

Mar. 12, 1991

Dear Dan,

I have found a few more lost Wolves as follows:

Vince Paone (Det C 1968-1969) Jim Fuller (Det 6 1968 - 1969)

(014) 070-8214

(305) Info. did not have number.

Dave Heater (Det 4 1968-1969) Bob Stevens

Works for Raytheon

Active Duty Navy Pilot

John Mann (Det 4 1968-1969)  
Is currently the Naval Attaché  
in Manila.  
Active Duty Navy Pilot  
I'm trying to get his address.

LCMR Richard M. Larson (wife Pat)

Was killed in July 1985 in a hit and run incident while jogging on a Sunday morning near N.A.S. North Island. I tried to find a phone number but never was listed so apparently Pat has since moved elsewhere. All the Wolves I've talked to have agreed that this man was someone special. Sorry that we didn't get to meet him.

All the six individuals listed above were at Dong Tam when that huge ammo dump took a direct hit with a mortar round and "blew all of us on our ass even in the bunker". It also blew over both of the helos that were trying to get launched during the mortar attack. Alfred H. Suhr was killed and "Heater" was pinned under one of the helo's skids with the engine still running and fuel pouring out all over everywhere. He had his 45 cal. out, presumably to shoot his leg off or shoot the skid away. Romanelli was "running around with an axe threatening to solve the problem!" Finally a door gunner had the presence to go back and lean on the tail stinger. Even with the helo on its side the skid came right up and heater scrambled to safety. Both Det's 4 and 6 were located at Dong Tam at the time.

I could sure use a current roster (muster). The latest one I have is missing one page and has dozens of Wolves that were left out. If you get a chance I'd appreciate you running me another. It helps me a lot in tracking down lost Wolves and re-finds.

Hope that all is well in California. I'm hoping to get off of my annual training with the Guard in time to fly right out to the reunion but it looks a little doubtful at the moment. Hopefully I'll see you there.

  
Don Thomson  
Historian/Curator

*Don Thomson*

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Dear Tom,

I have found a few more lost Wolves as follows:

Vince "The Whap" Payone (Det 6) Dave Heater (Det 4) Jim Fuller (Det 6)

(Active duty pilot)

John Mann (Det 6)  
Is currently the Naval  
Attache in Manila  
(Still on active duty)

Bob Stevens (Det 4)

(Is an active duty Navy pilot.)

You may already know about this:

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Was killed in July 1985 in a hit and run incident while jogging on a Sunday morning near N.A.S. North Island. I tried to find a phone number but none was listed so apparently Pat has moved elsewhere. All the Wolves I've talked with thought this man was someone special.

I believe that all six of the individuals listed above, and my Kansas City Seawolf buddy, Al Ross, were all at Dong Tam when the massive ammo dump took a direct mortar hit and blew up "blowing us all on our ass even in the bunker" and killing Alfred H. Suhr. "Heater" was pinned under the skid with the engine still running and fuel pouring out everywhere. He had his .45 out, presumably to shoot his tag off or shoot the skid away. Romanelli was "running around with an axe threatening to solve the problem. Finally a door gunner had the presence to go back and lean on the tail stinger. Even with the hole on it's side, the skid came right up and Heater scrambled to safety! The time frame for all six of these individuals was 1968-1969. Both Dets 4 and 6 were at Dong Tam at that time.

Tom, I'm having a quotation made on the cost to make us belt buckles and button-hole pins with beautiful cloisone Seawolf logos on them. I'll let you know just as soon as I get a reply.

I had the Super Seawolf plaque engraved, as per your instructions, and sent to Marti Twite in Coronado, CA. He should have gotten it about a week ago. Have you heard how the reunion plans are coming?

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