



Report On Attendance at the Funeral of
Master Sergeant Clint R. Marshall, (USA, Ret.),
Former Platoon Sergeant, Recon Platoon, Delta Com-
pany, 2d Battalion - 8th Cavalry, 1965-66



Clint Roger Marshall died February 10, 2008 at age seventy nine. He had been ill for a while, but well looked after by medical personnel, friends and family. He died in Snyder, Oklahoma southwest of Oklahoma City, where he had been born and raised and where he had spent his life when not stationed elsewhere during his 22 years in the Army.

An older brother who served in the Navy during WW II was killed during the landings on Okinawa, when a kamikaze struck his destroyer. Clint enlisted in the Army in 1948 at age 19, completed infantry basic and advanced individual training and jump school and was then assigned to the 82d Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg. He later served with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell and also in Korea and Germany. He married a hometown girl, Jo Ann Hines, and they had seven children: Connie Jo, Jamie Dee, Betsy Ann, Ginny Lynn, Cindy Lou, Roger Lyle and finally Jay Dalton who died in infancy.

Clint and I met in early 1965 at Ft. Benning when we were the Platoon Sergeant and Platoon Leader respectively of the Recon Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion - 511th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 11th Air Assault Division, soon to be redesignated Company D, 2d Battalion - 8th Cavalry. We hit it off immediately. While I would leave the platoon in June 1965, I remained in the company as XO for another eight months and so we remained close. He would spend some eighteen months as the Recon Platoon Sergeant including the unit's first year in Vietnam.

On leaving Vietnam in the summer of 1966 we were both assigned to the 82d Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg although in different brigades and saw each other occasionally over the next year. I have a vivid recollection of having been invited to dinner at the Marshall's home in Fayetteville and of their three youngest children there. I was reassigned after a year and we lost touch for the next forty one years. He retired from the Army in 1970. He used to tell people that when he was leading he had never lost a man.

Thanks to the Angry Skipper Association, (Henry Cruz, Skull, 1970-71), I obtained Clint's phone number and called him in November of 2007. He was not feeling well but was at home and we had two long and very satisfying talks on the phone. He sounded exactly as he had over four decades before. We talked over old times and in particular our battle on 4 November 1965 in the Ia Drang Valley. (After Action Report posted at <http://angryskipperassociation.org/>) I discovered that his first wife, Jo Ann Hines Marshall, had died in 1987 and that he had remarried. His wife Reba and I spoke on the phone. She and Clint had known each other since childhood. We planned to link up at the Angry Skipper reunion in Salt Lake City in May 2008.

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Walking Point

The newsletter for D Co. 2/8 Vietnam 1965—1972

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Funeral of MSG Clint R. Marshall (Ret), Echo/Recon, 65-66 (cont.. from page 1)

Clint's condition got worse over the winter and I resolved to go to visit him. Reba and I spoke several times but I never again spoke to Clint. I did not get there soon enough. On arrival in Oklahoma City the morning of February 11th, 2008 I called Reba who told me he had died the day before.

I drove to Snyder and visited with his family and friends at Clint's casket that afternoon. His family welcomed me with open arms. I was introduced to several men and women who had known Clint all his life. I knelt by his casket and offered a prayer. We adjourned later to the home he had built near a lake north of town.

On February 13th, following a well attended church service, Clint was buried with full military honors in the cemetery where his mother lies. The cemetery is in an area of low hills and red granite. Many of the headstones are of that material, as is Clint's. It was a beautiful sunny clear day on the plains. The burial detail, firing squad and bugler - artillermen from Ft. Sill to the east - performed with crisp precision.

Reba had asked me among others to speak at the graveside. I pointed out the importance of the platoon leader-platoon sergeant relationship, said that Clint Marshall had had the magic of small unit leadership, marveled at the gift that small-town-America continues to provide the nation's military by way of its sons and daughters and finally suggested that if our national leadership did half as well as Clint Marshall had, the nation would be far better off than it is.

Afterward, the family and some friends and neighbors returned to Clint's and Reba's home by the lake and we talked and remembered late into the night.

By: *Franklin W. Trapnell Jr. (COL, USA, Ret) D, 2/8 CAV Platoon Leader/XO, 65-66*



ASA 2008 Group Picture: Salt Lake City, Utah

Salt Lake City After Action Report

The weather was perfect. Low to mid 70's and warming up on Friday and Saturday. The surrounding mountains were still snow capped. Golfers began arriving Sunday, May 11th and played golf every day during the week. We hung the USA Flag, 1st Cav Division Flag and the POW/MIA flag off the 2nd floor balcony over the pool area. Our hospitality suites were on the ground floor, poolside. Our registration was set up in the adjoining room, poolside, as well.

On Friday evening we all enjoyed an outside BBQ of hamburgers and hot dogs along with 8 other Hors d' Oeuvres selections. A 4 piece band played background music while we caught up on old times while sitting around tables set up around the pool. 1SG William "Glenn" Tramel (Demon 9, D Company, 2/8th CAV, OIF 2006-2008) and his wife, Nyhma, joined us. They were greeted with open arms by all members of ASA.

We all left the hotel for a tour of Park City Saturday morning. We



Poolside BBQ settings.



Park City Tour group at Olympic Sports Park

Hemphill (ret) (Bn Cmdr, 2/8th CAV 65-66). After the programs, the 8 piece band kicked it up a notch for dancing and fun.

We had the distinct privilege of meeting 1SG Tramel and his lovely wife, Nyhma. He expressed, on behalf of the Demon Company, a warm thank you for the support the ASA members gave during their deployment in Iraq. Thank you to the Demon Company, who now train at Ft. Hood, for the bouquet of flowers for our registration desk. D 2/8th is now training for another possible deployment back to Iraq late this year or early next year. We will continue to support those who carry on the legacy of D Company, 2/8th CAV!

Reunion Stats:

of Registrations: 69 Not attending: 2 (items mailed)

Onsite Registrations: 3

Friday Poolside BBQ: 96 Saturday Park City Trip: 90

Saturday Banquet: 120

57.5% paid by Credit Card; 43% paid by check

31 members donated \$10,218.98

took a guided tour of Olympic Sports Park and everything was moving smoothly until a few 65-66 members (airborne) saw the zipline. The word was, that in order to keep your airborne wings, you had to take the ride on the zipline. It was similar to a drop from a 10 story building at 50 mph for 57 seconds. All of the earlier airborne members took the challenge, including their wives. We left Olympic Park and headed into downtown Park City to the "No Name Saloon" for lunch. The entire trip and meal was organized by Michael Martin (Skull 6, 70-71). Thank you LT!

Our speakers for the Saturday banquet were COL Frank Trapnell (ret) (Platoon Leader/XO 65-66) who introduced MG John



MG John Hemphill introduces LTG Martin (USAF, retired). LTG Martin is Michael Martin's (Skull 6, 70-71) father.



Above: Zip Riders: (left) John and Pat Bourdelais (Skull, 70-71) and (right) is Stacey Smith, Register With Ease.

Margie and Henry Cruz (Skull, 70-71) doing the 2-step at the banquet.



Nyhma and 1SG William "Glenn" Tramel
Demon 9, D Company, 2/8th CAV, OIF 2006-08
Poolside during Friday's BBQ

65-66 Group - Left to Right: Randi Kline, Frank Trapnell, (XO) Mrs. Liz Trapnell, Chuck Kline, Doc Wilson (medic). Sitting is Mrs. Peggy Hemphill, MG John Hemphill (Battalion Commander), COL Bob Batts , (Commanding Officer)



L to R: John Lee (Range, 68-69) and Ed Regan (Range, 68-69)

Neil Shipp Brown , KIA 2May69

There was an explosion on 2May69, followed by a brief firefight in which Neil Brown was killed. Top grabbed two of us, John Lee (Range, 68-69) and myself, to carry Neil out of very thick bush. As a cherry I could barely walk with my own stuff, but John and I managed to get him out of there.

In 1998, at the Charleston reunion hosted by Jim (Skull, 68-69) and Nancy Nix, I heard John talking about how hard it was to get Neil out and something about a damn cherry helping him when I confessed it was me. (John & I did not know each other in Nam) Since then, John and I have paid our respects to Neil and the others at the Wall in D. C. When we voted to go to Salt Lake City, both of us wanted to see if we could find Neil's final resting place, as we knew he was from Salt Lake City.

The internet showed us he wasn't in a national cemetery, so John and his wife, Jan, hit the records places in Salt Lake City and we finally found a good lead. We went to the Utah State Archives just after it closed on Friday. We got the guard to come over and he gave us a phone number of a Viet vet who worked in that office. He said his vet buddy might be in Saturday from 9 to 1 p.m. I called him while on the bus to Park City and 2 minutes later had the address and directions to the cemetery where Neil was buried.

On Sunday morning Al Seal (Range, 71-72), Dirk Olson (Skull, 71-72), Everett "Corp" Tolbert (Skull, 69-70), John Lee and I found ourselves doing a grid search in a cemetery until we found Neil (the grave locator office was closed). Corp said a nice prayer and we all paid our respects to a fallen brother. I don't know why, but I'm proud of the fact that we got him out of there and to say goodbye to him here. To me, that's what we're all about. *by Chuck Hustedt (Skull, 69)*

More pictures from the reunion in Salt Lake City





Last four Demon 6 (Company Commanders) of **D Company, 2/8th CAV, 1st CAV Division**

L to R: James Mijares (08-Present), Mike Doyle (07-08), Jerome Barbour (06-07) and MAJ Mark Weaver (05-06)

WORTH A MENTION: This years reunion included 2 Battalion Commanders of the 2/8th CAV. Spanning the Vietnam service years of D 2/8th CAV were MG John Hemphill (65-66) and COL Thomas Blagg (71-72). John Lee (Range, 68-69) and Chuck Hustedt (Skull, 69) found and visited the grave of Neil Shipp Brown, KIA 2May69. Ramiro De La Garza (Skull, 70-71) was able to buy 2nd row tickets for the final Jazz/Lakers game. 1SG William Tramel (Demon 9) was overwhelmingly voted as Honorary Member of ASA. The airborne members were able to re-qualify for their jump wings at the zipline in Olympic Sports Park. Chuck Kline (Recon/Weapons, 65-66) sat with his Battalion Commander, Company Commander and Platoon Leader for the first time, after 42 years. Next year, we will be in San Antonio, Texas at the El Tropicano Hotel Riverwalk (<http://www.eltropicanohotel.com/>). Plan to meet again, there.

New Members since the January, 2008 Newsletter:

Richard L. Mazurkiewicz, White Skull, 66-67
 Alexander R. Schillp, Weapons, 65-66
 Norm McDonald, Range, 71

Deceased Member/s: (Date of Death)
 MSG (ret) Clint Marshall, 65-66 (10Feb08)

Membership count:

Active Members: 707
 Members Online: 257



Thanks to **Henry Cruz**, Skull 70-71 (Vice President) for his research and finding our comrades in arms.

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.® Treasurers Report

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®
 Profit & Loss (unaudited)
 January 1 through May 31, 2008

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®
 Balance Sheet (unaudited)
 May 31, 2008

Ordinary Income & Expense

Income

Banquet	\$ 3,136.00
Donations	10,218.98
Membership Dues	1,160.00
Registration Fees	1,180.00
Other Events: Poolside BBQ	1,420.00
Shirts, Hats, Patches	<u>2,551.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 19,665.98

Expenses

Banquet—Fri Event	3,490.95
Banquet—Saturday Event	3,612.09
Funeral/Flowers	163.98
Corporate	75.00
Entertainment—Reunion	5,180.00
Legal	63.75
Insurance	406.00
Member Assistance	405.60
Merchant Account	438.59
Office Supplies	28.83
Postage & Delivery	443.99
Printing & Reproduction	1,127.00
Professional Services—Reunion	1,000.00
Shirts, Hats & Patches	<u>2,378.95</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 18,814.73

Net Income (Loss) **\$ 851.25**

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Checking	\$ 3,095.09
Accounts Receivable	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,095.09</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	3,316.97
Retained Earnings	(1,073.13)
Net Income	<u>851.25</u>

Total Equity \$ 3,095.09

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 3,095.09**

Minutes of the Business Meeting held May 16, 2008 at the Garden Inn, Salt Lake City

Chuck Kline (Recon/Weapons, 65-66), President, opened the business meeting by introducing 1SG Tramel to the members. Robin Woo (Skull, 71-72), Secretary, read last years minutes which were accepted by the membership. The Treasurer's report was presented by Ed Regan (Range, 68-69) Treasurer, and accepted by the membership. A vote for a reunion site for 2010 resulted in St. Pete Beach (St. Petersburg, Florida). Stacey Smith, as well as other members who live in the area, will assist in coordinating and planning the reunion for 2010. The existing Board of Directors were elected for another 4 years. 1SG William "Glenn" Tramel, (Demon 9, OIF 2006-2008) was unanimously voted in as an Honorary Member of ASA, Inc. Announcement was made that the United States Patent and Trademark Office granted a Service Mark patent for "Angry Skipper" to ASA. (Reg. No. 3,4011,340) Discussion was brought by John Lee (Range, 68-69) to bringing together Mike McGhie's (Skull, 68-69) group with ASA's (65-72) group. Rich O'Brien (Cat, 67), Chairman of the Board of Directors, was appointed as arbitrator in communicating with the McGhie group. The design of the logo on our reunion shirts will change for next year to include the CIB, D Co. 2/8th CAV, 1st Aircav, including Division and perhaps the Battalion crest. Henry Cruz (Skull, 70-71), Vice President, discussed the hotel and site location for 2009, in San Antonio (eltropicanohotel.com), and why the Board of Governor's could not arrange for a reunion in Puerto Rico. Simply put; too expensive. ASA will include a section in the registration for the Golfer's to coordinate tee times in San Antonio. Chuck Kline called to adjourn the meeting.

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