



Walking Point

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



30 Minutes Later,

by Kirk Davis, Range 71



Hard to believe but that's me all soaked in sweat, sitting in the middle of a bunker complex about 30 minutes after finding the black, bloated, fly-covered body of a VC under a huge rock outcrop. This was late June 1971 and our company was southeast of FSB Fontaine up in a high saddle of a small mountain. We had just entered this bunker complex/supply depot in Binh Tuy Province minutes earlier and pulled a sweep to locate any remaining VC if they were still in our AO. Right after Range arrived at the entrance to the complex, my platoon leader, Lt. Frank Guidara (Range 6), had me belly-crawl under the outcrop to check for weapons, intel, or anything of military importance. **And man, was I in for a surprise!** It was pitch black under the rock and I couldn't see my hand in front of my face, all except for a sliver of light at the opposite end, and I crawled towards that ... at least until I heard the flies buzzing all around me. That's when I shifted my position and noticed a body within a couple feet of my face. At first I thought he was alive and it scared the hell out of me! I was ready to light him up with my 16 until I noticed he was already beyond anything I could do to him. Apparently the VC hadn't taken the time to

bury their comrade killed in the air strike, so they drug his body about 20 feet back under the outcrop and left it there.

A day or two before we were sent in, a pink team had been snooping

around in the area, and one of the VC took a couple of shots at them. The pink team fired them up, and saw the VC running around everywhere. Arty then hit the place with CS gas.

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San Diego is ready for your arrival!

The **Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside** is located approximately 2 miles west of the San Diego Airport and they have shuttle service to and from the airport. The hotel phone number is **1-619-224-3621**. Keep this phone number handy to call for pickup once you arrive. The hotel has planned a complimentary welcome reception for us on Thursday, June 20th from 5 PM to 6PM in the pool area. They will have a nice variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and full bar (Beer, Wine, Well and soft drinks are free from 5 pm to 6 pm). We are also buying additional food to make it a dinner gathering from 6PM to 8:30PM. We will be having assorted vegetables, turkey, ham, sirloin of beef, stuffed mushrooms, Swedish meatballs and much more. After a long day of traveling or playing in San Diego this will be a good way to spend time with your friends and enjoy good food and drinks. The cost of dinner is \$18 per person. The bar next to the pool will have Happy Hour until 6:30pm.

While in San Diego, you can enjoy the many attractions America's Finest City has to offer. I am getting one bus for two days. The bus will make a tour of the city stopping at the Zoo, SeaWorld, Seaport Village (shopping and dining) and the Hotel Del Coronado. I will have printed schedules upon your arrival. The charge for the bus is \$15 per person, you can ride as often as you like on either day. On Friday, June 21st, we are organizing a trip to the aircraft carrier USS Midway. The Midway saw many tours off the coast of Vietnam and their aircraft probably supported us throughout the course of the war. Plan on at least three hours to see the different levels of the ship and the flight deck. I am sure everyone will enjoy this tour. Lunch is on your own and there are several restaurants in the area to choose from. We would recommend Anthony's Fish Grotto for a great bay view and good food as well. It is walking distance from the Midway.

For the golfers, I have two days of golf planned. On Wednesday June 19th @ 9:30 we will play at The Vineyard of Escondido, the cost is \$30 per person. On Thursday, June 20th @ 10.45, we will play at Riverwalk Golf Club, the fees for this course are \$52, which includes lunch and range balls. We will have a little competition on the side for longest drive and closest to the pin contest. So sign up for the days you want to play golf when you register.

For the ladies, we are planning a little shopping trip. Yes, we know where Stein Mart is and are hoping to go to Seaport Village as well.

Jan and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in San Diego and hope for pleasant weather and a wonderful time with friends, old and new! Bring a light to medium jacket. We have a thing called "June gloom". Sometimes the sun only comes out for four or five hours. We will be right next to the bay so it may be little chilly at night (at least by Southern California standards).

See you in June!
Tom and Jan Vollmar

Note: *This year our caps will be white. Cav patch with CIB on the front, 2/8th Battalion Crest on the side and a Huey on the other side. Shirts will be White this year. CIB and 1st CAV patch embroidered.*



Experience Life at Sea Without Leaving Port!

Imagine experiencing life at sea aboard one of America's longest-serving aircraft carriers. Visitors to the USS Midway Museum enter a floating city at sea and walk in the footsteps of 225,000 Midway sailors who served our country and upheld the American ideals of strength, freedom and peace. <http://www.midway.org/visitors>

The USS Midway Museum is an unforgettable adventure for the entire family. Guests can spend the day exploring more than 60 exhibits with a collection of 25 restored aircraft. The self-guided audio tour, narrated by Midway sailors, brings the carrier's history to life. Those who dare can "take to the sky" aboard one of two flight simulators.



Prepare yourself for a lifetime memory aboard the USS Midway Museum. You'll explore a floating city at sea and relive nearly 50 years of world history aboard the longest-serving Navy aircraft carrier of the 20th century. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour to 60 exhibits throughout the historic aircraft carrier and 25 restored aircraft.



Exhibits range from the crew's sleeping quarters to a massive galley, engine room, the ship's jail, officer's country, post office, machine shops, and pilots' ready rooms, as well as primary flight control and the bridge high in the island over the flight deck. Especially popular are the museum docents you'll meet throughout the ship. Each is eager to share a personal story, an anecdote, or amazing statistic, adding to your amazement throughout your adventure. (Most visitors spend 3-4 hours aboard Midway!)



Family-oriented activities for all ages abound: two types of flight simulators, music videos, short films, climb-aboard aircraft and cockpits, interactive exhibits, "Ejection Seat Theater," and much more.

ONSITE Ticket Prices at the Gate:

\$19 Adults 18 – 61 years old

\$16 Seniors 62+

\$15 Students 13 – 17 with valid school ID

\$10 Retired Military with valid ID

\$10 Youth ages 6 – 12

San Diego, CA 2013 Angry Skipper Association, Inc. Reunion

Our reunion will be held at the **Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside, 4875 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106** from **June 19 thru June 23, 2013**. You must call the Hotel and make your own reservations. Their number is **800.662-8899**. The hotel will honor the discounted group rates for 3 days prior to June 19th and 3 days after June 23rd, for those early arrivals and stay-over's. These **rates are good until May 31, 2013**, so please register before May 31st. **Hotel room rates will revert to market after that date.** The hotel rates are as follows:

Single and Double rate:	\$ 119.00
Triple rate:	\$ 129.00
Quad rate:	\$ 139.00

Online Hotel Reservations are here:

You must tell the Hotel you are with the Angry Skipper Association for these preferred rates. They will not change the rate if you forget to tell them you are with the Angry Skipper Association group.

holinnbayside.com Just minutes from area attractions and the San Diego Airport. Complimentary 24 hour Airport Shuttle Service is available 24 hours a day and can be arranged by calling the hotel after you have retrieved your luggage. Please call the hotel directly @ 619.224-3621 to notify them of your arrival and location. Sign up sheets will be provided in the hospitality room for trips to the Gaslamp District/Horton Plaza/Seaport Village/Old Town. Parking is Complimentary.

The hours for the Hospitality suite is from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. The Hospitality suite will open Wednesday, June 19th at 12:00 p.m. and close at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 23rd. When you arrive, please pick up your welcome package in the Hotel lobby. The package will contain your meal tickets, name tags, agenda, shirts & caps, etc. **(12 STEP MEETINGS AVAILABLE)**

The registration process will be handled by Register with Ease again. VISA and MasterCard will be accepted, as well. Register With Ease has set-up a website for online registrations. Go to <http://www.angrystickipperassociation.org> for a direct link, or you can mail the registration, with check or credit card information, to the address on the registration form. You may also fax the form, with credit card info, directly to Stacey. Or, register on-line, then send the check, payable to Angry Skipper Association, Inc., to Stacey.

Banquet Meal description:

- **Chicken Coq au Vin:** *Tender boneless Breast of Chicken marinated in Burgundy Wine served with Mushrooms & Pearl Onions, finished with a Bordelaise Sauce.*
- **Roast Pork Loin:** *Pork Loin roasted with fresh Rosemary, Thyme and Garlic and serviced with Apple-Cider Sauce.*
- **Vegetarian:** *Pasta Primavera*

New Members since the July, 2012 Newsletter:

Michael Raymond (Frenchie), 70 Cat
Michael Whitfield, 71-72, Cat
Joseph S. Bacsick, 69, Rifle/Range
Rufus Wright, 67-68, White Skull
Jim Cooper, 69-70, Cat

Deceased Member/s: (Date of Death)

Fred Klein, 67-68, Range
Roscoe Cupp, 69-70 Range
Philip Hart, 67-68 White Skull (7Jan13)

Membership count:

Active Members: 666
Members Online: 264





Angry Skipper Association, Inc.™



June, 19 thru 23rd, 2013 Reunion Registration Form San Diego, CA

Name: _____ (AKA) _____ Platoon: _____ Yr(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Ph: _____
 How many will be in your group? _____ E-mail: _____ In Case of Emergency contact: _____
 List First and last names of all in your group: _____

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost/Person</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 19 (Wed)	- 9:30am Golf at The Vineyard	Pay at site	_____	_____
June 20 (Thur)	-10:45am Golf at Riverwalk Golf Club	Pay at site	_____	_____
	- 5:00pm Poolside Reception	Complimentary	_____	_____
	- 6:00pm to 8:30pm Poolside Dinner	\$18.00	_____	_____
June 21 (Fri)	- USS Midway Tour (Transportation only)	\$15.00	_____	_____
June 22 (Sat)	- 4:30pm Group Photo (Everyone) Digital from ASA website		_____	_____
	4:30pm Group Photo (Members Only) Donate for Cost		_____	_____
June 22 (Sat)	- 5:30pm Banquet/Programs/Dancing (meal selection below)	\$38.00	_____	_____
	# Chicken Coq au Vin: _____ # Roasted Pork Loin: _____ # Pasta Primavera _____			
	<i>*see previous page for description of these meal choices.</i>			
Shirts & Caps	Number of Reunion Shirts:	\$26.00	_____	_____
	Sizes: Small: _____ Medium: _____ Large: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____ XXXX: _____			
	Number of Hats:	\$18.00	_____	_____
	<i>Size is adjustable. Order by Apr 30, 2013</i>			
TOTAL EVENTS REGISTRATION				\$ _____

MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION FEE:

Membership Life Card @ \$200 ea. .00
 Registration Fee: _____ 35.00
 Total Registration & Membership Fee: \$ _____ .00
 Contribution/donation: .00
 Total Events Registration from above: _____ .00
TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____ .00

_____ Check here if you are not attending and want shirts & caps mailed to you. Add \$10.00 for postage and handling.

Please register by June 7, 2013. Please complete form and mail with check (payable to Angry Skipper Association, Inc.) or with credit card info to:

Stacey Smith
 Register with Ease
 473 Las Cruces
 Winter Haven, FL 33884
 Ph: 863.325-0077
 Fax: 863.325-0051

PAYMENT METHOD: _____ Check Charge to (check one): _____ MasterCard _____ VISA

Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____
 Month/Year

Signature: _____



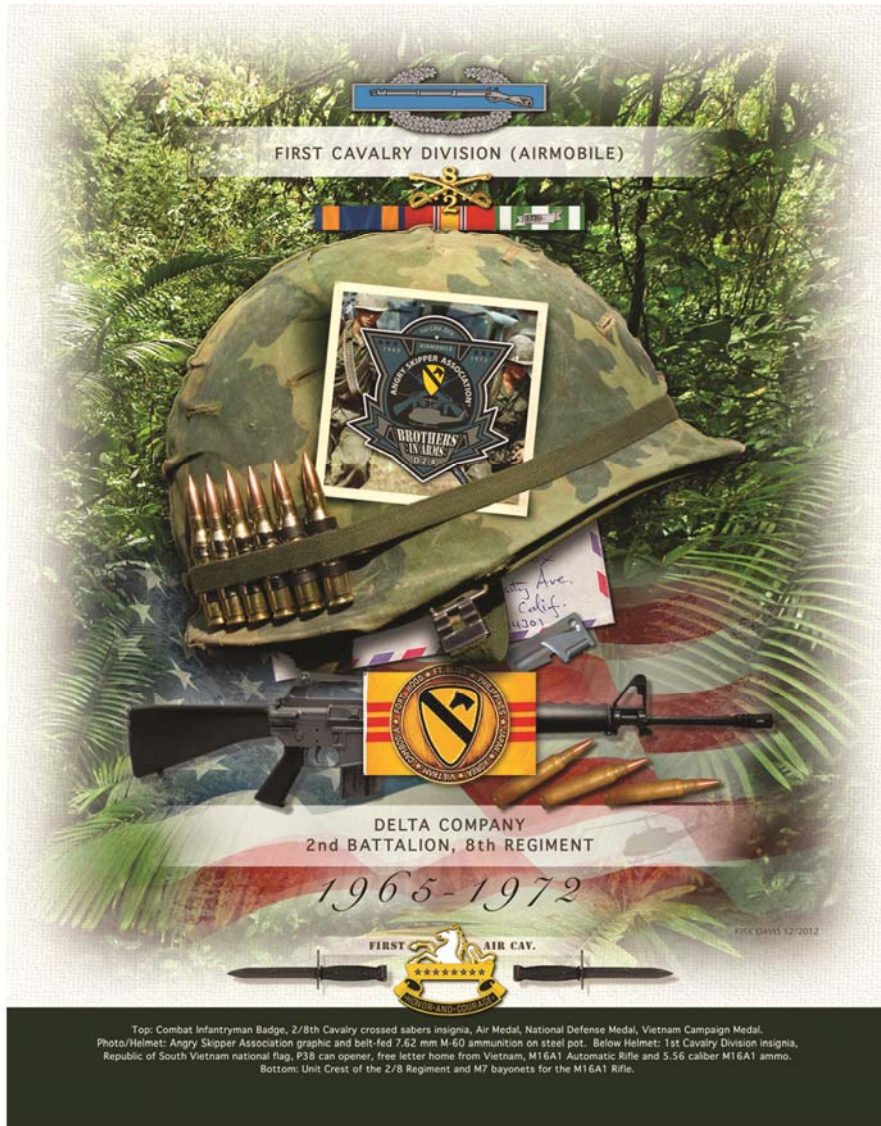
Do not send this form if you registered online at : <http://www.angryskipperassociation.org>

Hotel Reservations, Phone 800.662-8899 or 619.224-3621

Tell them you are with the Angry Skipper Association group. Online Hotel registration at the ASA website.

**You must arrange your own Hotel room. It is not included in this registration.
 Your Welcome Package will be available in the Hotel Lobby. Please pick up your package when you arrive.**

Your Tour in Vietnam



At left is the 11x14 print I'm offering. It's produced on high-quality white cover-weight stock. Go to our D 2/8 Facebook page, download this image, enlarge it and you'll see all the text and details in the Print.

Framed Sample shown below: The 11x14 sample Print below is mounted in a white double-matte, with 16x20 frame and glass. (Sorry, frames are not included in the purchase price. The frame sizes 11x14 and 16x20 mentioned in the text are the standard off-the-shelf sizes, so you won't have to pay any custom framing charges! I have purchased mine at Hobby Lobby in the past for very reasonable prices.)



Your total cost per print is **only \$9.00!**

Here is the design I created for all my Brothers in D 2/8 to commemorate their time in Vietnam. I'm offering this to you at cost, and all I wish to do is recoup my expenses ... I'm not looking to make a profit. The design itself is my gift to all of you. The printing, mailing expenses, etc. are all covered in the cost for the print quoted here.

The print is 11x14 and will be mailed inside a mailing tube and sent U.S. First Class mail. The artwork will be printed on a very beautiful white, 80lb. cover-weight stock. I have done similar projects and mounted them in the white double-matte with glass in a 16x20 frame and they look quite elegant. The



print can also be framed "as is" in an 11x14 frame without a matte. The frame sizes are standard off-the-shelf sizes, no custom framing. A sample design, matted and framed in a 16x20 frame, is shown at upper right to give you an idea of what it might look like when finished.

To order: All you need do is send me the quantity of prints you would like at \$9.00 each, your full name and current mailing address, your email address and cash or a check (No credit cards or money orders will be accepted). Please send all requests and payment to:

Kirk Davis, 206 Marigold, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

(This offer is also posted on the D 2/8 Facebook page for your convenience.)

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.® Treasurers Report

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®
 Profit & Loss (unaudited)
 January 1 through December 31, 2012

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.®
 Balance Sheet (unaudited)
 December 31, 2012

Ordinary Income & Expense

Income	
Banquet/s	\$ 5,895.00
Donations	3,195.00
Membership Dues	2,000.00
Registration Fees	2,480.00
Tours	4,274.00
Shirts, Hats, Patches	<u>3,305.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 21,149.00

Expenses

Banquet—Saturday Event	6,110.31
ASA Website	363.84
Corporate	6.53
Flowers/Funeral	340.46
Insurance	344.00
Legal	00.00
Member Assistance	00.00
Merchant Account	1,335.94
Photographer	100.00
Postage & Delivery	746.44
Printing & Reproduction	977.00
Professional Services—Reunion	3,142.00
Tours (Transportation)	2,227.25
Shirts, Hats & Patches	<u>3,144.44</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 18,988.21

Net Income (Loss) **\$ 2,160.79**

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Checking	\$ 2,003.93
Deposits	900.00
Accounts Receivable	<u>00.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 2,903.93

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	<u>00.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 00.00

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	3,316.97
Retained Earnings	(2,573.83)
Net Income	<u>2,160.79</u>

Total Equity \$ 2,903.93

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$ 2,903.93

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Some of the things we found in this huge bunker complex were a VC clothing factory, a huge food and rice cache consisting of over 24,000 pounds of flour, 2,300 pounds of polished rice, 1,400 pounds of salt, and 22 pounds of Fleischman's yeast. In the arms and ammo department, Delta found seven SKS rifles, one B-40 recoilless, four B-40 rockets, one B-40 booster, three M-79 grenade rounds, a box of 13 Chicom grenades, and one US M-26 grenade. In the clothing department were three Singer sewing machines, numerous black pajamas strung on clothes lines, 280 pounds of cloth in bolts, 100 pairs of unfinished black trousers, 41 ponchos, and a large assortment of buttons, thread, and other sewing equipment.

Last but not least were four brassieres and four pairs of women's pants along with other materiel. Unfortunately, I did not get to see the brassieres! This is the bulk of, but only a partial list of everything found. What really blew my mind was the fact that all the bags of rice we found were imprinted with the USAID logo ... straight from America. I got extremely angry when I saw that. I brought the SKS rifle (pictured), and one other SKS home with me as well as a camo beret. The enemy had fled in such haste that I found the beret and a GI canteen cup of half-eaten rice noodles sitting on a table, benches on either side, and a palm frond roof — their lunch must have been rudely interrupted by the pink team that lit them up. There was so much materiel in the cache, Echo Recon came in to help lift it all out over the next few days. We had a few, very busy days on that mission ... but we felt pretty good about the final outcome.



Thanks go to Frank Guidara, Mike Martin and Bill Neal for contributing some of the background details.

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The Ocean Dunes/Sand Dunes offers an abundance of special amenities to please every member of our group. The Brass Anchor Restaurant & Lounge features an oceanfront dining terrace with daily breakfast. Full American Breakfast Buffet is available to members of ASA at \$9 inclusive per adult. Two children 12 yrs and under eat free with each paying adult. Rooms are \$95 and \$105, inclusive.



Website: <http://www.sandsresorts.com/resorts/oceandunes/>