

April 2, 1996

Happy April 2nd!

I can't remember anything that happened on this day in the past, however I know that Lee Velta is working on a narrative of something that happened on April 1, 1970; LZ Illingsworth. He was on the LZ when it got hit, a battle that resulted in the awarding of the Medal of Honor to the only 2/8 Trooper for the entire war, Peter Lemon of E Company. Lee, don't worry about me jumping the gun on this newsletter, I will publish your story in the "big" newsletter that will go out to the 468 guys (last count) after the reunion in Vegas. I'm just putting out a quick newsletter now to the guys that I have talked to since the last one, guys that are definitely coming to Vegas or are maybes.

Ok, here's the deal. The reunion is ON! We will be meeting at the Holiday Inn, 325 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas (Emerald Springs). If you haven't made a reservation yet, call City-Wide at 1-800-733-8616 and tell them that you are with "Angry Skipper." You might also want to look at the names below of guys that are coming, in case you want to double up. I am bunking with Jim Nix, but I wouldn't mind sleeping on a rollaway in case somebody else wants to join us. I'm sure Jim won't mind, will you Jim? The reunion is set for Thursday, May 16 through Sunday, May 19. I'm coming in on Wed night and will hook up with Mouse McGhie. Hopefully, we'll be awake for Thur.

Here's who I think are coming (Just start on page one of the roster and go down the list): Mike McGhie, Jim Nix, Robin Woo, Phil Chaffey, Tom Kuenzle, Marty Martinez, Ken Patek (staying at a different location, but will be in town), myself, "Sgt B" Bonnelycke, Rich O'Brien, Bill Laferriere, Tom Meinhardt, Gil "Apple" Carrillo, Larry Hempfling, Joe Rosenberg, Byram "Indian" Price, Kenneth Baker, Robert "Gray Fox" Gray, John Lee, Lee Velta, Nathaniel "Range 6" Ward, Terry Dawson, Chuck Hustedt.

If you know of anybody else who you think might be interested, by all means call them up and find out. Also, if you see anybody new on the roster that you know, again, call them up and see if they're interested. I'm sure that some guys who nobody has considered will show up as well.

You'll notice a new look to the newsletter address page. Chuck Hustedt mailed me a "First Class Mail" stamp because he almost mistook my newsletter for junk mail. If he hadn't noticed the First Class stamp, he would have thrown it out without opening it. He is in the insurance business and figures that 10-20 percent of the newsletters were regarded as junk and tossed out. If that's the case, won't some new guys be surprised when their name appears on the roster on the big mailout.

So, bring some ideas for 1998 to Vegas and don't forget to set aside time on Saturday night for our banquet (beans and franks, right Mouse?). I'm trying to get some Reunion tee-shirts made up for what I think we should call our First Annual Angry Skipper Reunion. See you there.

Honor and Courage



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