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A few years back, a few Khe Sanh Vets who maintained contact with each other decided to establish a list of names and addresses of fellow Khe Sanh Vets. We started with about 40 names and since then we have grown to include the names and addresses of 2,000 Marines, Army, Air Force and Navy personnel who served there. (If we missed the Coast Guard, we apologize)

In 1984 or 85, Ray Stubbe and Ernie Husted issued a small newsletter with all the names and addresses along with a few news items and some articles about Khe Sanh. The newsletter has grown since then and is now published by the Marine Corps Association in Quantico, VA, who publishes almost all of the 28 or so Newsletters of various Marine corps groups.

If you are a Khe Sanh vet or know someone who is, please contact

me here or in Netmail if you would like to be included in the  
address listing in the Newsletter.

The newsletter has been renamed recently from "The Khe Sanh Veteran Newsletter" to "Red Clay". If you would like to contribute any information, receive the newsletter or send in any poems or short stories, write to:

Ray W. Stubbe  
8766 Parkview Ct.  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

(BTW, Ray is the Sky-pilot I mentioned in a few posts awhile back. Ray is retired from active duty with the Navy, but still is active as a minister. If any of you want to contact Ray, I'm sure he would be glad to hear from you.)

The last issue of "Red Clay" had a listing of all the sons of Khe Sanh Vets who were serving in Desert Storm. Also in that issue was a list of Khe Sanh vets who were still on active duty or in the Reserves and were called up to serve in Desert Storm.

"For those who fight for it, life has a flavor the protected never know"

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Khe Sanh Innovations and Information  
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The following is quoted from "The Khe Sanh Vet Newsletter". Just thought some of you might be interested.

"Khe Sanh was the place for innovations in the Viet Nam War. In the past, it had been the place for the first use of 120mm mortars. Now, during the Siege, it was the place for the first use of massed NVA troops, the first use by the NVA of tanks. It was the first use of COFRAM munitions by Americans (during the fall of Lang Vei); the first use of "Gravel mines", and electronic sensors in a defensive battle situation; the first combat use of supplies being delivered by LAPES and GPES (landing of supplies by low-flying aircraft with supplies on a skid) and use of ground TPQ radars for delivering supplies. It was the first place for sustained use of B-52 Arc Light strikes for close-in bombing."

If any of you are looking for good books on Khe Sanh, try the following:

"End of the Line" Robert Pisor

"Welcome to Vietnam, Macho Man" Ernest Sprague  
Corps Press  
"Scarce Time", Written by William T. Craig  
former Team Sgt. of Team A-101 at  
Long Vei (when it was overrun) Feb-68  
Ballentine Books