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Dear Richard,

The packet we sent out a few days ago to the 380 former members of Alpha Company 1st Battalion 20th Infantry is enclosed. We are not sure how many will be in Reno. Currently we have around 90 who say they will attend. That would make our Friday night dinner number in the area of 150 when spouses and family members are included. My guess is we will have 50 to 60 Alphagators and 30 to 40 guests.

We have identified 914 men who served (assigned and attached) with our unit between 1967 when it was formed in Hawaii, and 1971 when it stood down in Vietnam. We include medics, Artillery Forward Observation teams, and 4.2 Mortar Forward Observers on our roster as they actually were on the ground with us. Of those 914, we know that 71 were Killed in Action (There may be a couple that we have not accounted for.); 55 have died since returning home; and we are in contact with 380. Those numbers add up to 506 men of the 914 on our list. Considering we started with 2 in 1992, we feel like we have made real progress.

Again, you are our guest for dinner. However, you can always contribute the cost of the dinner to the Alpha Company Fund if you feel the urge.

“Reno or bust!”



John McNown