

DRAGONFLIGHT

15 AUGUST 03

THE FISHING TRIP AT ALHONA

I want to explain for those of you who have expressed some interest in this years fishing trip, how it works and what is available. The resort has a combination of facilities, from simple motel rooms up to 4 bedroom efficiency cabins and condos. They are not real cheap, but for the area not that expensive either. They run from about \$72 to \$240.00 a day. If you share a large unit, you can get the cost down to \$30.00 or so a day. This is a reunion because all members of the battalion are invited, but its more than that, too. There is no schedule, we fish and lay around in the pool and hot tubs, we fish and have very large cook outs. Then we sit up half the night telling fish stories and war stories just happen to come up too. For those who like to shop there is a huge outlet mall near by. If water sports are your thing the lake is still warm enough and there are plenty of different types of water craft for rent. For the golfer there are some really nice courses very close by.

Since the season is over the week before we arrive, there are some really nice sales going on and Monday to Friday the Lake will be excellent to boat and fish on because the idiots are only down on weekends that time of year. For lunch and dinner we usually pool our resources a have community dining. Of course we also have our beer , coffee, and coke set up for all to enjoy.

Larry Fuhr, Vern Gano, and Gerry Sandlin and their wives have registered from Sunday the 7 of Sep to Sun the 14 of Sep 2003, we want to invite any all who want to join us to come on up. The water I assure you is fine.

This year also Don Summers (170th) is going to be up at the lake, Don has been ill lately but he is working on a history of the 170th and would love to have any of you who can come up and tell him your recollections on the unit history and you part in it. He will only be there the first three days so please plan accordingly. Several of our 170th brethren have already committed to coming and we hope you can join them.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 

PATHFINDER NEWS

Good morning gentlemen... A west coast update.. We have added another name to our list. Dick Singer a member of the early first team. Dick lives in Boise, Id,

A funny story..Dick moved to Boise about 3-4 years ago.. Walter Hurt, (golddog@cableone.net), 11518 Domingo, Boise, Idaho 83711 moved to Boise a couple of years ago.. they got together thru our pathfinder network. I have forwarded Walter's latest note. He has an inoperable form of lung cancer and is trying to figure out the best route to attack this new challenge.. I have enclosed Walter's address if anyone wants to send him a Greetings.. God bless all-God bless America. Very truly yours

John C Robertson aka

Thanks for the information John
Dragon 11

From: "Seth L. McPhie"

Subject : One more thing!

You know Vern, I don't think anyone in the Battalion knew I was a school trained Medical Specialist. I know I never told anyone ever that I ca think of! When I left the Army I carried three PMOS's, and could have gone for The Funny Green Beanies, except for my eyeglasses and a problem with my eardrums. Yeah then I pulled the stunt and joined the Marine Corps for four years. In '75 my Marine Bn. was sent in on the withdrawl from Saigon, but we were stuck in Oki for about two and a half months, just sitting on our asses. My Brigade lost five of those big CH 53's at two and a half million apiece. Boy was the Commander pissed! Oh! One more thing not too many know about is that we left \$7,000,000.00 on a table in the Embassy foyer or entrance. Slick huh! One wonders who they paid off!

Makes us all wonder who collected that money. Ill bet it is a fasinating story.

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DON'T FORGET
ST LOUIS,MO
7 TO 10 OCT 2004
WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER ONCE
AGAIN
WE WILL GATHER TO REMEMBER.
WE WILL GATHER TO RENEW
FRIENDSHIPS AND TELL STORIES
OF WHEN WE YOUNG WITH FLAT
BELLIES AND HARD MUSCLES. SO
START LAYING ON VACATION
TIME, MAKING YOUR
RESERVATIONS, MAKING TRAVEL
PLANS AND JOIN US AT THE
CROWNE PLAZA ST LOUIS IN 2004

Subject: TY's Move

Hi to all, I am sorry to disappoint you but it's Jane and not Ty. Some of you got this message from me last week, from my email but I spoke with Ty since then he told me to send something from his email. I tried to pick and choose from his address book but, finally just hit "everyone".

His company has made the trip to Balad((north of Bagdad). That is their current assignment for at least the next 6 weeks, His mission is the Same 'beans and bullets', as he calls it. Conditions are not as good as the past 3 months. Sand fleas are bad, still very 'hot. Quarters are not as are good. He is lucky to have been assigned to operations officer so he is very busy.

He says that he doesn't need anything but I know what he could use is mail. As of yet, the e-mail is not up for regular use. If he does occasionally get to use it he sends out a quick blanket e-mail to let everyone know how he is, then he doesn't get to check it for many weeks. In the mean time all of you respond, which is great. but when he checks it (last time there were 250 messages) he doesn't have time to read them, so he deletes them. The best thing is just a regular letter, so anyone that might like to write his new address is:

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I appreciate all of the support that you have given me in Ty's absence. Please continue to keep Ty in your prayers, that's the very best thing that you! can do. From Ty, God bless you and God Bless the USA!!!

Jane

We are all awaiting Ty's return. We hope he is back in time for the Battalions reunion in 2004, so he can tell us all what life in the desert is like. We will all pray for his and all our friends, sons, daughters, nephews, and nieces who are in Harms Way keeping us safe. Dragon 11

"Roberto L Molinary"

Thanks for the e-mail.. I was with the 119th at Camp Holloway during 1964 as a Door Gunner. I was part of the shotgun Platoon that was sent from the 25th Infantry in Hawaii.. was at Holloway from May 64 to Aug 64. I had sent some Xerox copies of some of the pictures I had from my days at Pleiku.to I believe Mark Herring (?). from Arizona, I had meet him during one of the VHCMA reunions in Charlotte, NC. He was the only person there from the 119th. I have no idea what he did with them. Mostly outside of Camp Holloway some of the crews, A montanyard ceremony that we went to. Please keep me posted.. Where in Missouri are you?. I was stationed in Whiteman AFB, during my days in the Air Force, 1955/1958. Missouri was not the place for a Puerto Rican then.. Those days of "segregation"they left some scars on me.. I have not been any were near Missouri since 1958..I live in South Carolina now.. retired from the Army.
Roberto.

Roberto

Thanks for the note we have had several members of the 25th ID who flew as door gunners for the 119th contact us over the years. Of course they are all members of this association as are you under our assigned or attached rules for membership. Remember membership is by service at Holloway or too a Holloway unit. Those of us who are old enough remember those bad old days of segregation. The union station in St louis still has its "colored only" sign engraved in stone over one doorway as a momento of those times. I was young and dum during those times being from Chicagoand remember quite well the trouble we got into with cops in Tenn. because we were mixed blacks and whites trying to have a beer together. Those days are gone for good I hope and we hope you can make it to St Louis next year.

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