



DASPO REUNION

Bethesda, MD

October 16-20, 2002

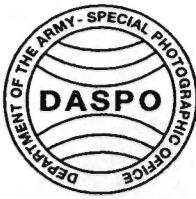
**DASPO
Reunion List 2002
Bethesda MD**

1. ***Chuck and Dot Abbott**
2. ***Ted and Cindy Acheson**
3. ***Claude Bache and Francine Modderno**
4. ***Stewart and Melinda Barbee**
5. ***Harry Breedlove**
6. ***Carl and Lois Conn**
7. ***Clyde and Nancy Delk**
8. ***Jim Dung & Toni Tsusaki**
9. ***John and Donna Gilroy**
10. ***John and Jeri Glunt**
11. ***Brian Grigsby and Susan Vandogen**
12. **Carl Hansen & Ginger Gier**
13. ***George and Marilyn Jolliff**
14. ***Logan McMinn**
15. ***Ed and Isobel McQuistion**
16. ***Paul Moulton**
17. **Bob and Terri Smith**
18. ***Lee and Ann Swain**
19. ***Peter "Rupy" Ruplenas**
20. ***Don Jellema**
21. ***Ron Frankum TTU Vietnam Project**
22. **Duane Austin (DINFOS & 55th Sig. Co.)**
23. **BG Robert E. Gaylord (Will drop by)**
24. **Richard Welsh (Dandy Cruise)**
25. **Robert Lafoon (Dandy Cruise)**

* Reunion attendees staying at the Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD

DASPO Memorial

1. Kermit Yoho	KIA	Pacific	10 February 1966
2. Charles (Rick) Rein	KIA	Pacific	21 November 1968
3. Ray E. Allan		Pentagon, Pacific and Panama	
4. Herbert H. Ballinger		Pentagon, Pacific and Panama	
5. Richard Baun		Pacific	
6. John C. Brown		Pacific	
7. Harold A. (Hal) Bryan		Pentagon and Pacific	
8. Warren Colville		Pentagon	
9. Donzelle Davis		Pentagon	
10. J.D. Devan		Panama	
11. Bill Donahoe		CONUS	
12. Tom Hanson		Pacific	
13. Tomas (Tom) Larsen		Pacific	
14. Jim Lucas		Pacific	
15. Leroy Massie		Pentagon and Pacific	
16. Timothy W. (Tim) Mowrey		Pacific	
17. Robert J. Payne		CONUS	
18. Pleas (Skip) Penny		Pacific	
19. Wynn G. (Dick) Richards		Pacific	
20. Martin (Marty) Steinbis		Pacific, Panama and CONUS	
21. Kazuo (Charlie) Uchima		Pacific	
22. Thomas O. (Tom) Wade		Pacific	
23. Jack H. Yamaguchi		CONUS and Pacific	



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICE
REUNION GROUP

Dear Mrs. Yamaguchi

We are saddened and grieve whenever a member of DASPO leaves us. Jack is remembered at a prayer service as all of the deceased members are at each of our reunions. As our group ages more of our members pass on. We want to be sure that a legacy be left for men like Jack.

The DASPO reunion group has formed an affiliation with Texas Tech University. This relationship does several things for DASPO members and there families.

1. Texas Tech has agreed to archive both our personal and the material we recorded as DASPO members. The material will be archived for posterity in a climate-controlled library. This material will be able to be viewed in a large viewing room for generations to come. It will also be put on a web site with a link to Texas Tech that will be very user friendly. Each member will have his own link so that you can view his contribution.
2. We have also established a scholarship fund in the name of Rick Rein and Kermit Yoho who were killed in Vietnam while working for DASPO. This scholarship fund will be used for students to find our DASPO material and digitize it. As you know DASPO shot millions of feet of film and hundreds of thousands of still images.

Texas Tech is looking for us to provide any material that we may have, scrapbooks, photos, uniforms, ribbons etc. All DASPO members are proud of what we accomplished while serving our country and especially what DASPO did from a historical standpoint. Jack was a part of it. We want to make sure his contribution is recognized so please send his material to the DASPO site at Texas Tech University, Special Collections, Room 108, Lubbock, TX 79409-1045 Attention Ron Frankum. Make sure you clearly mark DASPO and your spouses name.

If you have any questions please call me at

Again we are sorry of your loss and we share in your grief.

Sincerely yours,

Stewart Barbee
DASPO President



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICE

June 23, 2002

Mr._____

Dear _____

Many people in America watched the nightly news in the Vietnam era relying on the sights and sounds they received to help them better understand the war. Unheralded combat cameramen captured many of these sights and sounds. I was with such a group of men called DASPO short for Department of the Army Special Photographic Office. Our group was in direct command of the U.S. Army/Joint Chief of Staff-Pentagon.

Two of our men started their career by covering WWII. One man filmed the D-Day landings at Normandy and he later became a Colonel who commanded our unit. The other started his career filming the landings on Iwo-Jima.

We have formed a reunion group, which has been active over the past eight years. A scholarship fund was established in the name of two of our cameramen who were killed in Vietnam. This scholarship fund will be used by Texas Tech University, who has the largest Vietnam archive in the world. Our wish is to fund graduate students who would locate and digitize the material we shot and the footage the North Vietnamese did as well. In the 13 years of DASPO's existence we shot hundreds of thousands of still images and millions of feet of film. The North Vietnamese also shot a lot of film and their film is in worse shape than ours. The 35mm and 16mm film is potentially deteriorating. If this footage is not found soon and restored we will lose a great deal of history.

Our group is raising funds from the suppliers whose equipment we used while in the military. We would like you to be one of the Honorary Co-Chairs of our event. The event will be held in the Los Angeles area the summer of 2004. We would like to have your name on the letterhead of the correspondence we will be sending to possible contributors. If possible we would also like you to use your influence in promoting this event and scholarship. Our goal is to raise a million dollars.

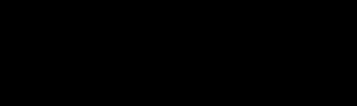
I am enclosing a VHS that was produced in 1969 on Combat Cameramen basically on our unit and a PowerPoint presentation explaining what DASPO is. Please consider our offer.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Acheson
DASPO Event Chairman

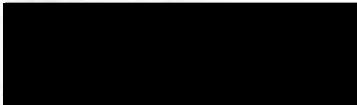
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Nieland, Richard
Sp5 69-73
Rt 2 Box 53



Carol Ann
Daspo Panama

Nohr, Hans P.
Sp5 64-67



84C
Daspo Panama

O'Connor, John H.
MAJ 69-70, Pacific Cmdr



Daspo Pac

Osicka, Richard
Sp5? 68-69 Lab Tech
Cleveland OH ?
Daspo Pac

Owens, Robert
Sp-5 ??-?? Broadcast Specialist
Florida?
Daspo Pac

Steve
Pacatte, Stephen V.
Sp5 67-?
Colorado?
Daspo Pac

Parker, Leroy
Sp5 72-74?
Daspo Pac

Paulin, Gerard E.
Sp5 72-?
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CONUS

Pawley, Leasel S.
SP-5
Daspo Panama

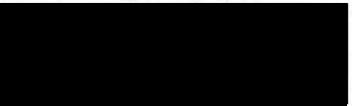
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CONUS

Harry
Peacock, Harold
Sp5 70-73?
Boston?
Daspo Pac

Skip
Penny, Pleas
CPT 66-68
Deceased???
Deceased???
Daspo Pac

Perales, Catarino
Sp-5 71-?
Daspo Panama

Perez, Richard
LT ??-73?



CONUS

Burt
Peterson, Burton W.
Sp5 67-69



Daspo Pac

Phinney, David G.
CPT 72-73?
Los Angeles CA
Christine?
Daspo Pac

Pierson, Milo G.
SFC 71-72
CONUS

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Poirier III, Louis F.
CPT 71-73, 73-74, Last Pac Cmdr

Allison
Daspo Pac
CONUS

Powell, James R.
SSG ??-??
CONUS

Ken
Powell, Kenneth L.
Sp/5 67-69

Kim
Daspo Pac

Primo, Sgt ??-??
Daspo Pac

Puhr, Frank
SFC 69-72

Daspo Pac

Purdy, William
Burbank CA 91523

Gene
Randon, Eugene M.
Sp6 70-72
Daspo Pac
CONUS

Rick
Rein, Charles F.
SGT 67-68
KIA - 21 November 1968
Middle name, Fredrick
Downed chopper
84C KIA
Daspo Pac

Dick
Richards, Wynn G.

CPT 68-70
Deceased - 2001
CA
Deceased
H:310 545-800531

Nancy
Daspo Pac

Rivera, José C.
Sp5 62-64 1st team member
California?
Daspo Pac

Robertin, Hector
SSG 67-69

Thida
Daspo Pac Daspo Panama

Rodriguez, Virgil
SSG 65-68
Panama?
Daspo Pac Daspo Panama

Rogers III, Thomas
1Lt 71-74 Last Panama Cmd.
Daspo Panama
CONUS

Jerry
Ruckert, Gerhard G.
SSG 72-74?
Daspo Pac

Ruff, Herbert L.
SSG 62-64 1st team member

Daspo Pac



Reunion Schedule

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

We will travel from all over the globe to meet and greet at the Holiday Inn in Bethesda, MD. Reunion attendees will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the reunion.

* Dinner is on your own.

Thursday, October 17, 2002

Morning:

Breakfast provided.

8:00am bus departure from the hotel.

Tour of United States Defense Information School, Ft. George Meade, MD.

Lunch provided.

Afternoon:

Tour of 55th Signal Company Combat Camera, Ft. Meade, MD.

DASPO eventually became 55th Combat Camera after a few name changes along the way.

* Dinner is on your own.

Friday, October 18, 2002

Morning:

Breakfast provided.

8:00am bus departure from the hotel

Tour the Army Visual Information Center (AVIC) the Pentagon.

Lunch provided.

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Afternoon

Bus to Arlington National Cemetery, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Memorial and the Washington mall area.

★Dinner is on your own.

Saturday, October 19, 2002

Morning:

Breakfast provided.

7:00am bus departure from the hotel to Getteysburg, PA, We will pick up a tour guide at the park and tour the museum and the battleground using our bus for park transportation.

Box lunch provided. (Jungle Lunch)

★ *Evening: (Attention Gentlemen: Coat and Tie Required)*

5:30pm bus departure from the hotel to the cruise ship, "Dandy".

Once aboard, we will have our DASPO Banquet while cruising on the Potomac River.

Sunday, October 20, 2002

Travel day.

Reunion attendees will be responsible for their own travel arrangements.

Thanks for coming!

DASPO

Department of the Army Special Photographic Office

1962 – 1974

The DASPO REUNION GROUP WAS FORMED
This organization is founded to promote the historical, photographic and sound images captured by its members. Our charter will cover one era, the Vietnam War. The Department of the Army Special Photographic Office (DASPO) was established to provide non-biased information to the Department of the Army and the United States Congress.

The Vietnam War and its surroundings made it the most documented war in our country's history. DASPO's creative teams were a part of this and wish to share its experiences with today's groups of military newsgathering organizations. DASPO members who served during these years share their knowledge with each other and other interested parties. We continue to promote and teach the documentary style that we established. The continued DASPO meetings are intended to promote this documentary past, which its members recorded.

This organization has established the DASPO Archive at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. We will establish a scholarship fund at Texas Tech University, funding preservation of images and sound recordings in the name of Kermit H. Yoho and Charles F. (Rick) Rein, who were killed in action in Vietnam.

*Car of
Films THE VIETNAM*



Notes

1. FIND A NAME
2. WRITE LETTERS ON
PROPER STATIONARY
3. FOLLOW UP

DASPO Business Meeting

Bethesda, MD October 2002

(1) Call to order. (Ask someone to take notes)

(2) Treasurers report. (John Gilroy)

(3) Minutes of last meeting. (Provided in packet, can vote to accept as written)

(4) Charter (update)

(5) Old Business

- A. Status of Yoho / Rein Scholarship. Funding preservation (wet gate) of images
- B. Status of DASPO Archive. (TTU Vietnam Project)
- C. DASPO Web Page. (www.daspo.com)
- D. Collection of artifacts & Photography
- E. Letter to widows
- F. Letter to Lucas

(6) New Business

- A. Goals
- B. Super Trip
- C. Other

(7) Election of officers. President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Ask for nominations from the floor. Vote one office at a time.

Ted Acheson named Event Chairman.

(8) Adjournment



Notes