



Dedication Ceremony CCB-18

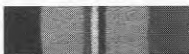
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Coronado, California*



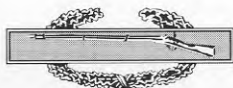
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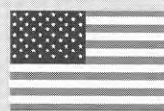
*US Navy, US Coast Guard,
9th Infantry Division
Vietnam Unit Memorial Small Boat
Display*



Albert Moore
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Distinguished Guests and Participants

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Lieutenant Colonel Jim Johnson

(Chaplain), USA, Ret.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

by Sgt. John Richardson

A Co., 3RD/47TH Inf., 9TH Infantry Div.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

by Lt. Jg. Michael Hahn, USNR

USS Benewah, APB-35 (MRF-TF-117)

Lieutenant General Patrick Hughes, USA, Ret.
Platoon Leader D Co., 4TH/39TH Inf., 9TH Infantry Div.

Commodore Wade C. Wells, USN, Ret.
Commander River Assault Flotilla One (MRF TF-117)

Brigadier General Douglas Smith, USA, Ret.
Commander 2ND/47TH (Mech) Inf., 9TH Infantry Div.

Sergeant William "Bill" Reynolds, USA
C Co., 4TH/47TH Infantry, 9TH Infantry Division

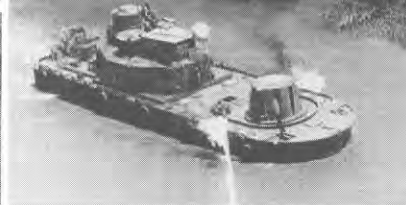
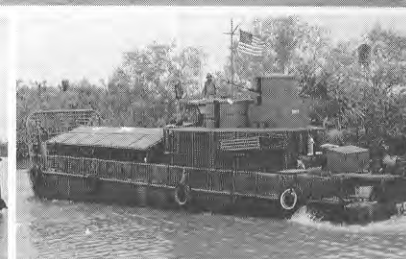
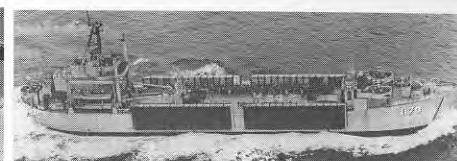
Lieutenant Al Breining, USN
Chief of Staff, River Assault Division 91

Captain Tom G. Kelley, USN, Ret.
Medal of Honor Recipient, RivRon-9 / RivDiv 152

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Lieutenant Colonel Jim Johnson, USA, Ret.

In memory of those who suffered the unthinkable horrors of war and sacrificed so much on the altar of freedom, praise is hardly enough.



And Great Thanks to our Officers and Board Members

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COMMAND COMMUNICATION BOAT (CCB)

Type: Converted World War II LCM-6
Manufacturer: Various Naval Ship Yards
Design: Length: 66' • Width: 17' 6"
Height Above Water Line: 12'6"
Speed: 8 Knots Maximum
Draft: Empty: 4'4" • Full Load: 4'6"
Weight: Empty: 160,000 Lbs.
Full Wartime: 180,000 Lbs.

Crew:

- 1 Boat Captain (BMC or BM1)
- 1 Boat Coxswain (BM3)
- 1 Engineer (ENFN)
- 2 Gunner's Mates (GMG1, GMG3, GMGSN)
- 1 Radioman (RM3, RMSN)
- 5 Nonrated Seaman/Fireman (SN, FN)

Living Conditions:

The crew lived permanently onboard. Ship contains 8 metal bunk frames for Crew Quarters. It had no galley facilities (C Rations only); and had limited personal hygiene facilities (showers by bucket.)

Propulsion:

- 2 64HN9 Detroit Diesel Engines
- 2 Marine Twin Disc Gear Clutch Model
- 2 2: 1 Reduction Gears
- 2 30" 4 Blade Clockwise Screws

Electronics:

- 1 Lister 7 SKW AC Generator

Electronics:

- Coxswain Flat
- 1 AN/VRC-48 Low Band VHF
- 1 AN/PRC-25 Portable Radio
- 1 Raytheon Path Finder Surface Search Radar

U.S. Navy/Army Communication Center (TOC):

- 6 A/VRC-46 VHF FM Motorola Radio
- 1 Collins SSB HF Radio
- 1 Loran C Navigational System

Fuel Capacity:

Diesel 788 Gals. 2 Tanks

Auxiliary Fuel Capacity:

450 Gals. 3 Tanks

Water Capacity:

100 Gals. Potable Fresh Water

Armament In Country:

- 1 20 mm Antiaircraft Gun On Bow

- 1 20 mm Antiaircraft Gun Port – Pilot House
- 1 20 mm Antiaircraft Gun Starboard - Pilot House
- 1 .30 Caliber Machine Gun Amidships – Forward Coxswain Flat
- 1 40 mm MK 19 Honeywell Grenade Launcher Aft Pilot House
- 1 7.62 M-60 Machine Gun
- 6 M-16 Automatic Rifles
- 1 40 mm M-79 Hand Grenade Launcher
- 1 12 Gauge Riot Shotgun
- 1 38 Caliber Pistol (Boat Captain)
- 1 Very Pistol (Flare)

Mission:

CCB's were the waterborne communications platform for joint US Navy/Army operations during search and destroy missions in IV corps (Mekong Delta Area) of South Vietnam. The actions of and positioning of Naval units and ground troops were controlled from the CCB. Tactical communications were monitored and maintained with all Army field operations commanders, helicopter gunships, ground units, Navy forces, and other US and South Vietnamese Forces involved in combat operations.

Operations:

CCB's participated in every joint Army/Navy offensive sweep operation against Vietcong strongholds in the Mekong Delta. They carried the Naval squadron commander and the Army battalion operations staff who were directing the operation. After Army ground units were inserted, CCB's remained in the area to provide gunfire support when called upon by combat ground forces. Operations typically lasted from 1 to 7 days.

Navy Organization:

River Assault Squadrons: 5 Officers • 9 Enlisted Men

River Assault Divisions: 2 Officers • 175 Enlisted Men

A River Assault Division consisted of:

- 1 Communication Control Boat (CCB)
- 2 or 3 Monitors (M)
- 13 Armored Troop Carriers (ATC's) TANGO's
- 8 Assault Support Patrol Boats (ASPB's)
- 1 Refueler Boat (R) for those Divisions with 2 Monitors

Although identical to the CCBs in Vietnam, CCB-18 did not see Combat Action in Vietnam, but was used as a training boat at NIOTC (Naval Inshore Operations Training Center, Vallejo, California).

