

AERIAL ROCKET ARTILLERY



Armed Falcon



2nd Bn., 20th Arty.

Dear Fellow 2/20th, and F79 veteran,

Many of you know that I am the one that has done a lot of searching for others that served in our unit and I am the one that writes in the Saber (1st Cav Paper) every other month when it comes out, this is about our unit and what I receive from you. When I started to write and search I didn't know how much it would mean to me much less how much it would mean to others. I wanted to know where others were and what they are now doing. Were they a pilot and still flying or what? I needed to close up those ends to chapters of such things as finding out that Mike O'Connor who was a pilot of mine that became our **only POW** came home and that he is doing OK. Also I wanted to know how much help our unit was to those that were on the ground needing our support.

It has put to me that there should be a 2/20th Association so that we can meet once a year and see how old friends are doing. Retired MG Morris Brady and CSM Steve Cole have said they would help to start such a Association. I am more then glad to put my time into it. There would be a news letter put out quarterly. This would cost money to do and it has been suggested that a \$10 a year dues be set up. I have some Blue Max Patches that are like those that came out in 1968 those are for sale for \$5.00 each. I have ordered Armed Falcon patches (our patch until Feb. 1968) these will be in for sale in about 3 weeks for \$5.00 each. If there is a want for the F 79 patch I will see about getting those made also. Morris Brady had some hats made up before and has more being made up. (hats will be around \$15.00 each) When we go some where that other veterans are at they will know at a glance who we were with. The purpose of the Blue Max 2/20th Association will be to locate others that served with our unit, let others know what we are now doing in our lives, let others know of the passing of our fellow comrades, and in general staying in touch with those great people we served with. We will also try to get every name of those that gave their Max (life) in Nam.

We will have a reunion once a year at the 1st Cav reunion (to start with) which will be at Milwaukee, Wisconsin next year and was at Killeen, Texas this year. There will be a mini reunion a Tucson, AZ with the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members where they are meeting next year. The reunion could be some where else other then with the 1st Cav at some future date. With the reunion with the 1st Cav we may find more members to join us.

I have a Database in my computer with over 300 names of those that served in our unit and would like to make that grow as much as I can. With a little help and copies of old orders from Nam I can find many more. This cost money and time for me to do so I do only a few each month. Time I have but I am not paid to do it and I am on a fixed income.

Enclosed is a application form. Please fill out the form and return to me with your \$10 membership (A roster will be given with the membership)