



# Walking Point

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

## Better Lucky Than Good?



I believe it was Leo Durocher, former Major League manager, who said; "I'd rather be lucky than good." Well, I've certainly been lucky when it comes to my time spent in the Army and my subsequent efforts with our Angry Skipper organization. But, when I really think it over, I feel that God has had everything to do with keeping me safe and providing me with the inspiration and strength to set things in motion that have resulted in a very unique and awesome organization called the Angry Skipper Association. Let me share with you some of the events in my life that can only be attributed to Luck: AKA Divine Intervention.

On January 3, 1969, while we were patrolling North of LZ Rita along the Cambodian border, Range was on the left flank, and we came under fire. I was behind a log and a member of my team, John Lee, stood up with his grenade launcher and started firing rounds toward the bad guys. The shells weren't arming, and he yelled back that he needed a rifle. Since I was the team leader of John Lee, Joe Villa, and Rudy Nuncio (damn LT Jackson for appointing me team leader. I was always a better RTO), I stuck my head up over that log just as John was reaching down to pick up a grenade. He related to me later that he saw the bad guy fire at him just as he bent down, and we both agree that the projectile went through a tree and split. The splinter then went through John's arm and hit me in the upper lip, driving my lip through my upper jaw and somehow deflecting into the soft tissue under my tongue. Well, I started bleeding like a faucet was turned on, and all I could think of was: "God help me." I immediately felt calm and peaceful. I didn't panic, didn't go into shock. I just felt that if this was it, I was ok with it. Perhaps, I was on the edge, but it was ok. I was ready. I accepted it. I felt like I was in a trance. I don't know how long it lasted, but suddenly I was aware of my surroundings and I noticed that the bleeding had stopped. Just like that! "Wow!" I remember saying. "Wow!" To this day, I try to

## Articles of Incorporation and By-laws

On July 8, 2005, Angry Skipper Association, Inc. filed as a non-profit corporation in the State of New Jersey. We have applied for tax-exemption with the IRS and have executed Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. Accordingly, we will vote to ratify the new Articles and By-laws in Orlando. Inserted in this Newsletter is a copy for your review. Any comments, suggestions, concerns or additions should be submitted to any of the officers for discussion.

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remember the sequence of events, but I can only think that my prayer was answered.

Now, I don't know about any of you, but I tried various methods of sleeping comfortably on the ground, and the most comfortable way was to lay on my stomach, with my left arm at my side and my right arm bent at the elbow and my head facing my right elbow. Well, on April 12, 1969, when I was Company Clerk, I lay sleeping in this position on my cot in one of the tents in the rubber plantation in Quan Loi, when all of a sudden, I felt heat, concussion, and pain as the night lit up in bright white. An incoming rocket landed just outside my tent, and of all the places it could have hit on my body, it hit on the end of my elbow. An inch higher, lower, or to either side, and the shrapnel would have gone through my head, but it hit on the strongest part of my body facing the explosion, my right elbow. It even left a unique scar, a perfect horseshoe shape! I guess I was meant to survive both of these events, for a purpose of some kind, I suppose.

On Labor Day, 1987, my niece told me that she saw in the paper a notice of a Vietnam Veterans picnic at Cigna Insurance in Windsor, CT. I asked her if she wanted to go. She said: "Sure, maybe you'll meet somebody you know." I said: "I don't think so, it's been 18 years since the Army, and I've never run into anybody from Vietnam, and I don't think I will now." Well....after we got there, she said: "Hey, look, there's somebody with a hat like yours." I had a hat with a Cav patch on it. I had recently joined the First Cavalry Division Association and had purchased a Cav hat from Crossed Sabers. So, I thereupon met Dennis Sines, who just happened to have served with B 2/8 in 68-69. I told him I was with D 2/8, and he told me that he knew somebody from that unit who lived in East Hartford named Steve Faucher. So, when I got home, I looked up Steve in the phone book and called him. He wasn't home. I told his wife that I thought that he and I had served in the same unit, and that was the reason for my call. I left her my name and planned to call back later. I tried to remember who he might be, and it suddenly occurred to me that the name Faucher is French. Could this be "Frenchy," Range One's point man in May-June 68, who walked in front of me? When I called back in the evening, I got him and asked him if his nickname was Frenchy? He replied: "How the hell are ya?" Well, low and behold, out of all of the endless possibilities of meeting somebody from my unit, I happened to meet somebody who was in my squad. Not only that, I was suddenly introduced to about a dozen other Range guys, led by Range 6 Wayne Tubaugh, who had been meeting since the Wall was dedicated in 1982! I had found an instant network! And, so began my journey to find more...and even more than I could imagine.

I started looking for more guys from Range, and I found some more, but when my leads started petering out, one of the Range guys, Larry Hackett, introduced me to Nick Donvito, who was a P.I. and could run Social Security numbers for me. I searched for Range guys before and after my tour and found a large network of 69-71 guys being coordinated by Garry Bruckner (<http://www.skytroopers.org>). My list started to grow. I started writing a newsletter and sent it out to complete strangers, who had D 2/8 in common with me. It was fun! I even looked up phone numbers in the phone book section of the reference section of Hartford library and found some guys that way. I looked through all of the Hawaii phone books looking for Zenon Wong, and out of the hundreds of Wongs in the phone books, found a number. I allowed for the 5 hour time difference and called him! It was him! Add another name to the list. It was fun!

In 1992, I announced a reunion in Houston for Memorial Day weekend. I just announced it in my newsletter, thinking dozens of guys would just show up. Not quite! It turned out to be primarily a Range reunion at Ken Pierce's house. Besides Ken and I, Art Soper, Frank "Paco" Higgins, and Ken "Little Dick" Patek showed up. The five of us spent the weekend together. But....one other guy did show up, having read the announcement in my newsletter. His name is Rich O'Brien. (Rich personally was responsible for finding over 300 members) Rich didn't hang out with us and stayed with other friends in Houston, but I'd say that Houston 1992 was the first Angry Skipper reunion. I don't know when I started using the "Angry Skipper" ID, but I remembered that Angry Skipper was our radio call sign in the Battalion, and I just started using it.

In 1993, Art Soper said he would host a reunion at his home in San Francisco to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the death of our Range Medic, Doc Carlson. We had a better turnout than Houston. I can't remember everybody who attended, but the one guy who stands out in my mind was somebody who wasn't sure that he wanted to attend for fear of dredging up some bad memories that he thought he had long forgotten. But, he did show up, and I am so glad he did. It was so great to see Mike "Mouse" McGhie again face to face. After he attended, he went on to rocket our organization light years ahead by means of his dynamic website! Art Soper had contacted the various TV News broadcasts, and a reporter by the name of Manuel Gaegus (sp?) showed up and spent a couple of hours with us. Our

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reunion turned out to be the top of the news for the City of San Francisco for Memorial Day weekend, 1993. This was more than fun! Now, I'm not much for public speaking, but I did muster enough strength to try to say something profound, and I don't know what came over me, but my parting comment to Manuel was: We have a saying; "Remember the bad times once, remember the good times forever!" It just came out, and I'm so glad it did.

We met in Las Vegas in 1994, didn't meet in 1995, met in Las Vegas in 1996, St. Louis in 1997, Charleston in 1998, St. Louis in 1999, Las Vegas in 2000, San Antonio in 2001, Washington, D.C. in 2002, Chicago in 2003, San Diego in 2004, and Las Vegas in 2005. What started with 6 guys in Houston in 1992 has grown into something phenomenal, to say the least. And, with the meeting this past weekend in Sacramento, attended by Rich O'Brien, Chuck Hustedt, Robin Woo, and myself, I feel that our organization has passed through a tumultuous trial and error period and has entered a new phase of maturity. Time will tell, but I have faith in the organization and the dedicated men who are giving their best, for the good and the future of our organization named Angry Skipper Association, Incorporated.

Lucky? Good? I'm reminded of a story: Many years ago, a father dropped his son off at school in Armenia. During the day, there was a tremendous earthquake. The father dug his way out of where he was and ran to the school where he had dropped his son off that morning. It was a pile of rubble. So, he ran to the top of the pile and started to dig and dig and dig. He dug for 36 hours straight, and then he thought he heard something. He put his mouth to the ground and yelled: "Armand, are you there?" "Yes, father, I'm here," he replied. "Are you safe," the father shouted. "Yes, I am," he replied, "there are thirteen of us down here." And, so Armand was rescued along with his classmates. Armand had told his classmates: "If my father is alive, he will not rest until he reaches me, he will not rest until he saves me."

I believe that we too have a father, a Heavenly Father, who will not rest until he reaches you, will not rest until he saves you, and when he saves you, he's going to use you to help somebody else.

I hope that I have helped some of you. Many of you, most assuredly, have helped me.

Honor and Courage  
Range One India

### Membership Committee



Gene Wills has agreed to be the Chairman of the Membership Committee. The membership committee's purpose is to locate former D 2/8 soldiers who we have not yet identified or located. This will also include members who have moved and we no longer have a current address. We would like to consociate efforts in attempting to locate former soldiers. Company rosters and orders will greatly aid in this effort. We will need some volunteers to assist Gene on this committee.

*By Rich O'Brien*

#### **New Members during 2005:**

Alex Altamirano  
Allen Deyo, Weapons, 1966  
Brian Kuester, Skull, 66-67  
Jorge "Dee" Diaz, Weapons, 66-67  
Terry Skidmore, Skull, 70-71  
Richard Sedgwick, Cat, 65-66  
Wayne Sayer, Skull, 70-71  
Victor Stacy, Cat, 66-67  
Richard LaValley, Skull, 70-71  
Thomas Blagg, Battalion HQ, 70-71

#### **New Members during 2004:**

Jon M. Jones, FO, 68-69  
Robert Burns, 65-66  
Albert J. Snyder, Skipper6, 71  
Larry L. Carlson, Cat, 68-69  
Robert Caldwell, Skull, 70-71  
Cheryl Atchley, Skull, 69-70  
Rita Thaler, Skull, 68

#### **Deceased Members**

Robert Scott, Weapons, 65-66  
Joseph Decker, Skull, 69-70  
Richard Washco, Cat 69-70  
Roy E. Bumgarner, Jr, Cat 65-68

*We are in the process of forming a Color Guard for funerals for our troopers. If interested in heading the unit, contact Ed Regan.*

## ORLANDO, FLORIDA—ASA REUNION 2006

The excitement of Orlando is incomparable. And the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites® Orlando**, at 5905 Kirkman Road, is in the heart of it all, right across the street from the main entrance of Universal® Orlando. Within a quick drive is the magic of Disney®. The thrilling future can be seen and the world experienced at Epcot®. The wonder of entertainment and film is glamorous at Disney-MGM Studios. And amazing nature surrounds you at Disney's Animal Kingdom®. This is just a small taste of what the Orlando area has to offer.



The Angry Skipper Association (“ASA”) has executed a contract with the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Orlando, Florida for May, 2006.

### LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Universal Orlando	across street
Sea World	8 MI
Wet 'n Wild	1 MI
Beaches	40 MI
Walt Disney World	10 MI
International Drive	1 MI
Kennedy Space Center	35 MI
Downtown/Orlando Arena	10 MI
Daytona Speedway and Beach	49 MI
Convention Center	5 MI
Holy Land Experience	3 MI
The Mall at Millenia	4 MI

Their website: <http://www.hiuniversal.com/>

Please make your hotel reservations early. The dates of next years reunion is May 18th thru May 21, 2006. The room rates are: Deluxe Guest Room: \$85; 1 Bedroom suites: \$119 and 2 Bedroom suites are \$159. RV parking is free, however they do not have connections for RV's for overnight stay. When reserving your room, make sure you tell them you are part of the *Angry Skipper Association* to receive these preferred rates. The Reservations phone is 800.327-1364. **You must arrange for your own hotel room. It is not included with the registration.**

Next year, our registration will be handled by the Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. (“cvb”) ASA will now begin accepting credit cards (VISA & MasterCard) when pre-registering for the banquet, membership fee, shirt/caps, tours, golf and other activities. Registration will be both online, at a dedicated website set-up by the cvb, as well as manually, by mailing your registration form to the cvb.

The registration form will be published in the next Newsletter, prior to the reunion.

### D 2/8 member serves in Iraq



Alvin Seal (Range, 71-72) and wife Cathy, enjoy the cocktail party in Vegas. Alvin returned from Iraq June 18, 2004 after 6 mos. He was attached to the 1st Inf. Division whose rear was in Baghdad. ASA members sent him care packages.

*We would like to thank all of the Angry Skipper family who supported both of us during Al's recent tour of duty in Iraq. The cards, letters, packages and the prayers sustained us during a most difficult time. Thank you to all who helped us! With our love and best wishes to each of you - Cathy and Al Seal*

Just a little trivia, 2/8 Cav was in the 1st Brigade (1965 –1968) until the 1st and 2nd Brigades came home. They were then attached to the 3rd Brigade. For the '67/'68 guys, the 2/8th 1/8th and 1/12th made up the 1st Brigade. 1/5th 2/5th and the 2/12th made up the 2nd Brigade, 1/7th 2/7th and 5/7th made up the 3rd Brigade. Our association include **all** members from **Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry (airmobile) Division** from 1965 – 1972, so we've omitted the reference to the Brigade. *Rich O'Brien, Pres.*



“We stayed in the woods a lot when I came to the company and when I first met Peter Matthei I wasn't sure whether to shake his hand or give him a banana. Guys were grubby, and I was covered with "cherry dirt" and Pete came in from taking a dump and was in a class by himself. His ordinance was clean, though'.” *by Chuck Hustedt (Skull, 69)*

## Las Vegas Reunion— May, 2005

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The Las Vegas reunion was a resounding success. See group photograph (right) in the Ballroom at the Sahara Hotel & Casino. The reunion committee did an outstanding job. Mike (Mouse) McGhie, Chairman of the reunion committee, paid attention to every detail without a miss. Ed Scholes (the original Angry Skipper) was our speaker, giving insight into the lessons learned from Vietnam. This year, approximately 102 members attended the Las Vegas reunion. According to Shawn Wilson, Sales Manager at the Sahara Hotel, our room count peaked at 82 rooms on Saturday and there were 190 guests attend the banquet. The penthouse cocktail party Friday evening included approximately 157 attendee's.



### Minutes for the Vegas Business Meeting

*Robin Woo, Secretary*

A business meeting was called to order at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas on May 21, 2005, at 9:30a.m. by Stan Dillon. Ed Regan read the Treasurer's Report, dated 5/21/05 from Treasurer, Bob Burke. This year, there were elections of Officers. The new officers are: Rich O'Brien, president; Chuck Hustedt, vice president; Ed Regan, treasurer and Robin Woo, secretary. Mike ("Mouse") McGhie agreed to post the Association Bylaws on the AngrySkipper.org website for members to review. Larry Hempfling read the Association Constitution to the members attending the meeting.

Ed Scholes brought a motion that Mike McGhie and Ed Regan be a permanent members of the Board of Governors. Motion passed unanimously. Stan Dillon brought a motion that prior and current officers be named to the Board of Governors. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the minutes is available to any member who request it. Contact Robin Woo, secretary, for an electronic acrobat file or for a copy via mail. Today, our "active" membership roster stand at 633 members. These are D 2/8 troopers who are receiving this Newsletter. In 2005, 10 new members were found and added to the roster. At the banquet this year, 20-new members from all eras and every platoon stood-up and introduced themselves. Welcome Home.

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## Angry Skipper Association, is organized under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(19)

### LIMITATIONS ON MEMBERSHIP

Section 105 of the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 modifies the membership requirements for veterans organizations under section 501 (c)(19). For taxable years beginning after November 11, 2003, an organization must meet the following membership requirements to be exempt under this section:

1. At least 75% of the organization's members must be past or present members of the United States Armed Forces (veterans).
2. Of the remaining members, substantially all (90%) must be: Cadets, or Spouses, widows, ancestors, or lineal descendants of veterans or cadets.
3. No more than 2.5% of the organization's total membership may consist of individuals who are not veterans or cadets, or spouses, widow/widowers, ancestors, or lineal descendants of veterans or cadets.

### RELATIONSHIP TO TRUSTS

In any taxable year the corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
ANGRY SKIPPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I - DESIGNATION**

We, former soldiers and family members, who are bound by common memories and experiences, having served in D Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry (airmobile) Division from 1965 - 1972, hereby form the Angry Skipper Association, Inc. as a non-profit, fraternal, patriotic corporation. The undersigned incorporators, in order to form a corporate entity under New Jersey Statutes, adopt the following articles of incorporation.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE and OBJECTIVES**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 ( c ) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501 ( c ) (19) exempt organizations. To this end, the corporation is created and maintained to serve these objectives:

- a) To promote and foster the comradeship and friendship brought about through service in Vietnam.
- b) To provide opportunities for members to maintain and strengthen bonds and renew friendships, through holding regular reunions, publication of newsletters, and maintaining rosters of Association members.
- c) To provide appropriate recognition to those comrades-in-arms who are no longer with us.
- d) To provide a link between the Association, and its successor organizations, to include those higher military commands (and successors) to which association members were assigned.
- e) To proclaim and publish the traditions and achievements of D Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division.
- f) To provide financial assistance by means of the Foundation of the Angry Skipper Association toward the education of selected categories of persons as designated by the Association, from time to time.
- g) To sponsor or provide the membership with other benefits and activities that are normally available to fraternal organizations and which are consistent with the purposes and objectives as set forth above.
- h) The Association shall be nonpolitical, nonpartisan, and nonsectarian. It shall issue no capital stock and shall not be operated for the purpose of making a profit and shall not declare dividends to the members of the Association.
- i) All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said aforementioned purposes.

**ARTICLE III – LIMITATIONS**

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of net earnings of the corporation shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501 ( c ) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any Director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation;
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 ( c ) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now enacted or hereafter amended.
4. The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this corporation, or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.

**ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS**

The corporation shall have a voting membership, and may have classes of same (if any), as defined in the corporation's bylaws. Membership will include those military members and family members who served honorably in Delta Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry (airmobile) Division during 1965 – 1972 in the Republic of Vietnam, next-of-kin of any deceased comrade-in-arms, and such honorary members as may be nominated and accepted by a majority vote of Association members.

**ARTICLE V - DUES AND FEES**

Members of the association will be assessed dues to cover necessary expenses of copying and postage associated with the printing of rosters and newsletters, and to provide for expenses associated with the organization of reunions. The amount of dues will be specified in the by-laws. Dues will be assessed to regular and associate members. Other fund raising activities, such as a raffle, may be conducted in conjunction with the annual reunion, providing such events are approved in advance by the governing board, and are in compliance with local laws.

**ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT**

Members of the Association are the basic governing body, and their decisions, at regularly constituted meetings conducted in conjunction with reunions are final. Routine business of the Association will be conducted by a Board of Governors, which shall consist of all elected officers of the association, in accordance with the articles of incorporation and by-laws. The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of a Board of Directors, whose operation in governing the corporation shall be defined by statute and by the corporation's by-laws. No member or Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

**ARTICLE VII – DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The Association Board of Governors will consist of the elected officers of the association which will include a President, a Vice-President and Membership Coordinator, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President may appoint other officers to specific duties, but these appointed officers will not be members of the Board of Governors. Order of succession to the presidency is the order listed above. In the event any other elected or appointed officer becomes unable to serve during his term, the President shall appoint a replacement with the consent of the Board of Governors.

**ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS**

By-Laws may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of the membership attending a meeting, based on a recommendation of the Board of Governors, or on a properly presented motion by any voting member. Interim changes to the By-Laws may be effected by the Board of Governors, however, these changes must be approved by a majority vote at the next general membership meeting/reunion.

**ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

These articles of incorporation may be amended by approval of a two-thirds majority at any regular reunion/meeting.

**ARTICLE XI - ADOPTION**

ADOPTED ON THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005 BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SUPERSEDING A CONSTITUTION ADOPTED ON 10, NOVEMBER, 2001.

(Signed Copy on File with the Association Secretary)

**BY-LAWS of the  
ANGRY SKIPPER ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Regular members are those military members who served in Vietnam during 1965 – 1972 as members of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, and 1st Cavalry Division.

Section 2: Associate members are the next-of-kin of persons who would have qualified as Regular members.

Section 3: Auxiliary members are family members of regular or associate members.

Section 4: Honorary members are those distinguished individuals who had some type of association with the Angry Skipper Association, but do not qualify for any other category of membership. (i.e.: Honorary membership might be extended to any Commanding General or Command Sergeant Major.) Honorary members may be nominated by any regular or associate member, and must be approved by a majority vote of the members at any regular reunion/meeting.

Section 5: Voting members are regular and associate members.

**ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall have management and administrative oversight over the Board of Governors.

Section 2: President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Governors, and at General Membership meetings. He shall appoint officers and committees who are not provided for by the articles of incorporation and by-laws. Suggested appointments include Newsletter Editor, Reunion Committee Chairman, and Liaison Officer.

Section 3: Vice-President/Membership Coordinator: The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, will become President if the elected President is unable to complete his term. The Vice-president will also serve as the Membership Coordinator, and shall be responsible for keeping membership rolls, and actively seeking to learn the whereabouts of former members of the D Company, 2/8th Cavalry. He will provide updated membership rosters available to other officers of the Association on a regular basis, and updated rosters will be provided to all members at each reunion. The Vice-President will also maintain an Honor Roll, honoring those former Members of the Angry Skipper Association who are deceased. The Vice President/Membership Coordinator may recruit assistants from the members to assist in his duties.

Section 4: Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Governors and the general membership. The Secretary will be responsible for all correspondence not assigned to another officer, and will maintain all correspondence files, and records.

Section 5: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and account for monies received from dues or other sources. He shall render an annual statement, showing in detail, all collections and disbursements. This annual statement will be approved by all members of the Board of Governors.

Section 6: The Reunion Committee Chairman will head a committee which will plan the next scheduled reunion. Once the location of the next reunion has been decided by the membership, it will be the responsibility of the Reunion Committee Chairman to make all arrangements for the reunion, subject to approval of the Board of Governors.

Section 7: The Newsletter Editor will be responsible for publishing an Association Newsletter, The Walking Point Newsletter, at least twice yearly. All Association Officers should provide input relative to the duties of their office, and members will be invited to provide input.

Section 8: The President will be responsible for maintaining liaison with other Associations, the successor elements at 1st Cavalry Division (as the successor), and other elements within Department of the Army and Department of Defense which might be able to provide information or assistance.

**ARTICLE III - DUES & FINANCES**

Section 1: Initial dues will be \$15.00 for two years for each regular or associate member. Auxiliary and honorary members do not pay dues.

Section 2: Bi-annual dues will be \$10.00 for each regular or associate member. Members attending the reunion should pay dues at that time. Dues of members not attending the reunion are due by Jan 1st of the following year. Auxiliary and honorary members do not pay dues.

Section 3: Other fund raising activities to help defray the administrative costs of organizing reunions or other activities may be conducted provided such activities are approved by the membership. Such activities must be in compliance with federal, state and local laws, and must have financial controls to ensure that money raised contributes to the overall objectives of the Association.



*By-Laws (continued)*

Section 4: The treasurer will be responsible for maintaining proper accountability for all Association funds. When the geographic dispersion of the officers requiring funds makes it necessary, the Treasurer may establish sub or petty cash accounts with the responsible officer.

Section 5: The Board of Governors will establish rules concerning the approval requirements for expenditure of Association funds.

Section 6: The Treasurer's books will be open for inspection during each reunion/meeting. A joint audit of the books will be accomplished upon change of treasurers.

**ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS**

Section 1: Elected Officers will serve for a term which encompasses two reunions. If a non-elected officer is serving in any elective vacancy (President, Vice-President and Membership Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer), that office will be filled at the next regularly scheduled reunion for a full term of service.

Section 2: The President will appoint a nominating committee at least six months in advance of any reunion when vacancies have, or will, occur. The list of nominees will be provided to reunion attendees, who will have the opportunity to make additional nominations from the floor.

Section 3: All elections will be conducted by ballot, which will be prepared by the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor will be written in. A simple majority vote by the Association regular and associate members attending the reunion/meeting will be required for election of any officer. In case of tie, the two candidates receiving the most votes will be voted on again.

Section 4: All regular and associate members are eligible to hold elective offices, and auxiliary members may be named to appointive offices.

Section 5: Directors of the Association shall be elected by the membership. A Director must have served as an officer of the association to qualify to serve as a Director. A Directors term of office shall be 5 years from the date elected.

**ARTICLE V - REUNIONS AND MEETINGS**

Section 1: Reunions and business meetings will be held once every year.

Section 2: The general location (state, or state and city) of the next reunion will be decided as part of the business meeting at each reunion. Members in good standing are encouraged to submit suggestions for reunion locations. The reunion committee will be responsible for selecting the exact location and making arrangements for the reunion in the general location decided by the members.

**ARTICLE VI - RULES OF ORDER**

Section 1: The general procedures of the meetings will be in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, and the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Association. In case of conflict, the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws will prevail.

**ARTICLE VII – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

Section 1: Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a successor corporation, or for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the state or a local government, for a public purpose. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

**ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: These By-laws may be rescinded or amended by majority vote of the general membership present at any meeting, based on recommendation of the Board of Governors or a properly presented motion from the floor during the meeting.

THESE AMENDED BY-LAWS ARE ADOPTED ON THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST,  
2005, BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

(Signed copy of the constitution on file with the Association Secretary)



Michael Crume sent this picture to Ed Regan. He wrote: *Ed, Needlepoint interpretation of Vietnam Wall. Created and designed by my sister, Mavis Tortorice. Actual size is 30" x 16". Features Honor Roll of members that served D 2/8 1965—1972. Stone Mt 6 India, Michael Crume. Thanks for compiling the names of Honor Roll Members. Printed with permission. Michael' sister never realized until 35-years after he came home that he served in the jungles of Vietnam.*

## ORLANDO, FLORIDA—ASA REUNION 2006 (CONTINUED)

ASA is ready to apply for and receive it's Merchant Number. The Merchant Number will enable the Association to receive payments/donations/contributions via VISA or MasterCard. The internet gateway into our Merchant Account will be provided by Bank of America in New Jersey, where the Association account is held. Once the Merchant Number is established, it will be a seamless process to add other features, such as American Express, Diners, Discover, etc. Voice Authentication Address Verification Service (transactions by phone) will cost the association \$0.50 per call. The minimum monthly discount will be \$25. Charges against the ASA account will consist of a 2.2% discount rate for both Visa and MasterCard. In other words, if the Association receives credit card transactions of \$1,136.36 in any month, the \$25 minimum monthly rate will be waived since the 2.2% discount rate will equal \$25. The cost for the gateway, which is an integral part of the credit card process, is \$19.95 per month. The Treasurer of the Association will have real-time access to financial transactions recorded in the gateway. Since we will not open registration until January, 2006, we will open the Merchant Account in December, 2005 so as to limit certain carrying costs.

The cvb is hoping to continue assisting our Association at future reunions. Of course, any on-site assistance can not be handled by cvb if it is outside the state of Florida. We can see how the Orlando process works out and decide if we'd like to continue using the cvb for future pre-registration, information packets, name tags, etc. Membership and Registration Fee's will cover all the costs associated with the cvb handling our registration process in Orlando. This should make it easier for a member of the Association to host a reunion in their city. Accordingly, members are encouraged to consider hosting a reunion in their city and present their proposal to the membership at the Business Meeting during a reunion. Or, during the year, if any member has any questions about hosting a reunion, please contact any of the officers.

The Reunion Committee consist of the following members: **Ed Regan, Rich O'Brien, Mike "Tiny" Hagler, Stan Dillon, Mo Gay, Chuck Hustedt, John Bourdelais and Phil Chaffey.** Any member interesting in serving on the Reunion Committee should contact Ed Regan, its current Chairman.

To those members who have never attended a reunion, you may request a current roster of our members by contacting Robin Woo, by calling 916.488-9354. Also, any Change of Address is appreciated.

## Treasurer's Report:

*Ed Regan, Treasurer*

In 2005, a new bank account was opened at Bank of America in New Jersey. Theresa Freeley, of WithumSmith+Brown (<http://www.withum.com>), CPA's in New Jersey has been retained to handle the reporting and compliance affairs of the Angry Skipper Association, Inc. Donations or contributions to the association should be made payable to Angry Skipper Association, Inc. and mailed to Ed Regan, P.O. Box 501, Stockton, NJ 08559. Below are the unaudited financial statements for the Association:

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.  
Profit & Loss (unaudited)  
January 1 through September 6, 2005

Angry Skipper Association, Inc.  
Balance Sheet (unaudited)  
September 6, 2005

### Ordinary Income & Expense

#### Income

Banquet, Golf & Other	\$ 12,690.50
Donations	650.00
Fund raising, Auctions, Tickets	2,007.00
Shirts, Hats, Patches	<u>4,889.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 20,236.50

#### Expenses

Banquet, Golf	\$ 10,317.70
Hospitality Room	1,468.50
Housing Assistance	1,134.65
Legal & Accounting	1,013.00
Office Supplies (reunion)	746.42
Postage & Delivery	222.00
Printing & Reproduction	1,436.77
Shirts, Hats & Patches	<u>3,877.93</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 20,216.97

Net Income (Loss) **\$ 19.53**

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Checking	\$ 2,166.60
Accounts Receivable	1,365.80
Deposits	<u>500.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 4,032.40**

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	<u>0</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$ 0**

#### Equity

Opening Bal Equity	3,316.97
Retained Earnings	695.90
Net Income	<u>19.53</u>

Total Equity **\$ 4,032.40**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$ 4,032.40**

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## ASA files an Application for Tax-Exemption with the IRS

On August 29, 2005, the Angry Skipper Association, Inc. filed Form 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a). Once we receive approval from the Internal Revenue Service, we will file for tax-exemption in the State of New Jersey and Florida. This will save our members tax on their hotel rooms. Tax exempt organizations must make their last three annual information returns and their approved application for recognition, with all supporting documents, available for public inspection. Pursuant to the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the organization must provide copies of these documents upon request without charge (other than a reasonable fee for reproduction and copying costs). Penalties are provided for failure to comply with these requirements. Accordingly, the Form 1024 is available to anyone who request it. Please make your request to any of the officers of the Association and a copy will be either e-mailed or sent by regular mail to you.

*Robin Woo, Secretary*

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### Angry Skipper Association, Inc.

#### Board of Directors

Stan Dillon, Chairman of the Board (Range, 70-71)

Bob Burke (Skull, 70-71)

Ed Regan (Range, 68-69) (Life Director)

Mike McGhie (Skull, 68-69) (Life Director)

Chuck Hustedt (Skull, 69)

Richard O'Brien (Cat, 67)

Robin Woo (Skull, 71-72)

Tom Volmar (Skull, 70-71)

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***"Remember the bad times once,  
Remember the good times forever"***

## H.R. 995, the Combat Military Medical Retired Veterans Act of 2005

The legislation would authorize payment of Concurrent Receipt benefits to veterans who were medically retired and in receipt of service-connected disability compensation from VA. These individuals would need to have received a Purple Heart from combat injuries.

Congressman Jerry Weller has reintroduced legislation that would exempt those severely combat veterans who had received a Purple Heart and were military medically retired by the Department of Defense as unfit to perform their military duties from the 20-year longevity requirement for "Concurrent Receipt" legislation, H.R. 995 would permit those severely wounded military medically retired soldiers to receive their pro-rated military retirement pension along with their V.A. compensation without the dollar for dollar reduction of V.A. compensation from their pension. This would correct this deplorable inequity placed on our severely wounded combat veterans. I ask you to please co-sponsor H. R. 995. Our severely wounded combat Purple Heart recipients who are military medically retired are counting on you. Please do not desert them. They truly earned their military pro-rated pension. They paid a dear price for our country's freedom. *By Martin Rue*

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