

ALPHA COMPANY
1st Battalion 20th Infantry



"The Best Damned Rifle Company - EVER!"

LOCK 'N LOAD

Reno Reunion, June 24 - 27, 2004

Remember the warning we used to pass back a long the line when walking off a Fire Base, "**Safe line! Lock 'n load!**" This is it. We have passed the "Safe Line" and are moving out to take Reno!

If you have not made your reservation at the **John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort Hotel** or some other hotel in Reno, you need to call 1 800 649-1177 now or you may be too late. Remember to say it is for the "Americal Reunion" to get the special \$85 a night rate.

Registration: There is no registration needed for the Alpha Company Reunion but you should register for the Americal Reunion so Alpha Company can get the biggest hospitality room. With over **100 Alphagators** and their guests coming to Reno, we'll need a **BIG ROOM**. You also might like to take one of the great tours, or attend the Saturday night dance that the Americal has set up. See the enclosed form for all the information and where to send your registration fee for the Americal part of the Reno experience.

ALPHA COMPANY will have a registration table near the main Americal Division Reunion check in to welcome you to Reno and help you track down your buddies.

ALPHA COMPANY BANQUET, FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 6 PM:

This is our big event of the weekend. This is the chance for everyone to be together in one place at one time. To hug. To dap. To lie to each other about how brave we were. To remember our friends who didn't make it home. To bring your pictures and look at them with your buddies. To introduce your wives, sweethearts, sons and daughter to your brothers in arms.

The evening begins at 6 PM with a cocktail hour (cash bar). At 7 PM, Chaplain Max Sullivan, who treated Alpha Company wounded under fire in June 1969 and wrote the dedication prayer for the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. will give the invocation.

Then it's "Chow Call". But instead of "C"s and "LRRPS", dinner will be a magnificent buffet with a beef carving station, fried chicken, salmon and another entrée, vegetable, potatoes, salad bar, dessert bar, ice cream sundaes made to order.

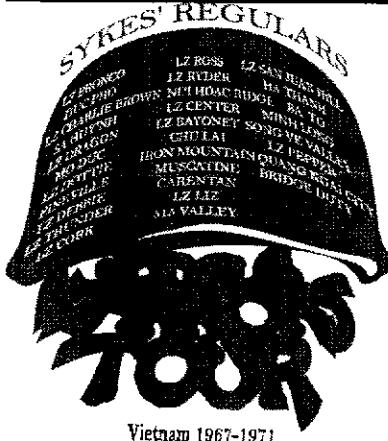
Following dinner will be a short talk from Dr. Richard Verrone of the Vietnam War Center who heads the Vietnam Oral History Project; a few words from several of our former Alpha Company Commanders, and a brief ceremony to honor the Alpha Company men who, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, ". . . gave their "last full measure of devotion." From there it's on to a giant slide show of all us good-looking, lean and mean, former grunts, group picture taking and the whole evening to be with your buddies.

Cost for dinner is \$42 per person. (Enclosed is form with pre-payment instructions.)

Alpha Company Hospitality Room: Will be located on the "hospitility hall" in the John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino. This will be our main rallying point on Thursday, June 24, through Saturday, June 26. This will be a place to see friends, leave messages and tell stories. Alpha Company will be the only rifle company with its own hospitality room. Remember to register for the Americal Reunion so we can have the bragging rights over the MPS, the CAV and 5th of the 46th. One company outdoing all those battalions would be a sweet thing.

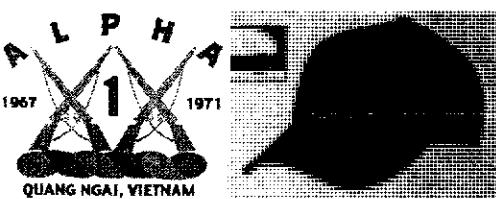
Saturday: Hang out in the hospitality room. See Reno. Go to the Americal exhibits and tour the vendors stands. There will be an Alpha Company meeting Saturday afternoon to plan future reunions and get your ideas on when, how often, where and what.

Alpha Company L.Z Reno Reunion T-Shirt:



You want at least one of these great looking black T-shirt with Infantry Blue, Silver and Green. CIB on front left and large "Sykes Regulars" Jungle Warrior Tour logo on the back. Price is \$13 for regular t-shirt, \$14 for t-shirt with pocket sizes S – XXL. For XXXL add \$1. (T-shirts must be ordered in advance as we are not in the clothing business. Order form enclosed.)

Alpha Company Hats: Black hat with red insert in bill (one size fits all) with buckled belt in back. Features 3 color **Alpha 1st Battalion 20th Infantry** logo as shown below embroidered on the front. **Price: \$12**



Some questions have been asked as to why the logo says "Quang Ngai, Vietnam". Quang Ngai Province is where Duc Pho, Mo Duc, Charlie Brown, Liz, Cork, Ha Thanh, Dottie, all the places we spent all our time except for a brief period. It was also the most pro-North Vietnamese province in both the French and American wars in Vietnam. If there was a bad place to be day in and day out Alpha Company drew the short straw.

All money is due not later than June 1 as everything must be paid for in advance.

"Safe line! Lock 'n load!" As soon as you get this, you need to pull back the charging handle on your phone and your check book, because we're moving out and Alpha Company 1st Bn. 20th Inf. is taking RENO for three days in June and we are going to need every man to hold it! CALL YOUR BUDDIES NOW! They'll come for you, just like they used to.

ADVA RENO REUNION EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

→ **HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Make your hotel reservations directly with John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort Hotel Casino. Call 1-800-648-1177 and identify yourself as being with the Americal Division Veterans Association. Room rates are \$85.00 per night. The hotel is located on Interstate 80 and just 10 minutes from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. The Nugget also offers free shuttle service.

→ **AIRLINE INFORMATION (10% DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)**

American Airlines	1-800-433-1790	Discount code S5464AD
Southwest Airlines	1-800-433-5368	Discount code H0306

AUTO RENTAL

Avis 1-800-331-1212 Discount code AWD-D003737

MEMORY BOOK (Delivered approximately 90 days after reunion)

First Class, professionally upgraded, in full color, at least 24 pages including individual, unit, and event pictures.

TAHOE TOUR (FRIDAY, 6/25/04 8:30AM-3PM)

Scenic Lake Tahoe Tour. At an elevation of over 6200 feet, with an average depth of well over 900 feet, the lake is the highest, deepest alpine lake in the world. Visit Emerald Bay, the most photographed natural setting in the world. Feed Rainbow Trout at the Truckee River Headwaters. Enjoy some of the fabulous estates built on the lake. You will pass by the Kaiser Estate, where Godfather II was filmed. A lunch stop will be made at a lakeside restaurant where you'll enjoy a spectacular view.

VIRGINIA CITY (FRIDAY, 6/25/04 9:30AM-2:30PM)

Virginia City – once The Richest Place On Earth. Explore the history of the Great Bonanza Trail and the gold-seekers who blazed the first trails for the new settlers in the area. You will be escorted through the town – see historic mines, the old red light district, and the mansions built by the mine owners. Optional individual activities include mansion tours, or exploring the old-time shops and gambling halls still in operation. A lunch stop will be made in Carson City.

FRIDAY NIGHT RODEO (6/25/04 7PM-9PM)

"Americal Goes To The Rodeo!" Billed as the richest and wildest in the West, the rodeo is about 5 miles from the hotel. Shuttle buses are included and will be available from 5-11PM. Part of the rodeo experience includes the many different food booths, western booths, and arts and crafts booths located at the rodeo. Your ticket also admits you to the carnival located at the rodeo. The actual rodeo runs from 7-9PM, so you have plenty of time to enjoy some great food and beer. Light jacket recommended.

DONNER AND TRUCKEE TOUR (SATURDAY, 6/26/04 8:30AM-1:30PM)

At a crossroads of Western History, the Donner-Truckee area is rich in pioneer lore. A visit will be made to Donner Memorial Historic Park and its fine museum. It was here during the winter of 1846-47 that members of the famous westward-bound "Donner Party" played out their tragic rendezvous with destiny. After the museum, you will head to Truckee to browse the unique shops that only Truckee has to offer, then head for your lunch stop in historic downtown Truckee.

ART TOURING (SATURDAY, 6/26/04 9AM-12PM)

Centered in the Reno/Carson City area, you will be pleasantly surprised by the diversity and quality of the art available in Reno. Whether you are interested in gallery hopping or a serious collector, you'll find that each gallery and studio is unique. Among the studios to visit are a sculpting studio, weaving/basket making studio, watercolor gallery, tapestry gallery, and a wearable arts studio. The tour will visit those galleries and studios featuring the best available exhibits. Lunch is not included with the tour.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER DANCE (6/26/04 6PM-11PM)

A world class, award winning buffet dinner with carving stations and a dessert bar second to none. Live Band and Dancing. Entertainment featuring the "Silver Tappers" and much more. Recommended dress is business casual.

Make check payable to: "Americal Far West Chapter" and mail to:
Pat Levy

Reunion Chairman
Rich Merlin

You will receive confirmation of your payment by mail.

Register for the "AMERICAL REUNION" so ALPHA COMPANY 1/20 can get the **LARGEST** hospitality room. Rooms are allotted based on number of people registered. If you and your guests would like to attend any of the AMERICAL events register the total number in your party and sign up for the event.

**AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
RENO, NEVADA JUNE 24-27, 2004**

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Spouse or Guest Names _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ War served in with Americal _____ Unit _____

REGISTRATION: Early Bird Special
→ Before 5/1/04: \$20 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____
After 5/1/04: \$30 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____

MEMORY BOOK: \$20 PER COPY X # OF COPIES () \$ _____

TWO OPTIONAL BUS TRIPS FOR FRIDAY, 6/25/04, CHOOSE ONE ONLY:

TAHOE TOUR: \$55 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____
8:30AM - 3PM, includes lunch

OR

VIRGINIA CITY: \$35 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____
9:30AM - 2:30PM, includes lunch

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ALPHA COMPANY DINNER **FRIDAY NIGHT RODEO:** \$25 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____ *ALPHA COMPANY DINNER*
7PM - 9PM, Shuttle Buses: 5PM-11PM

TWO OPTIONAL SPOUSE BUS TRIPS FOR SAT, 6/26/04, CHOOSE ONE ONLY:

DONNER & TRUCKEE TOUR: \$35 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____
8:30AM - 1:30PM, includes lunch

OR

ART TOURING: \$45 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____
9AM - 12PM, lunch not included

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SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER DANCE 6/26/04:

\$35 PER PERSON X # OF PEOPLE () \$ _____
6PM - 11PM

WILL NEED TO MAKE OUT 2 CHECKS: **TOTAL:** \$ _____

See ALPHA COMPANY sheet for A 1/20 Info and payments

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