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MONTHLY A.D.V.A. MEETINGSAugust 4, 1990Americal Picnic, Americal Museum, Ft. Devens MA
10:00 A. M.September 8, 1990Americal Museum Ft. Devens, MA
Executive Council Meeting 12:00 Noon
General Meeting 1:00 P.M.September 9, 1990Dedication: Ralph T. Noonan Armory
2:00 P.M.*****
Vietnam Veteran

HAVE YOU CALLED THAT BUDDY YET?

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

I think all who attended our last reunion in the outskirts of Chicago will consider it a success. The reunion committee of Joe Micek, Dr. Robert C. Muehrcke, Mitch Przybycien, Fred Hitzman, Brian Mulcrone, and Dutch DeGroot, were on the ball for this one. I liked the location and the accomendations. Hats off to the men from B Co 2/1 Infantry who turned out in such good numbers as well as the guys from the 23rd MP's. We don't see to many of those guys. Seems like most of the men were grunts, artillery, medics, engineers, etc., at past reunions so it's good to see some new faces. In spite of all the jokes, we like MP's! I hear that the troops went through a lot of the hotels liquor stock at the Friday night hospitality room. No one who was there would dispute that. I enjoyed talking to all my old friends and many new ones that night. I wish there were more hours in the day so we could have visited longer.

There was a spirited debate at the general membership meeting over donating \$10,000 to proposed memorial to be built on the island of Guadalcanal where men from our Division defeated the Japanese in a tough battle. As Commander of the ADVA I fully support the suggested donation. In addition to the money donated by our Association I am making a personal donation of \$100. I would encourage all members who can afford to make a personal donation to by all means do so. History will record the battle at Guadalcanal as one of the more important actions of WW2, comparable to Gettysburg in our Civil War and Tet during Vietnam. To be associated with men from the Americal who served in that engagement, is in my opinion, a great honor. They helped us Vietnam vets to build our monument in Washington. Now it is our turn to help them.

Membership! As you can see in our newsletter, we continue to grow in numbers. Lets keep it up. We have a potential pool of many thousands of men out there who haven't heard about us. Some advertising done by Rolly Castronova recently brought us quite a few new recruits. This is a medium that might pay off handsomely for us. If someone has an idea that might increase our numbers, we want to know about it. Contact any of our National Officers with your views.

To all the men of the ADVA, I thank you for electing me to the post of Commander. I consider it the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me. In the coming year I will endeavor to make our Association one we can all be proud of. I hope that if there are any gripes, or complements, you'll keep me informed as to your thoughts. I always answer any letter I receive.

Sincerely,
Ron Ward*****
AMERICAL NEWSLETTEREDITOR-IN-CHIEFJames C. Buckle
Wakefield, MA 01880VIETNAM EDITORRonald L. Ward
St. Louis, MO 63123

ADJUTANT MESSAGE

AMERICAL REUNION 1990

Well another successful Reunion has come to a close. Once again we wish to express to our Reunion Committee our thanks for all their hard dedicated work. In past years we have always given a Certificate of Appreciation to the Reunion Chairman. This year we had a Chairman and Co-Chairman so we gave two Certificates, however after seeing how hard the other four members of this Committee were working to insure the success of the Reunion, we will also present a Certificate of Appreciation to Mitchell Przybycien, Fred G. Hitzman, Brian Mulcrone, and John (Dutch) DeGroot. Great job guys. Another big thanks to the ladies, who also did a lot of work for the Reunion.

The entertainment on Thursday and Friday nights helped make the time fly by in the hospitality room. The trip to Cantigny War Museum and the home of Col. McCormick will always be remembered by all the members. On Saturday a sight seeing bus tour of Chicago kept many members busy. Other members took in the P.G.A. Golf Tournament at near by Butler Golf Course.

We had our biggest turnout of Vietnam Veterans, and it was good to see them all there, for the election of our first Vietnam Veteran as National Commander, Ron Ward. Lets hope they keep coming to the Reunions for many years to come.

At the General Meeting held on Friday, a motion was made and second that the Association make a \$10,000.00 donation to the Guadalcanal Solomon Island War Memorial to help them to complete their plans for the Memorial. The Members present at the General Meeting voted unanimously in favor of this motion. At the Executive Council Meeting held after the General Meeting, the Executive Council voted in favor of making this contribution to this worthy cause. If any member wishes to make a personal contribution to assure the success of this Memorial, send a check to Robert N. Thornton, Melrose, MA 02176. We will add them all to our pledge.

We hope to see you all in Hyannis, MA, June of 1991, for the big fiftieth year Reunion when the W.W. 11 Veterans entered in to the Army. Of course all our young Vietnam Veterans are also invited, as we will be electing our second Vietnam Veteran as National Commander in June 1991.

TAPS

Manuel N. Frates
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New Bedford, MA
June 11, 1990Charles L. Golightly
121 Medical
Tulsa, OK
May 1, 1990Sampson W. Henderson
182nd Infantry
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May 12, 1990John L. Hughes
121 Medical
FloridaLyle G. Miller
245 F.A. Bn.
Saginaw, MI
February 10, 1990Robert C. Mooney
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November 16, 1989James J. Russo
182nd Infantry
Canton, MA
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180 F.A. Reg.
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Congratulations again to all who signed up a new member this month. We broke the record this month.

ATTENTION

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Dear Americal Veteran:

Preparations are being finalized for our 1990 Chapter Reunion at The Chamberlain on the Chesapeake Bay, Fort Monroe, Hampton, Virginia. This year we are attempting to capture some rich and very exciting history of our country's early years, especially those years surrounding the Civil War.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Fort Monroe and the area surrounding it has many places of interest. Perhaps you should consider taking a full vacation in the area to visit such places as colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg Pottery Factory, Busch Gardens, Yorktown, Langley Air force Base (NASA), U.S. Army Transportation Museum, Mariners' Museum, and many, many more places of interest, all within one (1) hour or less from Fort Monroe. To Make it easy on the budget the hotel will permit early arrival and late departure at the same rate. Plan to stay all week. Many local restaurants are within walking distance of the hotel.

Bring your bathing suit so you can swim in salt water at the indoor pool. If you like to go ocean fishing bring your tackle with you as there are fishing piers at Fort Monroe where you can fish to your heart's content without a license. Tennis, shuffleboard and golf are available plus bicycle riding. Afterwards you can enjoy a refreshing sauna or jacuzzi.

The reunion will be held from September 20-23 1990 and lodging registration will be handled by each individual by means of a registration card that is enclosed. A special rate of \$45 plus tax, per night, single/double occupancy is available (included a free buffet breakfast each morning per person). Feel

free to call their toll free number. Use _____ from Eastern U.S. and 1 _____ if calling from Virginia. Check in time is 3 P.M. and check out time is 12 noon.

Please note that reservations must be made by August 20, 1990. Those received after that date will be handled on a space available basis. The hotel fills up rapidly, so please make your reservations early so you will not be disappointed.

Two tours are being made available to you. Friday afternoon departing at 1:30 P.M. will be a tour of Norfolk where you will visit the MacArthur Memorial and also tour Norfolk Naval Base. Then, at the end of the tour, there will be a dinner at the Naval Base gallery at 5:30 P.M. Total cost will be \$22 per person/ On Saturday there will be a tour of Williamsburg and Yorktown from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. A guide will be with you on both tours. You will hear a narration of America's earliest beginnings, walk in restored areas of Williamsburg, then drive to Yorktown via scenic Colonial Parkway. See the colonial villages before going to the battlefield where Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington in 1781. View film, see the redoubts and siege lines. Total price will be \$21.00.

The evening banquet will be at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday. The menu for this year's dinner will be choice of: 1.) Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, or 2.) Filet of Flounder, Bonne Femme. Both will have an appetizer, salad, vegetables, etc. The total cost for the dinner will be \$25.00 per person. Please send money for the tours and banquet dinner to Pete Messina and make the check payable to

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HAVE YOU SIGNED A MEMBER LATELY?

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the Eastern Regional Chapter ADVA. Reservations must be made as early as possible with the money as we have to guarantee the number attending. Refunds will be made if notified at least one week prior.

Call the Hotel for room cancellations.

Call Pete Messina for tours and dinner cancellations.

Anyone one who did not receive a reunion packet as of this Newsletter can contact Steve Dennison or Pete Messina. We will see that you get one.

RESERVATION SLIP BELOW

Tear Off

Please reserve the following:

_____ tours for Williamsburg-Yorktown @\$21.00 ea * _____
 _____ tours for Norfolk tour and dinner @ \$2.00 ea _____
 _____ Saturday night dinner @ \$25.00 ea = _____
 _____ Total _____
 _____ Prime Rib _____ Filet of Flounder _____

Send to: Peter J. Messina Fieldcrest Drive,
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
 Phone; _____

ATTENTION!

ARMORY DEDICATION

On September 9, 1990 at 2.00 p.m. the Massachusetts Army National Guard Armory in Framingham, MA is to be dedicated in a formal ceremony as the Brigadier General Ralph T. Noonan Armory. The Americal Division Veterans Association has been invited to take part in this dedication.

General Noonan began his career with Company C, 101st Quatermaster Regiment, Mass. National Guard. He was ordered to Federal Service in January 1941. He left New York, January 1942 for the South Pacific as part of Task Force 6814 which later became the Americal Division. He stayed with the Americal until it was disbanded after the occupation of Japan. A total of 47 months overseas with the Division.

All members who wish to take part in this ceremony are urged to contact Captain Brian J. Catalano Sr. RSVP at _____, Ext. _____.

ATTENTION - 182 INFANTRY

Have you written that letter in support of the 182 Infantry? It is best to get those letters in before any decision is made. After a decision is made it will be very difficult to change. DO IT NOW!

THE FLAG

Editorial

For quite sometime now the controversy has been raging over THE FLAG as to whether or not it should be protected by law. Most of my life I believed that THE FLAG was protected by law---I also thought that English was our official language--now at this late date I find that neither is true.

I have listened to all the arguments and have read the various opinions that have been available. I must admit that I sometimes wavered from my heartfelt belief that our FLAG should be protected by a constitutional amendment. However, the July issue of the American Legion magazine arrived and it contained a two page message written by their National Commander, Miles S. Epling. I would like to quote some of his reasons, heretofore unknown to me, for a constitutional amendment: "Some argue that to afford the U.S. Flag special status would somehow weaken our nation and threaten our rights. Granting special status for the Flag is no novel experiment. Congress has passed laws protecting other national landmarks and treasures. It's illegal to paint political messages on the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, and to deface the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Washington Monument. It's even against the law to write political comments on the Supreme Court building, where the notion was born that flag-burning and political expression are the same.

The Commander goes on to say--"all of the 435 offices in the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election. Most House members will return to their home districts when Congress goes into recess in August. Every Legionnaire should make it a point to ask his representative where they stand on the amendment. Our congressman must take a stand for the flag or against it."

"While we work to protect our national banner, we must stay focused on those events more than two centuries ago that spawned the greatest experiment ever devised by man -- the establishment of the United States of America."

"I'm not ashamed to say that I love America and all that represents. I know how proud you are to carry the flag and to stand tall on behalf of all that it represents.

After reading these facts I no longer have any doubt in my mind that every one that has served our country should now rally around THE FLAG and demand a constitutional amendment! I urge every member of the Americal Division Veterans Association to take a stand on this issue and let his voice be heard. This is the year--many people are concerned about being elected or re-elected to Congress. If they can stall us past November they will stall for another two years. NOW IS THE TIME!

Jim Buckle

NATIONAL CONVENTION - CHICAGO - 1990

OAK BROOK, IL - JUNE 7-10, 1990

IT WAS A BALL !

Judging from the comments received from the attendees (240 attended) the 1990 Americal National Convention was a huge success! WWII Vets at 65%; Vietnam Vets at 35%. Not bad.

Registration began on Thursday June 7th, and each person received their prepaid event tickets, a Divisional pin, a name tag, a beautiful picture, (8 1/2 x 11) of the Americal Divisional Crest.

The Hospitality Room, with a night-club atmosphere, opened at 3 PM and held a near capacity crowd until closing at 11 PM. We ran our own Bar, with the lowest prices in town. Entertainment was provided by comedienne Fanny Farkle, a little naughty, but nice.

On Fri. 6/8/90, a membership meeting was presided by National Adjutant, Bernie Chase. The meeting hall was filled and many issues were covered with due resolutions. The new National Commander, Ron Ward, and the new Senior Vice Commander, Roland Castronova, were introduced. Both of these men are Vietnam Vets. We know they will do a great job for the Americal Association and encourage many more Viet Nam Vets to join our organization.

A Memorial Service was held at Cantigny War Museum. The Service was outdoors near a display of WWII Tanks and some artillery pieces. Reading were conducted by Joe Micek, Bernie Carroll, Ron Ward, and Dr. Robert C. Muehrcke. The ceremony was closed with "Taps"; very impressive. The Museum had displays from WWI, WWII, and Vietnam, with video and sound effects. The grounds contained a beautiful mansion and acres upon acres of gardens and flowers; very colorful. This was a very enjoyable afternoon.

On Friday the Hospitality Room was again opened from 4-PM to 11-PM, and evening entertainment was provided by the WWII "Andrew Sisters." (Not the originals!). The room was filled to capacity and we had a tough time convincing all to leave by 11-PM. The hotel told us we broke some sort of a record on Friday, that is, more brew was consumed this night than in any other night in the history of the room! WOW!

On Sat. 6/9/90, a Chicago bus tour got underway with a return by 2-PM. Our hotel was across-the-street from the world famous Oak Brook Shopping Center and many ladies took advantage of some shopping time. The Hospitality Room was opened from noon to 4-PM and, as usual, it was well attended.

Cocktails at 6:30 PM. Each lady was given a beautiful corsage and a box of candy. Everyone received a souvenir Reunion Booklet which included a brief history of the Americal Division in WWII and Vietnam. Free, two drink tickets were distributed to all paid attendees.

Joe Micek was the M.C., and after the invocation by Mrs. JoAnn Muehrcke, a delicious prime rib dinner was served. Following dinner, Joe introduced Mitch Przybycien who gave a run-down on the Reunion attendance., followed by Dr. Robert C. Muehrcke, M.D., who spoke on the glory of the Americal Division in both wars and also covered the activities of the Guadalcanal Solomon Islands.

War Memorial Foundation. Joe invited Bernie Chase to the mike who in turn asked Past Commander Bernard Carroll to present plaques to Joe Micek and Dr. Muehrcke for a "job well done". Bernie Carroll recognized the new National Commander, Ron Ward, who gave us encouragement for the future.

Dancing and socializing started in earnest about 9:30 PM and lasted to 1:00 AM. The music was great and quite a few attendees tripped the light fantastic through the night. Noted a few of our younger generation comrades-in-arms enjoying a dance with our WWII brides! The air was filled with conversation and it was a real pleasure to see the mixing of the "old & young." WWII Vets got to know the Viet Vets and a lot of comradeship existed. We make quite a team! Closed the night on the thought we will all meet next year at Cape Cod, MA., for the 50th Anniversary Reunion since Federalization in 1941.

On Sun. 6/10/90 150 of us gathered for a farewell brunch in the hotel. For a mere \$6.50 we had a fantastic meal. After many "Good-Bys" and see-you-next-year", the 1990 Reunion slowly came to a close.

AND NOW FOR SOME CREDITS; Thanks to Joe & Marie Micek (Chairman) for getting this Reunion together; thanks to Dr. Robert & Mrs. Muehrcke (Asst. Chairmah) for your input; thanks to Mitchel Przybycien (Secy./Treas.) for all of his hard work. (Mitch really was the man who put in a tremendous amount of time and effort to give us such a great Reunion); Fred & Mary Hitzman (Asst.) for your help and support at all times; John (Dutch) & Janice DeGroot (Asst) for your hard work and enthusiasm and in particular for putting together the Souvenir Booklet; Brian & Mimi Mulcrone (Asst.) for your help and support at all times. The Committee met each month for about 11 months and worked extremely well together, (the beer was good too). Our compliments to the two Viet Nam Vets on our Committee, Dutch DeGroot and Brian Mulcrone. You guys were great and very refreshing with your thoughts and ideas. Keep it up and perhaps you can run a future Reunion.

Last but not least, we wish to thank the Americal Division Veterans Association National Officers for all of their help and encouragement; it made our job easier.



Joseph G. Micek, Chairman
 1990 National Reunion
 (Co. G, 132nd. Inf. Regt.)

Mrs. Joseph Micek

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



JoAnn & Dr. Muehrcke Mary Hitzman



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Dr. Muehrcke presented plaque by PNC Carroll



Joe Micek presented plaque by PNC Carroll



50th Wedding Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Rush Propper



Com Ward Jr. Com Messina Sr. Com Castronova

THANK YOU AMERICAL



All of us from the 196th would like to extend our appreciation to the Americal Division for the hospitality offered to us at the Chicago Convention. A special thanks to the twenty-one men from B 2/1 68-70 who attended the convention

Jim "Pigman" Crum
B 2/1 196th 68-69

"THE OLD CAMPAIGNER"



MRS. & M/SGT WARREN G. REED



The above picture is of M/Sgt and Mrs. Warren G. Reed taken at the Americal Convention in Chicago. Sgt. Reed has served in World War II, Korea, and in the Americal in Vietnam. He has also served in Europe. It is believed he is the only man in the Americal Division Veterans Association that has served in three wars.



CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20318-0001

24 April 1990

Mr. Bernard J. Carroll
and
Mr. Ronald L. Ward
Headquarters, Americal Division
Veterans Association

Boston, Massachusetts 02104

Dear Messrs. Carroll and Ward,

Thank you for the invitation to be your honored guest at the 48th anniversary of the birth of the Americal Division on 9 June in Chicago, Illinois. I appreciate your thinking of me.

I would certainly enjoy the opportunity to participate in the banquet with my comrades from the Americal Division. Unfortunately, I have commitments on that date which make it necessary for me to decline your kind invitation.

Although I am unable to join you, I appreciate your taking the time to write and extend best wishes for a most successful banquet.

Sincerely,

C. L. Powell

COLIN L. POWELL
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff



ROMANTIC MUSINGS FROM AMERICA'S SHEETHEARTS, TED TURNER & JANE FONDA.

JANE: I KNEW YOU WERE THE GUY FOR ME WHEN YOU WENT TO HANOI, DENOUNCED OUR COUNTRY AND RAN AWAY FROM THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT CREWS WHO WERE SHOOTING DOWN OUR PILOTS. HOW DID YOU FALL FOR ME?

OH, TED (COO) IT WAS THAT MAGIC MOMENT IN BEIJING WHEN YOU DENOUNCED THE STUDENTS FOR BEING MASSACRED AT TIANANMEN SQUARE...

Dear Ron:

Even the "Witch City" newspaper hasn't forgotten!!
Sent in by:

Herb O'Brien
101 Medica

CO. C 2nd BN. 1st INF. 196 BDE.

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I found your address in "Vietnam" magazine. Is the Americal Division Veterans Association or the Americal Newsletter a place to look for old acquaintances? Is there a registry? Are there reunions?

I was a member of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade when it deployed from Fort Devens to Vietnam. I was with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry. I rotated back to the World in June of 1967.

I served as platoon leader for the 3rd Platoon during the first half of my tour and as platoon leader of the 4th Platoon during the second half.

I have all the letters I sent home during my Vietnam Service (my mother kept in a scrap book) and they recall things that happened to our Company. I also have some pictures from both the Tay Ninh area and the Chu Lai area.

I am interested in locating some of my old acquaintances and in having a reunion. Any help you may give would be most appreciated. I would also be willing to assist in maintaining computerized records (I'm not a computer wizzard, but a fairly good end user of software) or help in other ways to gather and maintain the history of our Division. I actually never served in the Division; having rotated back before the 196th became part of the Americal.

Sincerely,
Timothy F. Schlink
San Jose, CA 95123

Members who were part of the 196th in this time period contact Tim.

BTRY. C 3/82 ARTY. 196 BDE.

Dear Mr. Chase:

Enclose is my personal check for \$12.00 for my Annual dues. It always makes me feel good to know that I am still part of the "Americal Division". The time I spent with it in Vietnam with the 3/82 Artillery, C Battery, supporting the 196 Bde, from the top of LZ Siberia (the 4/21 or 4/31 Infantry), from July 69 thru July 70 may have messed up my life a little, but if I could go back in time to that time, I would never leave them. I hope and pray that there is one more out there that I helped during that year get back to the world one way or another. You know men that there is a book out called "Death Valley". That is what the Marines called the valley floor of the village of Hiep Duc in 1968. I know it kept up it's name in August - September 69 and again in May - June 70. Death Valley. How I long to be back there. 3/82 Artillery, 196th Bde., Americal; I feel I gave you all I had. Although I still live and breath, when I left Vietnam and You behind, I feel I died. Nothing in the world has ever been as important to me as you all were. I love you all. I have turned my life over to my Lord Jesus. Men, if you ever need a true friend to turn to; one who is always there and will never leave you, reach for JESUS. I pray for you all who are trying to find peace. Try Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,
James (Jim) Blaylock

F TROOP 8th CAV. BLUEGHOST

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Robert A. Marsch, I was in the Americal Division from February 11, 1970 thru February 28, 1971, F Troop 8th Cav. Blueghost.

At the present time, I do volunteer work for the Vietnam War Museum. I have donated pictures of myself and some of my old pals, but in the years I have lost their addresses. I would like to write to them to tell them that their pictures are going to go up in the Museum.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Marsch
San Antonio, TX 78201

If any of our members were in F. Troop during this time period, contact Robert.

39th M.P.

Mr. Chase

The enclosed check is for Life Membership.

PS A recent Americal Newsletter stated that I had passed away. Please advise my good friend and old Buddy Paul Jordan of Chicago, IL to stop spreading those rumors. I'M well-alive-and still kicking. The Newsletter is reading pleasure.

Best regards,
Sid Borgia

Welcome back from the grave Sid.

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Dear Sir:

In response to a letter from Jack Logsdon in the May/June 1990 Newsletter. There will be a Hospitality Tent for the Americal Division at the Indiana Vietnam Reunion in Kokomo.

My husband served in the Americal Division in Vietnam--198 LIB Co. D & A 1/52 Inf, 1967-1968--around Chu Lai and Da Nang.

Anyone serving at that time, with him or that group, please contact us. We have had two reunions and another one is being planned.

I am enclosing a flyer, (see above) for the Americal Newsletter, on the Indiana Reunion. Approximately 30,000 are expected to attend.

Also, it is imperative that anyone who served from '67 thru '69 near or around Chu Lai or Da Nang, and experiencing ANY eye problems to contact me

Mrs. Ricky P. Hanson
Russiaville, IN 46979

We encourage all members to attend this event. Our association, the ADVA, will have a tent set up on the grounds. Look for the Americal Division banner.

We'll have cold drinks on hand and be signing up new members. In the past, attendance has topped 25,000 veterans and their families. No reason why this one shouldn't be even larger.

Ron

A MONUMENTAL CONCERN

Hampton Roads is building a monument to honor those who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, particularly to the over 300,000 Tidewater Vietnam veterans. This memorial will represent American men and women from all branches of the service, including the living, the dead, and the missing.

The Vietnam War Monument will be located next to the War Memorial Museum of Virginia in Huntington Park, Newport News, Virginia. The estimated cost of the memorial is \$100,000. The Vietnam War Monument Foundation, Inc. has already raised over half of the building costs. However, we need your assistance to make this monument a reality. Your support will help heal the pain suffered by all Americans as a result of the Vietnam War.

Contribution _____
Name _____
Address _____

Send contributions to:

Vietnam War Monument Foundation Inc.
% War Memorial Museum of Virginia
Newport News, VA 23607

For further info call:

Ed Note: The well known Americal vet, Warren "Top" Reed is in the forefront to make this memorial for the State of Virginia a success. Let's give him a hand by writing a check.

Ron

AMERICAL DIVISION FINANCE OFFICE

Would anyone who served in the Americal Division Finance Office at Chu Lai while I was assigned there, (18 July 1968 - 30 July 1970) please contact me.

Thank You,
Greg Straub

Cleona, PA 17042

ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

Help us build the



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CO. A 26th ENGR. BN.

Dear Sir:

When Jim Crum sent me an application to join the ADVA recently, I did, and I have never been sorry of it. The newsletter is great and the stories I read from the W.W. 11 Vets. were interesting and provided me with some history I never knew.

All these years I thought only the Marines fought in the South Pacific. Then finally seeing more and more stories and letters from Vietnam Vets., I knew I would change from a new member to a Life Member. Enclosed is my first payment of \$25.00 and let me please what is left to be paid.

Sincerely,
(SP/4) Maurice Henson
A Co. 26 Engr. Bn. Capt.

4/21 INF. 11th BDE.

Dear Ron:

Thanks for sending the copy of the Division Newsletter. Enclosed is my application and check. Sorry for the delay but I did misplace the application. I encourage all Vietnam Veterans who haven't visited the Wall, to do so. If you have never had a welcome home parade, you sure will when you visit the Wall. During Veteran's Day last year was my first time and it was an experience I can't describe in words. I hope to see all my new friends there again this year. Hopefully this will become an annual event for me. Although I didn't find any of my Buddies I was in Vietnam with, maybe I will next time. If any anybody knows of anyone that was with Co. B 4/21 Inf., 11th Bde. in 1969, I would appreciate if they would contact me. I have located six of them as of now but I would like to find some more. Keep up the good work and if God's willing and the creek don't rise I'll see you at the Wall in November 1990. Take care.

Your Vietnam Brother
Randy Fox
[Redacted]
Cleveland, TN 37312

21 INFANTRY

This photo was sent by Ed Marsh, a holder of the Silver Star Medal. It was taken in 1969 on LZ Debbie. From left to right we have Platoon Sgt Steve Parten and then Ed Marsh.



CO. A 3rd BN. 1st INF. 11th BDE.

To ADVA:

I am very happy to hear there is a ADVA. After so many years I thought the unit only a memory. Enclosed is a check and paper work for the first years membership and I look forward to the next Newsletter.

I was a member of Co. A 3rd Bn. 1st Inf. 11th Bde. from July 70 to May 71. The 3/1 operated north west Quang Ngai City from Fire Base 4-11(the hill) during this time. I also had a rear job with the 11 Bde. stand down area at Duc Pho. So I was both in the field and in the rear to round things out.

I would very much like to hear from the guys I was with or others from the 3/1. Its been many years and things get fuzzy, names and such.

One other thing in your Newsletter March April A new member John Riley of A 1/3 Inf. Could that be A 3/1 Inf.?

Thanks for your help, and peace be with you.

Tom Holewa
[Redacted]
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Tom we have John Riley from Co. A 4/3 Inf. 11th Bde. Any members from 3/1 Inf. contact Tom.

198 LIB

I served in Vietnam April 69-70 with 2nd Platoon B Co 5/46th 198th LIB at LZ Gator and the surrounding area. A couple of years ago I was contacted by someone who had what you would call a year book for the whole Battalion that year. He made a copy of the book on a copy machine and sent it to me. It has all of the single photos of the men broke down by companies and also shots of men taken in the field. If you know of anyone interested in a copy of this they can write to me. I had not known such a book existed. Although I won't be able to be at the Chicago reunion, please enter my name on the roster and I would appreciate a copy of the sign-in sheet. I'm still looking for anyone alive that I knew in country. Thanks for your help.

Tim C Britsch
[Redacted]
Cloverdale, OH 45827

178 DOOR GUNNERS

I was wondering if you could put something out before the general membership. How would they feel about incorporating the words "23RD INFANTRY DIV." on the window decal and lapel pin. It seems that we are the only Division that doesn't mention our numeric designation. I had several people at the VFW ask me "what's an Americal?" The other window stickers all incorporate the numeric in addition to the name. Example 25TH INF DIV - Tropic Lightning. Thanks for your consideration.

Tony Percoskie
178th Door Gunners

Editors note: This is an interesting proposition that that we'll put on hold till the next general membership meeting in Cape Cod. I hope the men will think this over and we can bring it to a vote at the meeting.

198 LIB 1/52 RECON

Howdy Guys;

Well Ron, here's the "sit rep" on the Americal colors I asked for. They arrived in good shape by the U.S. Post. They were returned to Boston by the U.S. Post. Here's where I want to stutter or stammer. I received the colors a little more than a week before the Houston parade & stand down. I had already made plans to walk with the Last Patrol from Cleveland, Texas to Houston, an easy walk about 12 clicks a day. On the first day we were about 4 clicks from our night laager when an 18 wheel truck ran over us. Our police escort who was about 100 yards behind us, with his lights on, took the blunt of the impact. The man did this, staying in place, knowing that that it would be his last act. The only people hurt bad were the people in the support trucks. All of us walkers were able to get out of the way because of the warning from Officer Earl McFarland. His wife had a baby a couple of weeks after the funeral. There is a trust fund set up in his name at the Cleveland 1st Bank & Trust P.O. Box 1789 Cleveland, Texas 77327. The Last Patrol is going to walk again in Officer McFarland's memory sometime in the fall. A note about the Last Patrol. We walk all over the country to call attention to all POW's from all wars. Can you believe there are POW's from WW2 that were taken from German camps and never returned by the Russians. There were over 300 listed POW's from Korea that were never returned. Now, North Korea wants to exchange POW's with us. At least they want to discuss it. Something is wrong. Meanwhile, back at the parade. The morning of the parade the Americal mustered up on a side street where we waited. I had the colors unfurled to mark the spot when I saw an Americal flag show up. Last year we had no colors, so one of the wives made one. She did a good job and was proud of it. I may get some flak from this but I took the colors you sent and walked with the Last Patrol at the rear of the parade. We joined back up at the park but I couldn't ask the lady to put that home made flag behind the colors. Sorry guys. Bottom line is that a good time was had by all, with no troubles.

Bring em' home!
Frank Schulgen
198th LIB 1/52nd Recon 68-69'



PLEASE DONATE YOUR NEWSLETTER TO
YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY OR
A V. A. HOSPITAL

HHC AMERICAL DIVISION G-2 TOC

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of my discharge and the order for the Army Commendation Medal.

In answer to Ed Loeb's question on General Colin Powell in the Americal Division: General Powell was a Major in the 1968 & 1969 while I was at Chu Lai. General Powell was assigned to G-2 & G-3 where I worked. Although we were not in the same unit I saw him quite often. I could tell you a story of something that happened one night, but not right now. It concerns General Powell and it shows what kind of a guy he is.

Thank you,
Jimmy Vail (SP/5)

23 MILITARY POLICE 196 LIB

Dear Brother Veteran:

It's been twenty years since I left Indochina. I always wonder if I would ever hear or see the people I might have served with, or where I might get in touch with them. You see I served two tours of duty with two different units. First, I was with teh 732 H.E.M. Company Charley, on L.Z. Hawk Hill, and then I had my M.O.S. changed Military Police. I was then stationed with the 23 Military Police Company, 196 LIB in Chu Lai. If you have any information on either of these two units would you please let me know. I also need to get a membership application for your association. Thank you.

William C. Garrett
[Redacted]
Suisun, CA 94585

The application and info are on the way. ED.

TROOP E 1 CAVALRY 11 LIB

Dear Sir:

I am a current member of the ADVA and need a decal for my new car.

I served with E Troop, 1st Cavalry, 11 LIB from March 1968 to March 1969. The history of the formation of the Division in Vietnam was very interesting. I had been one of the first replacements in the Troop after it arrived in country from Hawaii. I would like to hear from others that served in the Troop during this period.

Thanks to the organization, the history of the largest excombat division in the U.S. will be preserved. ADVA is truly a living memorial to those who died to protect the freedom of our country and those of us that sacrificed our youth.

Thank you,
Robert K. Cowles
[Redacted]
Springfield, IL 62702

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER?
DO IT NOW!

26 INFANTRY

I thought you might like to know that I had a good time at the Chicago reunion. I was sorry that it ended but alas all good things do. I am enclosing a letter from my girlfriend at that time. It might be of interest to other GI's.

SOUTH VIETNAM

Dear Civilians, Friends, Draft Dodgers, Etc:

In the very near future the undersigned will once more be in your midst, dehydrated and demoralized, to take his place again as a human being with the known forms of freedom and justice for all; engage in life, liberty and the somewhat delayed pursuit of happiness. In making your joyous preparations to welcome him back into organized society you might take certain steps to make allowances for he crude environment which has been his miserable lot for the past twelve months. In other words he might be a little Asiatic from Vietnamescititis and Overseasitis, and should be handled with care. Don't be alarmed if he is infected with all forms of rare tropical diseases. A little time in the "Land of the Big PX" will cure this malady.

Therefore, show no alarm if he insists on carrying a weapon at the dinner table, looks around for his steel pot when offered a chair, or wakes you up in the middle of the night for guard duty. Keep cool when he pours gravy on his dessert at dinner or mixes peaches with his Seagrams VO. Pretend not to notice if he eats with his fingers instead of silverware and prefers C-rations to steak. Take it with a smile when he insists on digging up the garden to fill sandbags for the bunker he is building. Be tolerant when he takes his blanket and sheet off the bed and puts them on the floor to sleep on, and by no means try to wake him by saying "GOOOOOD MORNING VIETNAM".

Abstain from saying anything about Chu Lai Steak, powdered eggs, dehydrated potatoes, fried rice, fresh milk, or ice cream. Do not be alarmed if he should jump up from the dinner table and rush to the garbage can to wash his dish with a toilet brush. After all, this has been his standard. Also, if it should start raining, pay no attention to him if he pulls off his clothes, grabs a bar of soap and a towel and runs outdoors for a shower.

When in his daily conversation he utters such things as "Xin Loi" and "La Di" just be patient, and simply leave quickly and calmly if by some chance he utters "Di Di" with an irritated look on his face because it means no less than "Get the Hell out of here". Do not let it shake you if he picks up the phone and yells "White Lion Charlie" or says "Roger out" for good-bye or simply shouts "Working"!!!

Never ask why the Jones' son held a higher rank than he did, and by no means mention the term "RE-UP". Pretend not to notice if at a restaurant he calls the waitress "Numba one girl" and uses his hat as an ashtray. He will probably keep listening for "Homeward Bound" to sound off over AFRS. If he does, comfort him for he is still reminiscing. Be especially watchful when he is in the presence of a woman--especially beautiful woman.

Above all, keep in mind that beneath that tanned and rugged exterior there is a heart of gold (the only thing of value he has left). Treat him with kindness, tolerance, and an occasional fifth of Continues next column

good liquor and you will be able to rehabilitate that which once (and is now a hollow shell of) the happy-go-lucky guy you once knew and loved.

Last, but not least, send no more mail to the APO. Fill the ice box with beer, get the civvies out of mothballs, fill the car with gas, and get woman and children off the streets....

BECAUSE THIS MAN IS COMING HOME !!!!!!!

Bob Kasting

198 LIB

Steve Monroe, 198th LIB, wrote to the newsletter telling us about a reunion that was held by men who served in the Brigade HHC. The info arrived too late to place in the last newsletter but we feel that it's important to still let you all know that these men were able to get together. They met at the Marriott in Pittsburg on July 15-16. The last I heard they were planning on 14 vets with 7 of them bringing their families. Steve gave me a guest roster and I see that many of them need to be signed up as ADVA members. It didn't take Steve long to sign up after he learned of our existence. After joining us at the "Wall" last Veterans Day, we had a completed application from him within a couple of weeks. I hope he gets us those new members just as quickly.



196 LIB 4/31 INFANTRY

Dear Mr. Buckle:

The enclosed picture, (above) was taken by me while at HQ Americal Division in Chu Lai-July 1968. Hope you can use it in the Newsletter.

Although I was in the Infantry, I did get "Down Town" to visit.

Sincerely,
Jerry F. Kralik

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE AMERICAL DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION MAKES A GENEROUS DONATION TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN HEART FUND, IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED COMRADES?

ARTILLERY REUNION

Dear Jim:

The Artillery Reunion went over well. We had 32 from 14 States and most of them brought their wives or other family members and friends. Everyone who attended seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

It rained several days but most everyone got to visit Colonial Williamsburg and other places of interest. Busch Gardens were opened only on weekends at this time.

The videographer taped Colonial Williamsburg and other places of interest. The tape also includes the ones that were for dinner on Saturday evening.

Most everyone voted to meet at the National reunion on Cape Cod, MA next year. I am looking forward to this reunion as I have never been to Cape Cod.

On a sad note--I would like to inform you of the passing of Thomas D. McMurray, Battery B 246 FA, on December 12, 1989.

Sincerely,
Elbert Horton

Thanks for the report Elbert. We missed you in Chicago.

26 SIGNAL CO.

I have just learned of the Americal Division veterans Association and I am happy to join.

I had the experience of de-activating the 26th Signal Company at Fort Lewis, Washington. I have several items that the Americal Museum would be interested in. Please let me know who to contact.

Also, I would like very much to have a copy of the book, "Under the Southern Cross". How and where can I get this book? Enclosed is my check for \$25.00 on a Life Membership.

Thanks,
James E. Parnell

James, the person to contact for making a donation to the Americal Museum, and also for the book, is

Kenneth Turner
Wakefield, MA 01880

57 ENGINEERS BN.

Enclosed are my dues, \$12.00 for 1990. Sorry to hear about Curtis Clark passing away. He was a great friend of mine, and a good soldier. I have a banner about two foot long which states U.S. Army Maneuvers North Carolina, South Carolina, 1941. I will donate it to the Museum if they care to use it.

Thank You,
Bob Webster
Fall River, MA

Bob, send banner to: Ken Turner
Wakefield, MA 01880

182 INFANTRY A-B FIRST BN HDQTS

Dear Jim:

Received the current Americal Newsletter today and I'm glad to be back as a member again.

I notice that a lot of coverage goes to the Vietnam members, but looking back reminds me we should remember some of our buddies that did not return home. I am speaking of Sgt. Semar and his whole squad from B Company, 182 Infantry, that were ambushed on patrol in Bougainville, and none returned. Also the members of the weapons platoon of A Company, 182 Infantry, that lost their lives on Cebu, when a hill exploded while they were attacking.

I know that all of us lost friends during combat, but I want to state, maybe very late, I miss them. They were my friends.

I was a member of both A and B Company 182 Infantry before I was lucky enough to join 1st Battalion Headquarters Company.

Robert Crews
Kansas City, MO 64111

Good to hear from you Bob. The reason that there is a lot of coverage of the Vietnam members is that they write more letter. The Newsletter is made up from letters sent in by members. Those two incidents concerning A and B Company would make a very interesting story. How about sending it in?
Jim

221 FIELD ARTILLERY

Dear Bob:

Enclosed you will find my dues for 1990. If I owe any other dues please let me know, as I cannot find my membership card, therefore I have no idea of the expiration day.

I was in the same unit as your mayor, Jim Milano. Is he a member? If not why not.

I have also misplaced the last issue of the Americal Newsletter with the picture of the Argentina. I would appreciate another copy. If there is any expense to your sending me my dues card or a copy of the Newsletter, I will be more than happy to reimburse you. I suppose it due to old age.

Your in comradeship,
Edmund A. Stuart
Cherry Valley, MA 01611

Ed, we haven't given up on the Mayor yet, but we will keep after him.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

It is amazing that so few of the men, that served with the Americal during World War II and Vietnam, know about The Americal Division Veterans Association.

Jim Parnell just heard about us after all these years. (His letter is on this page). How about placing your Newsletter in your Public Library?



182 INFANTRY COMPANY I

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is a picture taken in front of the Yokohama Post Office. I'm in the middle, but I can't identify the other G.I.'s. It was taken by someone from G.H.Q. Public Relations Office for use back home. I do not know if it ever made the papers.

A happy looking group. Probably because people had stopped shooting at us.

Thanks,
Jim Thomas

247 FIELD ARTILLERY

Dear Jim:

Just received the May/June 1990 Newsletter. When that arrives I drop everything and start reading. It seems to get better with every issue. I read it cover to cover with hopes of finding an old Buddie from the 247th.

In this issue, on Page 13, under 2 July: Lt. Harry "Mile", should read MILNE. The enclosed document will verify the same. If you could make such a note in some future Newsletter it would be appreciated.

We had a great time at the recent Reunion, in fact, saw three friends from my old outfit that I last saw in '45 on Cebu. We had some good old "Gab" sessions. That was a decent turnout in Chicago, but I hope next year will draw the entire group. I'm looking forward to June 1991.

Thanks again for the great Newsletter. You do a great job.

Your friend,
Harry Milne

Harry: Sorry that we got your name wrong and hope this straightens things out. Thanks for the kind words about the Newsletter--we have a good group working together--Oscar Patterson, Ron Ward, Bernie Chase, myself and all those great guys of the ADVA that send in their stories. Jim

NOTE: The following is copy of a Citation and a Certificate that Harry Milne was awarded for his bravery under fire while on the island of Cebu. (Citation follows in next column)

CERTIFICATE

16 April 1945

On the afternoon of 8 April 1945, I Company, 132 Infantry Regiment which I command, attacked and seized Hill Number 26, Cebu, Philippines Islands. Second Lieutenant Harry B. Milne, O-1183930, FA with a party of enlisted men, all from C Battery, 247th Field Artillery Battalion, was working with I Company as artillery forward observer, supporting the operation. The mission of I Company was to seize Hill Number 26 and hold it at all costs. The location of this Hill, representing the extreme end of a narrow salient extending three quarters of a mile into enemy held territory, made it a key position for the battalion attack on Hill number 25 scheduled for the following day. Hill Number 26 was the highest point of land in this vicinity and the upper part of the hill was bare except for grass and a few small bushes. As a result, our positions on this hill were exposed to enemy observation and fire from north, west, and south.

After seizing Hill Number 26, about 1600 hours, we were subjected to heavy enemy automatic fire from south and west, most of which was coming from 20 millimeter anti-aircraft type weapons firing explosive shells. The fire continued at intervals through the evening and night causing many casualties in the Company. At about 0300, 9 April 1945, the firing grew intense, at which time two infantrymen, about fifteen yards from Lieutenant Milne's foxhole, were wounded. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Milne left the comparative security of his fox hole and moved over exposed ground to their aid. While doing so, Lieutenant Milne was critically wounded. Earlier in the evening two of Lieutenant Milne's men had been wounded by enemy fire. I Company's total casualties for the night were twenty four. While serving as forward observer with I Company, Lieutenant Milne did outstanding work in aggressively bringing down artillery fire on a number of positions in the path of our advance.

R.A. Manning
Captain, 132 Inf.
Commanding Co. I

Lieutenant Harry B. Milne was also recommended for a Silver Star for his Gallantry in Action.

VANUATU

Vanatu, an island republic in the backwaters of the South Pacific has been nudged onto the world stage this spring. On the island where average income is \$820 per year, the flag-of-convenience business and offshore banking are major industries. In February, however, a Senate panel identified Vanatu, Nauru, and Anguilla as centers for drug-money laundering. Said John Kerry (D-MA) "The smaller the country, the easier to take over."

Vanuatu was formerly the New Hebrides and was defended by units from the 182 Infantry under Brig. Gen. William I. Rose

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES THIS YEAR?

182 INFANTRY

Dear Jim:

I was reading the Springfield Union News today and was quite put out about an article concerning the Americal Division. It has it's good points--I think the State should take care of it. But the person who wrote it should research his subject a little more. He states that the Americal was stationed at Fort Devens, and as you know we were never at Fort Devens. He claims the Americal patch was a blue shield with four red stars and you and I both know that it had four white stars. He didn't even know that the stars represented the Southern Cross. He didn't know that a member of the Americal placed a wreath on the sign each year. He didn't know how we were formed and had very to about the charter members who made that GREAT DIVISION in the first place.

I think you people at the head of our association should write the Springfield Union and let them know that we are a proud bunch of Vets and like to see our Division history told correctly.

I hope I can see you at the picnic August 4th. As I told you before I was in Company C 182 Infantry and would like to see and hear from some of the guys.

'Til We Meet,
Arthur Pope

Florence, MA 01060

Dear Arthur--I can understand your concern and aggravation with the newspaper article. I and you know the Americal Division always suffered from lack of recognition and when we were mentioned our name was usually spelled wrong.

The signs on I-91 were dedicated before I became active in the organization so I don't know all of the particulars but I do know that Ed Largess used to place a wreath on the three signs every year. I will check into this and get back to you.

The following letter came in today's mail---

Dear Mr. Buckle

Enclosed are two copies of an article which appeared in the Springfield, MA paper on July 4th.

I am the widow of Alex Mitchell - a long time member of the Americal

Ever since I 91 was designated as the Americal Highway, placement of memorial wreaths on the highway was taken care of by Edward Largess and Edward Haddad. Advancing years and health problems have made it difficult for them to continue.

Surely there must be someone (an Americal veteran) who could carry on with this tradition.

I do not have the address of the present commander but I would appreciate it if you will forward a copy to him.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alex Mitchell

Thank you so much for writing to me and I will see that the copy get into the proper hands. The ADVA should certainly try to find a local member that would be willing to take care of placing the wreaths.

Jim Buckle

SOLOMON STAR

Dateline 2 January 1990

EDITORIAL

YOU CANNOT RUN A BUSINESS BY REMOTE CONTROL

The Christmas period is over and it is now time to work harder if we are to achieve what we want. Solomon Islanders who run small businesses must understand that it is no use leaving the business to friends and relatives to run while owners are out on a travel spree.

To be successful, small business owners must spend all their efforts on their business ventures. The owner must be the first to arrive and the last to leave. Not the other way around. That is how the Chinese and expatriates manage their business affairs. They even continue to work at home evenings. They do not count time. Their aim is to get things done, not half done. Why not Solomon Islands businessmen do the same?

Solomon Islanders running small businesses have created in their bloodstreams a new disease which will greatly affect their business ventures. The disease is the tendency to leave the work to be carried out by others while owners are either in a bar, discuss politics or have coffee at an unknown restaurant.

As soon as money starts to come in, owners also start to leave their job to do other things. You cannot run a business by remote control. It will not work. The result will be a quick climb and a sudden fall. The aim is to stay afloat as long as you can. There is no need to blame the expatriates or government for our failures. Just ask yourself who your best friends are and notice that they are your greatest enemies. They get you into the best clubs, the best hotels, and the best place to spend evenings. That is the quickest road to plunge a business into a ravine. Let us learn from people's mistakes and avoid doing the same things.

Ed Note: The Solomon Islands became independent in 1978. It seems that they are in a learning process about democracy. Thanks to Joe Micek for the above article.

Articles for the Sept-Oct issue of the Americal Newsletter should be in by September 1, 1990 at the latest. Pictures and stories are certainly appreciated and will be used on a 'first come' basis. Please write names on the backs of all and pictures and a return address if you wish them returned. If you do not request that your pictures be returned they will be given to the Americal Museum.

Suggestions and criticism accepted--we want to know your thoughts and ideas for the Americal Newsletter is "your" Newsletter.

Please send all material for the Newsletter to:

Jim Buckle

Wakefield, MA 01880

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World War II (South Pacific)	1942-1945
Korean War (Caribbean)	1954-1956
Vietnam	1967-1973

Eligibility includes those who served with Task Force 6814 and Task Force Oregon. Branch of service is immaterial.

Dedication

ADVA is dedicated as a *LIVING MEMORIAL* to all veterans of the Americal Division and is pledged to foster true American patriotism, social and welfare activities for all members, allegiance to the United States Government, and its flag, and to perpetuate the traditions and history of the Americal Division of the United States Army.

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