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Dear Stewart,

I am inspired by your recent DASPO newsletter to write to tell you that I think you and the DASPO veterans involved are doing some marvelous things honoring DASPO.

I am now eighty years old and creaky in the joints, but I intend to participate in the October 2002 reunion in Bethesda, MD. I would also very much like to see what our successor organization has done and is doing today.

The preservation of DASPO exploits somewhere is a wonderful project and I can see that a lot of effort is being made. The Yoho/Rein scholarship is a fine thing and I will certainly contribute to it. Yoho served in the Pacific Detachment when I was the CO. He came from Moundsville, West Virginia, where his father ran the local TV station. I believe he owned it. When Yoho was ordered to join the Pacific Detachment, his father drove him all the way to the west coast where he caught a plane to Hawaii. The time they spent together on the road was their last time together. I think it would be nice, when the scholarship is organized, if someone notified the TV station in Moundsville so they could do a piece about it.

In your previous newsletter you asked for photos of Art Jones and me. I dug into boxes of old mementos and came up with the two photos enclosed. One is of Art Jones pinning a 1st Lieutenant bar on Carl Conn at the time of his promotion. The other shot shows Captain Rae Allen and Master Sergeant Hal Bryan helping me with my new insignia on the occasion of my promotion to Lt. Colonel in 1964. Allen and Bryan are deceased.

Speaking of photos, there should be a color group shot of the entire Pacific Detachment taken at Fort Shafter in late 1964 or early 1965 possibly in the archives of the old US Army Photographic Agency. Unfortunately I don't have a copy.

Keep up the good work.

Aloha,
Claude Bache

