am	- Continental breakfast in the Hospitality Room.				
7:00 am - 10:00 pm	- Hospitality Room open until 10:00 pm				
8:30 am - 12:00 pm	- Optional bus trip/tour to Fort Carson				
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	- Lunch at Fort Carson dining facility (cost \$5)				
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	- Travel back to the Marriott				
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	- Business Meeting (Veterans)				
1 1	- Photo Shoot (All)				
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	- Personal time				
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	- Dinner and entertainment				
Saturday May 19th 2012					
Saturday, May 18 th , 2013 – 7:00 am – 8:30 am	Continental broakfast in the Haspitality Room				
	- Continental breakfast in the Hospitality Room.				
9:00 am – 1:30 pm	 Optional local side trip with lunch (minimum 40 persons): U.S. Olympic Training Center, Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods 				
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	- Lunch provided in the Hospitality Room for those not on the tour				
1:30 pm - 6:00 pm	- Personal time				
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	- Awards presentation, Memorial Service, Banquet, and Raffle/Auction				
(Vets, don't forget to bring a raffle item w/a value of about \$15 or more)					

Sunday, July 4, 2010 –

7:00 am – Breakfast on your own. Restaurant and Starbucks is available.
9:00 am – 11 am - Personal time/ hotel checkout

Reunion Assoc. Registration Costs

<u>CANCELLATIONS OF REGISTRATION FEES MAY BE MADE WITHOUT PENALTY UNTIL</u> <u>APRIL 15, 2013; CANCELLATIONS AFTER APRIL 16, 2013 WILL NOT BE REFUNDED</u> Fee includes:

Transportation to and from the airport to the Marriott Hotel

Reunion gift bag, name tag and welcome packet

Complimentary bottle of wine

Continental breakfast & cold cut lunches

Administrative costs

Friday bus tour to Fort Carson

<u>Fee does not include</u>: Hotel rooms, Friday night dinner and entertainment, Saturday night banquet, or optional local attraction tour on Saturday.

Accommodations and Events

The Marriott Hotel, Colorado Springs will be the headquarters for all events. Room costs are <u>not</u> included in reunion fee and <u>attendees will need to book their own room reservations at the hotel</u>. We have blocked a large number of rooms at the Marriott Hotel from May 16th to May 19th. To make reservations call 1-800-932-xxxx. Tell them you are with the 15th Field Artillery Regiment Vietnam Veteran's Reunion for the discounted rate.

Room costs: \$99 plus tax (approx. \$109 total) double occupancy per night (booked by April 16, 2013). Check in after 3 pm on May 16th; check out by 11 am, May 19th. Rates are also good for 3 nights prior and 3 nights after the event if you choose to stay longer.

All room reservations and payments are made directly with the hotel, not with the Association

<u>Saturday night banquet</u> will be a sit down dinner followed by speakers, presentations and auctions. **Cost:** \$31 per person

Optional Events

Friday, May 17th, 2013 - Optional bus tour to Fort Carson with lunch at a post dining facility (\$5). Also, optional evening dinner and Western show at the Marriott Hotel. Cost: \$29 per person

<u>Saturday, May 18, 2013, Optional Colorado Springs Region Tour</u> (subject to 40 person minimum). Cost: \$27 per person includes lunch

Bus transportation from hotel to the U.S. Olympic Training Center, U.S. Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods and return to the hotel in time to rest and prepare for the evening banquet and events. **Important note:** Optional tour requires walking short distances. School-style bus transportation will be provided, or those who wish to use their own personnel vehicle can do so.

15FA - REUNION REGISTRATION FORM - COLORADO-SPRINGS, CO. MAY 16-19, 2013 (PLEASE SUBMIT <u>ASAP !!! PRINT LEGIBLY!</u>)

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Saturday Evening 6:	30pm Banquet:	No in Party #	x's \$ 31 Each = \$	
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News and More by Phil Maughan

Looking Back

The Vietnam War Commemoration Commission has kicked off the 50th Anniversary recognition of the Vietnam War. While the 15th Field Artillery Regiment will not reach the 50 year anniversary of its involvement in the Vietnam War for a few more years, here is a brief listing of some of the events that were occurring in Vietnam 50 years ago.

August 3, 1962 First Australian advisers arrive

September 1, 1962 US Army helicopter gunships first see combat

December 31, 1962 US troop strength 11,300

January 2, 1963 US advisors suffer 3 KIA and the loss of 5 helicopters in support of ARVN infan-

try in the Battle of Ap Bac against a main line NVA battalion

March 1, 1963 The 25th ID deploys soldiers to Vietnam as helicopter door gunners

From our own history, December 1, 2012 was the 42nd anniversary of the loss of the 7/15 FA Battalion Commander, LTC Raymond Penn, Jr., SMAJ Laverne Coyle, CWO Kenneth Crayne and WO Stephen Sellectt. All were aboard an OH58 which went down at the Mang Yang Pass. You can read more about these men and others who died in Vietnam at www.vvmf.org/thewall or www.vvmf.org/thewall.org

Looking Forward

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the group which raised the money to build the Vietnam Memorial some 30 years ago is now building an Educational Center just across Henry Bacon Drive from the Memorial. The ground breaking for this 35,000 square foot building took place November 28, 2012. When completed, it will have extensive audio visual exhibits tracing the history of the US military from Bunker Hill through today with particular emphasis on the Vietnam War. Visitors will be able to key in a name from the Wall and view a large screen image of the soldier and the available background information about him. The Center will also have a rotating display of some of the more than 200,000 objects which have been left at the Wall in remembrance of those who died in Vietnam. For more information see www.buildthecenter.vvmf.org As you would expect, donations are appreciated.

Thinking of a Trip back to Vietnam?

There are many tour agencies which you can choose from and since I have not made a return trip, I have no recommendations. I did, however, talk with an exhibitor at the VFW National Convention last summer who is a Vietnam vet and co-founder of Vietnam Battlefield Tours. In our short conversation he came across as quite professional and knowledgeable. You can contact the firm at www.vietnambattlefieldtours.com or 877-231-9277. If any of our association members who have traveled back to Vietnam have recommendations or warnings about specific firms, please let me know and I will publish that in a subsequent edition.

Veterans Administration Claims Processing

The VA proudly talks about have processed record numbers of claims in each the last three years but unfortunately the backlog of claims pending decision continues to grow. The VA attributes that disappointing dichotomy to the large number of claims resulting from the expansion of the number of diseases now presumed to be caused by Agent Orange and the high percentage of returning vets from Iraq and Afghanistan filing claims. The VA has announced that the bulge of Agent Orange presumptive disease claims is mostly cleared allowing them to concentrate on others in the backlog. We will watch for signs of improvement. These comments are not meant to keep you from filing a claim. If you have a service related problem, you should file. The country owes you what you earned. I do recommend that you visit a Certified Service Officer associated with a major veterans group. You do not need to be a member of their veterans group; they will help you regardless of your membership. The VA rules are too complex for an amateur to navigate so stick with someone who has the training and does this full time.

7/15TH ARTILLERY "DUES & PX" MAIL-IN COUPON

(Please submit dues early in the year so we can plan our yearly missions!)

Dues pay for: Vet Searches, Website, Newsletters & Expenses. No money paid to all volunteer leadership! Mail to: Mike Donley 4207 W. Reichert Place, Milwaukee WI 53209-3947 414-464-xxxx @aol.com

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All Prices Include Packaging/Shipping View Clearer Images or Print an Order Form at http://www.landscaper.net under PX. THANKS for the AMMO! Especially to those who donate above the normal dues which allows us to keep sending newsletters to all. ...Quartermaster/Treasurer Mike Donley, and the Association!!

6/15TH BATTALION PAGE... by Davo



6/15th FA M-101 105mm Towed Call Sign: "DEADLY"

6th BN Guns were air-lifted into remote areas the 7th Bn. Howitzers couldn't go.

6th Bn List: Charles Sones: 928-333-xxxx @frontier.net



Reunion 2013:

As of July 2012, aprox. 90 of 300 6th BN Vets on the original wanted list are receiving the newsletters.

A Vet or two are helping Charlie Sones locate 6th BN Veterans in hopes of meeting them at our next reunion. Charlie could use more help!

Charlie now has 2 lists of about 625 names, Many need to be called to verify information we already have or to cold call. The balance need to be searched. It may be possible to use Davo's password to search the militaryusa website for data such as the state the Vet was from.

There may be a 6th BN. Vet in your area! Please help Charlie locate Vets for an even greater 6th Bn. turnout for the Reunion.

6th Battalion Veterans:

Ask Charlie to send you the "Wanted" list for the 6th BN.

If you don't have a computer or don't go online, ask a relative to send Charlie an e-mail so he can send a member list to be printed out for you.

Don't hesitate! Search for a buddy from your battery. It is best to make contact ASAP. Start planning NOW to meet your 6th Battalion comrades at our next reunion.

6th BN History:

Gaither Kitchell had all 6th BN history to be found at the National Archives in College Park, MD., scanned and sent to him. They fit on a (3 CD set). \$15.00.

Davo has some 6th BN documents under 10BM's that can be sent via e-mail. These include some ORLL quarterly reports from the 6th BN, and infantry units served under. The CD's include 6 BN history, a timeline, 1969 BN Newsletters, some names, and daily logs.

Towed Howitzer T-Shirt:

Medals of America is still running the new design: Item # T659 off-white T-Shirt with a towed howitzer. KING of BATTLE. Large on back, small "King of Battle" logo on the front. (www.medalsofamerica.com)



Returned Newsletters:

As always with the 7th BN, a few 6th BN NEWS issues were returned as undeliverable or unable to forward. Please contact Charlie or Davo if you know where Stan Hudzinski on Middle Rd in East Concord NY is. I added Lot # 9 to his info.

NEW Names found!!:

While looking for 6th BN info for a Vet, (15) issues of the <u>"Hell Fire Herald"</u> Vietnam BN newsletters were found in the CD set that Gaither Kitchell sent in.

They all have 1969 dates on them, but the volume numbers seem to be incorrect. Most are four pages long. Most of the names listed are promotions in rank, awards, etc. I have printed them and plan to bring a few to the next reunion.

Within the news issues were found about 325 new names to search. Most of the names do not have middle initials and we could use help ID'ing the whole name/s, or what state or city they were from.

Contact Davo via e-mail for a copy of the new or old lists. hidavo@earthlink.net

Reunion 2013: BE THERE!

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