



November 8, 1995

Mr. Jack Swickard
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Dear Mr. Swickard:

After twenty-four years of wondering and unanswered queries, I received the October, 1995 VHPA Membership Directory. There they were, all the names that conjured up the faces, memories, and most importantly, the friendships that I had gained during the most intense years of my life.

I immediately set out to contact the BEST friends I ever had. Within hours I was back in touch with a time in my life that nothing since has compared to. It was as if we had never missed a day apart. They say, "You can never go back." Maybe so, but I found that we never left one another in mind and soul.

Two days after talking with Joe Kane, he's in my home having dinner with my family and I. We talked, laughed and remembered the good, bad, and the ugly of 1969 through 1971 RVN. We called some of our fellow CHARGERS, promised to get together and to keep in touch.

I have had a lot of ups and downs since Vietnam. Life has not been as challenging or rewarding as it was at 22 years of age! I have a wonderful family and a successful career, but I have always missed the adventure and comradery. VHPA has given me the means to resurrect old friendships and polish up the pride of what we, as a group, accomplished in spite of all the political B----T we were restricted by.

I want to thank the entire staff of VHPA for a great job and a first rate publication. I encourage those out there to contact their fellow RVN and flight school classmates, you will be surprised to find how well remembered you are.

Sincerely,


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