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Date: Thu, 25 Nov 1999 03:07:16 -0500

From: Mike Sloniker [REDACTED]

To: Bill & Susan Russell [REDACTED] Del Belanger [REDACTED]

Don Joyce <[REDACTED]>, Fenwick [REDACTED]

"Forrest B. Snyder" [REDACTED], Fred Thompson [REDACTED]

George Miller [REDACTED]

"James I. McDaniel" [REDACTED]

keith d wysong [REDACTED]

Ken Mayberry [REDACTED]

Mike & Mary Brown [REDACTED]

Mike Maloy [REDACTED]

Mike Melia [REDACTED]

Mike Williams [REDACTED]

Pat Dougan [REDACTED]

Tom Marshall [REDACTED]

"Walker A. Jones" [REDACTED]

I returned from NY, opened up the computer and had this discussion with Ken Bunn who apparently is in some kind of leadership position within the VHPA. He did not read the history and did not like the picture.

He really tried to smoke Ron last April, but I got involved and he backed off. This guy dishonors the fallen and thinks he speaks for the majority of VHPA members concerning the history.

Kept this long note. I have not finished with Ken Bunn.

I am not going to sit still for this. I am having a hell of a time with my 6 hour commute on Fridays and Sundays and am spending a lot of personal time collecting the data for the 2000 history. I put in over 150 manhours on the 1999 history in July and August alone.

Mike Sloniker

Note Number One

Subject:

Response to you re: What The Hell's Going On

Date:

Sun, 21 Nov 1999 19:04:07 -0500

From:

"Kenneth H. Fritz" [REDACTED]

To:

"Kenneth W. Bunn" [REDACTED], Joe Bilitzke [REDACTED]

"Dan Ferguson (southernwine)" [REDACTED] Charles Holley [REDACTED]

Mike Hurley [REDACTED]

, Don Joyce [REDACTED]

Tom Payne [REDACTED]

Dave Rittman [REDACTED]

Gary Roush [REDACTED]

Bob Smith [REDACTED]

Jack Swickard [REDACTED]

CC:

Mike Law [REDACTED], Mike Sloniker [REDACTED]

Kenny, You wrote:

1. Without checking with me, a contact number for me was published in the last newsletter. The number published was for a hospital EMERGENCY ROOM! Even if I still worked there, it would have been difficult to discuss site selection while treating a heart attack. How did this happen?
2. Even worse, my directory arrived today and I was appalled by the cover. The picture expresses a total lack of sensitivity to the families of every Vietnam helicopter pilot killed in action. Who approved this?

Does anyone else feel as I do?

My response:

1. No idea who even knew your tel #. Who did you give that number out to? Maybe they did it by accident? Maybe they wanted you to take some heat for the shortfall on rooms or??
2. The guys who did the directory did the cover just the same as always. Read the inside for the "credits" and you would know who did the cover. Mike Law, Mike Sloniker, Ken Fritz are responsible.

There have been many compliments on the directory. The cover is a Joe Kline print based upon an actual first person of a successful (against all odds) landing after a tremendously harrowing experience. It was also in the 1996 calendar and I never heard a single adverse comment from anyone. Yours is the only gripe about the cover. Additionally, it depicts a scene from the battle featured in the historical section, so it is on the cover. A few CDs got damaged in the mail, but all other feedback has been tremendously positive in all respects.

Sorry you didn't like it.

Ken Fritz

ps: A helluva a lot more guys would like to know what's going on for the DC reunion accommodations and banquet, too. No need to answer me on this. I have done my "jobs". If I have to, I'll stay with a relative.

This is note number two, the response to note number one:

Subject:

Re: Response to you re: What The Hell's Going On

Date:

Wed, 24 Nov 1999 19:37:16 -0500

From:

Mike Sloniker [REDACTED]

To:

"Kenneth H. Fritz" [REDACTED]

CC:

"Kenneth W. Bunn" [REDACTED]

Joe Bilitzke [REDACTED]

"Dan Ferguson (southernwine)" [REDACTED]

Charles Holley

Mike Hurley [REDACTED]

Don Joyce [REDACTED]

Tom Payne

Dave Rittman [REDACTED]

Gary Roush [REDACTED]

Bob

Smith [REDACTED]

Jack Swickard [REDACTED]

Mike Law [REDACTED]

References:

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This note is living proof of what I have suspected all along. NO ONE READS THE DAMN HISTORY IN THE DIRECTORY!

Bunz, if YOU had read the bastard, you would know that Mike Brown and Marco Cordon survived the 4000' fall and THAT IS THE REASON IT WAS ON THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

Additionally, I can tell that YOU did not even read the CD ROM because IF YOU HAD, YOU would see Marco and Brown standing together in 1997, after meeting each other for the first time since the crash.

This is the second time, Bunz, you have totally pissed me off. The first time was when the late Ron Timberlake asked you some basics questions about the VHPA 1998 reunion and caught a ration of shit from you. By the way, if you ever read the history in the directory you will learn that Timberlake, who you jacked around, volunteered at that reunion to write the 1999 history.

As for the 2000 reunion, MAYBE THE NEXT TIME, you guys will make sure there is a chapter organized in the city the reunion is going to be in, and MAYBE THE NEXT TIME, you might check with folks in the DC area on why the hotels in Crystal City are the place to stay and not in DC.

Mike Sloniker

YOUR VHPA Historian and Northern Virginia resident

Note # 3 from Ken Bunn:

Subject:

Re: Response to you re: What The Hell's Going On

Date:

Wed, 24 Nov 1999 22:19:34 -0500

From:

"Kenneth W. Bunn" [REDACTED]

To:

Mike Sloniker [REDACTED]

CC:

"Kenneth H. Fritz" [REDACTED] Mike Law [REDACTED] Jack

Swickard [REDACTED]

Bob Smith [REDACTED] Gary Roush [REDACTED], Dave Rittman

Tom Payne [REDACTED], Don Joyce [REDACTED] Mike Hurley

Charles Holley [REDACTED], "Dan Ferguson (southernwine)"

Joe Bilitzke [REDACTED], "Kenneth W. Bunn" [REDACTED]

Sloniker..

The picture of a helicopter being sliced in half was, in my opinion, more suited for the inside of the directory, at the same part as the history. When I saw the cover, I tossed the entire thing to the back of my closet...WAS THERE A CD ROM IN THERE?

If chapters in the host city were a prerequisite, the first 12 reunions would not have taken place. Furthermore, I find it more advantageous for the VHPA to negotiate with hotels that need our business instead of hotels that already have business and tend to ask for exhorbitant prices to ALLOW us to come there.

As for pissing you off...

I don't believe that Ron needed, or asked, for you to enter in the discussion that he and I had. You certainly were not present at our meeting in DFW which was amicable to say the least. If you have any issues about my ability or desire on behalf of the VHPA, I will be happy to listen to your suggestions. In addition, you are welcome to bring them up with the Executive Council, and may call for my dismissal if you feel it is warranted. Your being pissed off, however, appears to originate from a personal level instead of a professional one. That will continue to be YOUR problem and I guarantee you, will not keep me up nights.

I remain...

a servant of the VHPA,

Kenneth W. Bunn

I sent this response to Bunn and is the Fourth note in succession:

Sloniker sendz: I WAS present at the meeting at FT Worth when Rayl said it was a done deal. I was standing over in the corner by Tom Payne, and not at the table that morning when we met in that room at the top floor. It was a friendly meeting concerning DC because the contract had been signed.

I have no clue what you do for the VHPA other than denigrate the efforts of a big load of people to make a significant attempt to chronicle a previously unwritten history that is clearly of no interest to you what so ever.

Your spin on the Timberlake incident is not true. Your selective memory is your personal problem.

Sloniker

Bunn came back with this:

Subject:

In the Immortal Words of Demi Moore

Date:

Thu, 25 Nov 1999 00:30:06 -0500

From:

"Kenneth W. Bunn" [REDACTED]

To:

Mike Sloniker [REDACTED]

CC:

"Kenneth W. Bunn" [REDACTED]

Joe Bilitzke [REDACTED]

"Dan Ferguson (southernwine)" [REDACTED]

Charles Holley

Mike Hurley [REDACTED]

, Don Joyce [REDACTED]

Tom Payne

Dave Rittman [REDACTED]

Gary Roush [REDACTED]

Bob Smith

Jack Swickard [REDACTED]

, Mike Law [REDACTED]

"Kenneth H. Fritz"

Sorry you spent all those man hours on something that I found personally offensive. How many others had the same feeling that I did but chose not to voice their concerns? You've closed your mind to what I tried to convey. The picture was inappropriate for the cover. If others had the same FIRST impression, they may have done what I did...chucked the directory to a bottom drawer without perusing the interior.

Nashville & Denver created chapters as a result of our efforts. The hotel contracts were signed before they thought of forming chapters. I was there at the formation of the Nashville chapter. We welcome the opportunity to combine reunion sites with chapters but that is not the sole criteria for a reunion site.

You are right - you have no clue as to what I do. But let me explain one thing. What I do generates a commodity to the VHPA that everyone wants - a Reunion. The negotiation of that reunion is done at NO cost to the VHPA and my committee, at the direction of the Executive Council, has a history of providing quality reunion sites at minimal cost. Members of my committee are the only ones who are required to do their jobs under a written strict code of ethics and, in it's history, have not even submitted reimbursement for expenses to the VHPA. On the other hand, the "history" of the VHPA has never been able to support itself. The membership has a minimal motivation to pay for picking nat shit out of pepper!

In one regard, you are correct. I personally do not care for the trivia and minutae that comprise the historical section of the Directory but, as President, I authorized expenditures for compilation and dissemination of historical data to the limits of VHPA's fiscal capability at that time. I feel that those who are interested in those matters should have equal time and access. But my patience grows short with your constant whining and personal attacks on my character, simply because I do not care for what I consider to be a tasteless directory cover. I therefore close with the immortal words of Demi Moore...

SUCK MY DICK!!!

I remain your servant of the VHPA.

Kenny Bunn

...and I sent this:

"Kenneth W. Bunn" wrote:..

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> Kenny Bunn

It is really a shame you went down this road. A real shame. Of course, I am not surprised. You did the same thing to my close friend Ron

Timberlake.

I guess you don't know email is a historical document.

Mike Sloniker