

# BANSHEE GAZETTE

## DATELINE FT. HOOD 1968-1969

### Arthur Ratliff David Martin Get In Touch

**I**t has been twenty eight years since, Arthur Ratliff and David Martin had been at Ft. Hood, Texas waiting to be shipped to Vietnam with B Troop 2/17th Air Cavalry.

On February 8, 1997 they were reunited by telephone after twenty seven years of separation. They had allot of catching up to do on families and mutual friends that were at Ft. Hood with them.

Their sometimes foggy memories began reminiscing. What happened to Tom Green? Do you remember Frank Berdine? What about Steve Liubakka? Questions kept coming up with some answers..... At other times the old minds just would not come into play.

Another call on Wednesday night February 12 and it was back at the questions and answers again. This time the memories were closer to the top of their brains. More reminiscing and it was decided.....Why don't we get in contact with everyone we can. We can start working together to find friends we had lost touch with. Who knows maybe the friends we find will have information on another Banshee. So, the search is on!

It was also decided that in August there will be a get together in Shelbina, Missouri for a reunion. They decided to invite any and all Banshees that can be located.

Arthur plans on cooking a hog, so everyone that can make this trip should,.....end up in HOG HEAVEN.

August 1-4, 1997

SHELBINA, MISSOURI



## ROSTER TO BE UPDATED

Please provide any changes of your  
Address or telephone number to:

**David C. Martin  
135 Latane Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
540 722-4170**

This will allow David to keep a current  
Roster of all Banshees. If you know any  
Banshees that are not on this list, please  
let me know.

## PURPOSE OF BANSHEE GAZETTE

## Mission Statement

**T**he Mission of the Banshee Gazette is to keep all former members of B Troop 2/17 Air Cavalry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, Vietnam Veterans informed.

This will be a publication for ALL former members of B Troop who served in Vietnam. This includes Officers, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Personnel.

Submit any articles of interest to the group in general to the Winchester, Virginia address. Submissions will be published based on overall interest but, all will be published as soon as possible.

Anyone wishing to help with this endeavor in any way please let Dave Martin know. I can use all the help I can get.

This newsletter will only be as good as you make it.

I would appreciate any small donations to help cover cost of paper, postage, and telephone calls. I am working on a bulk rate permit that will help lower cost of mailings.

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## Locating Buddies

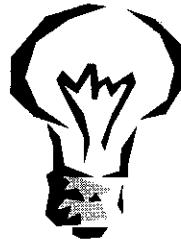
Locating old buddies can be hard work. I know I have attempted over the years to locate different friends at different times with little success. I even knew their names and what states they were from but, that seemed to be of little help.

The real problem comes when you only remember LAST NAMES or NICKNAMES. Don't feel bad, this is common among Vietnam Veterans.

Here are a few tips I have learned in searching for buddies.

1. **INTERNET** - This is a great tool in searching for people if you have their name and or state they are from. There are different search engines available and it seems many have different list. I use 5 or more YAHOO, LYCOS, INFOSEEK, etc.
2. **VETERANS ORGNIZATIONS** - Many of our buddies belong to various groups.
3. **OLD UNIT ROSTERS** - If any one has any of these I would appreciate a copy of them. I have requested Unit Rosters for B Troop while it was assigned to Vietnam. This will come from the government so, I don't know how long it will take. I will advise everyone when I receive them so you can get a copy for your time period with B Troop.
4. **ORDERS FROM VIETNAM** - Sometimes orders had more than just one name on them. Again if you have any old orders I would appreciate a copy.
5. **BANSHEE GAZETTE** - Let me know who you are looking for and I will do my best to help buy placing their name in our newsletter.
6. **OTHER BANSHEE'S** - If we communicate we will all be able to help others find missing friends. You can help by helping other search in your State.

**IF YOU HAVE OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCATING OLD BUDDIES PLEASE LET ME KNOW**



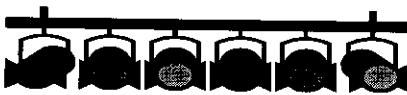
## WHAT DO YOU THINK

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Please let me know your comments on the BANSHEE GAZETTE. This is a NEWSLETTER for all of us and I can use your input. Let me know what type articles you would like to read about. I can use all the help I can get.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

PTSD, Agent Orange, Benefits confused? Let us know and maybe we can get you an answer. No guarantees but, we're not the VA and many of us have already experienced the problem of getting answers. Maybe our past experiences can save you some time and headaches.



## MISSING

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| Larry Moore     | Calif.          |
| Tom Green       | NJ              |
| Thomas Mitchell | MT              |
| Mr. McCabe      | Warrant Officer |

## REUNIONS

### Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association

June 13-18, 1997 Hampton, VA.

### 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans

July 9-13, 1997 Colorado Springs, CO

### B Troop 2/17<sup>th</sup> Air Cav 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne

August 1-4, 1997 Shelbina, MO

Contact Dave Martin 540-722-4170

### Vietnam Veterans Reunion, Inc.

August 21-24, 1997

North Platte, Nebraska

Contact Tom Leet 308-532-6798



## OPERATION LAMAR PLAIN

**15 May - 14 August 1969**

I am going to attempt to get as much information on this Operation as I can and B Troops involvement in this operation.

If you have personal experiences, letters, pictures, or anything that would assist me in this effort I would appreciate a copy of these items. If you come to Shelbina I will be happy to share what I have so far.

There is some speculation that this operation was comparable with or maybe more devastating than Hamburger Hill. We will only know the facts after a thorough investigation.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Maybe we can plan a 30 Year Reunion and get all Banshee's there. Wouldn't that be neat.