



## Vietnam Historian Report

Dear members,

As you may know, I have been acquiring historical documents of the Americal Division in Vietnam for many years. This year I want to focus on Americal Division Tactical Operations Center (TOC) reports. These are the most valuable documents we can provide to the Americal Division Veterans Association members.

These daily reports record minute-by-minute activities of the units in the division. This includes all brigades and regiments. This is the best general source of division information and it provides answers to critical questions that members and family have regarding personal experiences. With this information the critical dates and unit data required to do further detailed research can be determined.

As a result of the \$1,500 funded last year we now have over one year of Americal Division TOC reports. These reports are available on 4 CD-ROMs in PDF format that can be printed or viewed. So far this year we have obtained the Daily Division TOC reports from October 16, 1967 through January 1969. A sample can be seen on the internet, at [www.americal.org/TOC/sample.shtml](http://www.americal.org/TOC/sample.shtml).

The TOC report, also titled Daily Staff Journal, may consist of 10 to 15 typewritten pages for one day. Some months total over 500 pages. It is possible that Task Force Oregon and Americal Division reports combine for more than 25,000 pages.

The extraordinary volunteer efforts of Bruce Flaherty, a 1968-1969 veteran of Co. D, 4/3rd Inf. Bn., should be noted and recognized by the ADVA. Bruce has traveled to the national archives in Washington, DC several times to personally photograph the TOC reports.

Bruce begins his day when the facility opens for the day and he works until they close- which on some nights is 9:00 p.m. His work results in images obtained at around \$.25 cents per page. This compares with \$.50 per page when one goes through a commercial vendor. Nearly all the funding goes to assist Mr. Bruce Flaherty with his travel expenses to the archives.

In the coming year Bruce has indicated that he could commit more time and more trips to the archives for Americal Division records. We will have the opportunity to acquire the 1969-70 materials with a funding of \$3,500. Follow this with a second year and we would have 1971 and Task Force Oregon completed.

For \$7,000 dollars in the next two years we may be able to complete processing images of the Americal Division DailyTOC reports from TF Oregon in April 1967 to the Americal Division stand down in November 1971. I want to do this now while we have the opportunity. The alternative is that we could stretch this out through seven or eight years at \$1,000 per year. But the opportunity could easily be lost with health issues, change of focus, etc. At the present age of our membership time is becoming critical.

I urge all ADVA members and Americal veterans to support this endeavor. Financial contributions to cover the costs of acquisition should be sent to Mr. Ron Ellis, Asst. National Finance Officer, 4493 Hwy. 64 W., Henderson, TX, 75652. Thank you for your much needed and much appreciated support.

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## **Fundraising Raffle - Portland Reunion 2006**

**Proceeds to be used to help acquire Vietnam history documents:  
Americal Division Tactical Operation Center (TOC) daily reports.**

### **PRIZES**

Life membership to ADVA or \$100 cash if already a life member.

Saturday night lodging and banquet ticket for the 2007 reunion in Buffalo

Framed print of the World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and  
Vietnam Veterans Memorials in Washington, D.C.

### **CHANCES**

One for \$5 - Three for \$10 - Seven for \$20

Purchase at the product sales table or at the Saturday banquet or from PNC  
Ron Ellis and PNC Gary Noller. This raffle is for reunion attendees only.

### **DRAWING**

Drawing will be held at the Saturday night banquet.

*Read about the acquisition of the Americal Division Vietnam TOC reports  
on the back of this page. More information in the next Americal Newsletter.*