Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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In Support of U. S. Forces, RVN
Participated in Operation TAYLOR COMMON,
Quang Nam Province, RVN
Participated in Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW,
Quang Nam Province, RVN
Participated in Operation FORSYTH GROVE,
Quang Nam Province, RVN

APTITUDE AREAS	(SYMBOL)	AREA SCORE
INFANTRY	(IN)	105
ARMOR - ARTY & ENGINEER	(AE)	121
ELECTRONIC	(EL)	131
GENERAL MAINTENANCE	(GM)	128
MOTOR MAINTENANCE	(MM)	120
CLERICAL	(CL)	111
GENERAL TECHNICAL	(GT)	123

Excerpts from my 201 File listing operations, promotion to fire Team leader and boot camp aptitude scores

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Editor's Column

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I'm off for a cruise tomorrow so the newsletter is early.

At this year's reunion I was asked to help get a 201 file. It is also known as the "Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) You need to get it because it has all kinds of fun facts and can help you sort out those foggy details of "where and when". It can also aid you in obtaining benefits if you are running into problems with the VA.

I got mine a few years ago and discovered that at one point I had been designated as a "Fire Team Leader". Not sure how that happened because I carried a radio from the first day I hit the bush. I also determined that after taking those aptitude tests in boot camp my lowest score was ***INFANTRY***. The Corps knew best so they made me an 0311.

I have previously sent out emails with forms to request a copy of your file, along with the mailing address, and explaining how to obtain them. There have been changes. They have a new form that is slightly different from the old one and the mailing address is different. Next month there will be info on how to obtain your file and to correct errors in your DD214 and/or your 201 file.

Thanks to the Asst. Editor, the form should be fillable and printable.

This month I have also included what I think is a pretty accurate list of Hotel KIA. Larry has the list up on the web page.

Joe and Sonny continue to work on the 2016 reunion.

Semper Fi.

Jay



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Carlie Peterson



Hotel 2/5 Web Page

Larry is constantly updating and improving the Hotel web site. Be sure and check it out regularly. Most importantly, send Larry anything you want to appear on the pages. He is looking for photos and articles about Hotel to fill the pages. He can't do it without your submissions.

If your having problems accessing the pages, just contact Larry and he will walk you through it.

http://hotel25vv.org/

"Lest We Forget" Launches on Website

To pay respect for all our fallen comrades that were killed in the Vietnam War while serving beside us, we have dedicated a section of our website "Lest We Forget" to honor and respect the service of all who served in Hotel 2/5 from 1966 – 1971, preserving the memory of those among us who died during the war. These men will always be remembered for their duty having died beside us while serving with Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Regiment, 1st Marine Division in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam.

Only the names of those who died in Hotel 2/5 during the Vietnam War are listed here for your review. Each name listed can be clicked on to link you to "The Virtual Wall – Vietnam Veterans Memorial". For others not in Hotel 2/5, you should visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Virtual Wall at http://www.virtualwall.org/index.html.

We shall not forget. We honor and respect those who gave the ultimate gift, their lives to save ours. Please spend some time reflecting upon the lives of those of us who didn't come home alive from the Vietnam War and getting to know them.

Go to http://hotel25vv.org/those-who-served/lest-we-forget/ to visit the list of 192 names we are currently tracking. Should you know of others from Hotel 2/5 that are not in this list, we ask that you notify us so we can get them added to our database and link them to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall stands as a symbol of America's honor and recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. Inscribed on the black granite walls are the names of more than 58,250 men and women who gave their lives or remain missing. The Memorial itself is dedicated to honor the "courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country" of all who answered the call to serve during the longest war in U.S. history.

If you wish to comment about someone who is on this list, you can log in to the website and go to that person's page then look for the "***Leave a Comment***" section.



Hotel KIA

No Man left behind--No man left out

July 5, 1966
JAMES G BROWN, LCpl, Age 21, Gatesville, TX

August 12, 1966
ERIC B BARROW JR, Pfc, Age 21, Orlando, FL
DONALD CONSTANDE, GySgt, Age 37, Springfield, MA
JOSEPH B CROWDER, Cpl, Age 20, Norfolk, VA
RONALD E FRIZZELL, LCpl, Age 18, Chicago, IL
JOHN D WYSZOMIRSKI, SSgt, Age 28, Catskill, NY

September 14, 1966
WILBUR E SWINDELL, SSgt, Age 25, Connellsville, PA

October 3, 1966
JOHNNIE L LAWRENCE, Pfc, Age 18, Kleberg, TX

October 6, 1966
RONALD W LEE, LCpl, Age 19, Benson, NC
JOSEPH A MOEN, Pfc, Age 20, Sumner, WA

October 7, 1966
GARY W BRAASCH, Pfc, Age 23, Minneapolis, MN
PATRICK F CAMPBELL, Pfc, Age 19, Fairlawn, NJ
GARY D DOCTOR, LCpl, Age 19, Basom, NY
MICHAEL D MITCHELL, LCpl, Age 18, Houston, TX

October 11, 1966
LELAND E HAMMOND, LCpl, Age 19, Sumter, SC
RONALD D MILLER, Pfc, Age 20, Pedro, OH

October 12, 1966
ROBERT E BERRY, LCpl, Age 19, New Milford, CT

October 14, 1966
JAMES C DOBSON, LCpl, Age 20, Shively, KY
F G GIPSON JR, LCpl, Age 21, Tyler, TX

October 24, 1966
KIRK A MC LAUGHLIN, Pfc, Age 19, Cottonwood, CA

October 31, 1966
MICHAEL W KOLEMAINEN, Pfc, Age 21, Orange, CA

November 29, 1966
DAVID C LOUTHAN, LCpl, Age 20, Beaver Falls, PA

January 9, 1967
ROBERT J MEYER, LCpl, Age 22, Sidney, OH

January 26, 1967
DENNIS W BAXTER, Pfc, Age 19, Summit, NJ
THOMAS J CAREY, Sgt, Age 23, Muncie, IN Information only
CHARLES C CURTIS JR, Pfc, Age 24, Niagara Falls, NY
GARY T FRALEY, Pfc, Age 19, Fremont, IN
DELL C GEISE, HN, Age 19, Burlington, WI
CALVIN L MILLER, HN, Age 20, Wishon, CA
MARK E ROBINSON, Pfc, Age 20, Manhattan Beach, CA
EARL F SMITH, 2ndLt, Age 22, Albany, OR
RICHARD N STANSELL, Pfc, Age 19, Los Angeles, CA

February 6, 1967
LARRY E CROSS, LCpl, Age 19, Indianapolis, IN

February 18, 1967
WILLIAM F MC DONALD, Pfc, Age 24, Farmington, WV

February 27, 1967
JESUS R CRUZ, LCpl, Age 20, Bowling Green, OH

March 25, 1967
CLARENCE W MONTGOMERY, LCpl, Age 25, Pittsburgh, PA

March 26, 1967
KENNETH B JORDAN, Pfc, Age 19, Twin Mountain, NH

April 6, 1967
ROGER E FLAHERTY, HN, Age 25, Marshfield, ME

July 3, 1967
DAVID B NELSON, LCpl, Age 21, Comstock Park, MI

September 10, 1967
LEO C AUKLAND, LCpl, Age 20, Bison, SD
JAMES P BRASWELL JR, LCpl, Age 20, New York, NY
ALLAN J HERMAN, 2ndLt, Age 24, Evanston, IL
CHARLES W HORVATH, LCpl, Age 23, Bethlehem, PA
STEPHEN L IRVIN, Cpl, Age 20, Columbia, MO
KENNETH C JOHNSON, LCpl, Age 20, Bradley, IL
MARTIN A ROSALES, Pfc, Age 21, Bethel, KS
WILLIAM B STUTES, Sgt, Age 25, Oceanside, CA
MICHAEL F WOLF, LCpl, Age 21, Beulah, ND

September 17, 1967
GENE L TWEHOUS, HN, Age 19, Fremont, NE

September 26, 1967
RANDY L JOHNSTON, LCpl, Age 19, Reinholds, PA
HAROLD REYES, Pfc, Age 20, Denver, CO

October 26, 1967
STEVE M SUMMERLIN, LCpl, Age 18, Hickory, NC

November 6, 1967
ALFRED E ANDERSON, LCpl, Age 19, Sunflower, KS
JOHN F ATKINSON JR, Pfc, Age 21, Syracuse, NY
HAYVARD DENNIS JR, Pfc, Age 19, Los Angeles, CA
JIMMY E FLOREN, Cpl, Age 21, Klamath Falls, OR
ROY A GIBSON, Sgt, Age 26, Albuquerque, NM
CLARENCE JACKSON, Cpl, Age 19, Leary, GA
BRADFORD S KING, LCpl, Age 21, Clifton, AZ
WALTER W LEWIS, LCpl, Age 18, Darlington, SC
ROBERT W MILLER JR, 2ndLt, Age 24, San Antonio, TX
JOHN R NOVOTNY, Pfc, Age 20, East Northport, NY
DONALD R OUELLETTE, LCpl, Age 21, Wapping, CT
ROBERT B REED, LCpl, Age 21, Trenton, NJ
PAUL F REID, LCpl, Age 18, West Roxbury, MA
DONALD F SANSONE, LCpl, Age 19, Chicago, IL
JOSE M SANTANA, Pfc, Age 18, New York, NY
GLENN E WHITE, Pfc, Age 19, Wichita, KS
TERRY D WILLIAMS, Cpl, Age 18, Donalsonville, GA

November 20, 1967
JEROME P WEBER, Cpl, Age 20, Pittsburgh, PA

December 4, 1967
JOHN F LAZAROVICH JR, LCpl, Age 19, Scituate, MA

December 19, 1967
BENNIE ALSTON, Pfc, Age 24, Charlotte, NC
THOMAS E GRINER, Pfc, Age 18, Williamsport, PA
DONALD P HAMILTON, Pfc, Age 18, Ellendale, DE
BRUCE W ST LOUIS, Pfc, Age 18, Newhall, CA

December 20, 1967
RICHARD J PAYNE, Pfc, Age 20, Quasqueton, IA
TERRY ROBERTS, Pfc, Age 18, Ottumwa, IA

December 23, 1967
KENNETH E THRESHER, LCpl, Age 20, Milwaukee, WI

January 2, 1968
GARY L MERIDITH, HN, Age 21, Fremont, CA

January 31, 1968
PAUL C CARTER JR, Pfc, Age 19, Barnstable, MA
FRANCIS J MAYER JR, Pfc, Age 19, West Long Branch, NJ

February 4, 1968
JAMES R HEDGER, Cpl, Age 24, Pontiac, MI

February 6, 1968
JOSEPH CAMPBELL, Pfc, Age 18, Providence, RI
CHARLES L MORRISON, HN, Age 22, Romeoville, IL
JOHN L MURPHY, LCpl, Age 20, Lorain, OH
JERRY T TILLERY, Pvt, Age 22, Philadelphia, PA

February 8, 1968
THOMAS J BLAHA, Pvt, Age 19, Madison, WI

February 11, 1968
THOMAS G GAINES, LCpl, Age 19, Ludowici, GA
MICHAEL J MUETING, HM3, Age 21, Amarillo, TX

February 17, 1968
DAVID A BERNHEISEL, Pfc, Age 18, Albion, MI

February 18, 1968
TERRY J SUTTON, HN, Age 21, Red Cloud, NE

February 26, 1968
WILLIAM M BAGSHAW, Pfc, Age 18, Catskill, NY
MICHAEL S GARRETT, Pfc, Age 19, Santa Susana, CA
ROY S SPURGEON, Pfc, Age 18, Albuquerque, NM
MILES B STUART, Pfc, Age 18, New York, NY

February 27, 1968
RICHARD R BALLANTINE, Pfc, Age 20, Millard, NE
ROBERT L HAIR, Pfc, Age 19, Monticello, FL

March 16, 1968
STEPHEN H ADAMS, Pfc, Age 19, Clarksville, MD

April 11, 1968
JOHN W MC FARLANE, Pfc, Age 18, Salt Lake City, UT

April 24, 1968
HERMAN A HESSELSCHWARDT, Pfc, Age 18, Defiance, OH

May 28, 1968
JAMES W HOLBROOK, Pfc, Age 20, Paramount, CA
CHARLES E WARD, LCpl, Age 19, Pineville, KY

June 10, 1968
ROGER T BURROWS, LCpl, Age 18, Georgetown, KY

July 26, 1968
RICHARD W HANLEY, LCpl, Age 19, Philadelphia, PA

July 28, 1968
GEORGE L CARR, Pfc, Age 19, Adrian, MI
RAY G HAWK, Pfc, Age 21, Nazareth, PA

July 31, 1968
GARY D KELLER, Cpl, Age 19, Yakima, WA

August 22, 1968
LEE O GLANCY III, LCpl, Age 19, San Diego, CA

September 11, 1968
TOBY J WATKINS, Pfc, Age 24, Colorado Springs, CO

September 26, 1968
OSCAR K PORTER JR, Pfc, Age 18, Albany, GA

September 29, 1968
STEVEN R BINKLEY, Cpl, Age 18, Louisville, KY
RONALD T BLEACHER, Cpl, Age 19, Marshallton, DE
JOHN E GIBSON, Pfc, Age 18, Cleveland, OH
WILLIAM C PERDUE, LCpl, Age 18, Gary, IN

September 30, 1968
PHILIP A BEASLEY, HN, Age 22, Boise, ID
DAVID L JUDY, LCpl, Age 20, Potomac, IL
GARY R SHEPPERDSON, HM3, Age 22, Ann Arbor, MI

October 1, 1968
DANIEL L QUIMBY, LCpl, Age 20, Beverly, OH

October 7, 1968
JOHN K ALLAIRE, Pfc, Age 18, Columbia, SC
GEORGE H BREWER, Pfc, Age 21, Sacramento, CA

November 1, 1968
NORMAN G CATES, Pfc, Age 23, Rochelle, IL
STANLEY M HARRELL, Cpl, Age 23, Miami, FL
WILLIAM J MORRISON, LCpl, Age 20, Middleboro, MA
MARVIN B MULLIS JR, Pfc, Age 20, Valdosta, GA
MICHAEL J SYNOD, Pfc, Age 18, Detroit, MI
LARRY T WALTZ, HN, Age 20, Harrisburg, PA
JOHN C WHITE III, 1stLt, Age 24, Dayton, OH

December 7, 1968
JAMES R LEWIS JR, Pfc, Age 20, Pinellas, FL
LARRY J OWEN, Pfc, Age 20, Danville, VA

December 8, 1968
RICKY D GIPSON, LCpl, Age 19, Pacoima, CA
DANIEL L GREGG, Cpl, Age 21, Kingsport, TN
STEPHEN E NEAS, Pfc, Age 19, Vancouver, WA
LARRY G SANDNES, LCpl, Age 20, New Cumberland, PA
PETER S STRATEGOS, LCpl, Age 19, Chicago, IL

December 20, 1968
JOHN J MICHAELS, LCpl, Age 19, Gouldsboro, PA

December 31, 1968
BYRON L NOTT JR, 2ndLt, Age 24, Lawndale, CA

January 3, 1969
JOHN H JONES, Pfc, Age 18, Columbus, OH

January 12, 1969
DAVID T BREEN, Pfc, Age 19, Easton, PA

January 13, 1969
JOSEPH C MARTIN, Pfc, Age 21, La Mirada, CA

January 24, 1969
JAMES A BURTON, Cpl, Age 21, Chicago, IL

February 23, 1969
WILLIAM H SATTERFIELD, LCpl, Age 19, Orange, NJ

March 26, 1969
MAURICE J WASHINGTON, Pfc, Age 18, Chicago, IL

March 31, 1969
PETER M NEE, LCpl, Age 21, Cambridge, MA

April 13, 1969
GLENN W DOMER, LCpl, Age 20, Daves Hill, PA

April 25, 1969
GILBERT D ARROYO-BRENES, Pfc, Age 20, Miami, FL

April 26, 1969
FRANCISCO GREGORY, LCpl, Age 18, New Britain, CT
RICHARD D ORLANDO, LCpl, Age 21, Lorain, OH

April 28, 1969
ALBERTO G CORTEZ, Pfc, Age 23, Kingsville, TX
JOHN R EARLEY, Pfc, Age 18, Eureka, CA

May 3, 1969
DAVID L GIRARDO, LCpl, Age 20, Arvada, CO

May 11, 1969
ROBERT C KERCSMAR, Cpl, Age 20, Butztown, PA
JOHN H LINN, Pfc, Age 20, Seabrook, MD
CHESTER J WARTMAN, Pfc, Age 19, Fort Mitchell, KY

May 13, 1969
PATRICK W BEST, Pfc, Age 19, West Allis, WI
DANNY W FANN, Pfc, Age 21, Marietta, GA
THEODORE R VIVILACQUA, 2ndLt, Age 22, Long Beach, CA

May 14, 1969
DEANE F SMITH JR, Pfc, Age 20, Amarillo, TX

May 15, 1969
DAVID M KIRK, Pfc, Age 19, Hartford, CT

June 20, 1969
DONALD L BLACKSTON, Cpl, Age 20, Whistler, AL

September 28, 1969
WILLIAM A MAGUIRE JR, Pfc, Age 20, Short Hills, NJ

October 30, 1969
WILLIE J KELLY, LCpl, Age 20, Columbus, OH

November 11, 1969
ROBERT C BARR, LCpl, Age 19, Pittsburgh, PA
JOHN D HARRINGTON, Pfc, Age 19, Worcester, MA
JAMES A JACKSON, LCpl, Age 19, Lakewood, CA
ROGER A STEELE, Pfc, Age 20, Mason, NV

January 29, 1970
CHARLES C HINTON JR, LCpl, Age 19, Fremont, CA
JOHN A SMITH, LCpl, Age 19, Cass Lake, MN

February 12, 1970
PERCILL BATTS, LCpl, Age 22, St Louis, MO
DONALD R MC INTOSH, HM3, Age 22, La Porte, IN
LARRY R PRYOR, LCpl, Age 19, St Louis, MO
BOBBITT SCHWINTZ, LCpl, Age 20, Tacoma, WA

February 14, 1970
DELMAR J HERRIN JR, LCpl, Age 18, Santa Ana, CA
WAYNE E KAUFMAN, HM3, Age 22, Peru, IN

February 25, 1970
THOMAS G DICKSON, Cpl, Age 20, Norwalk, CA

March 3, 1970
RICKY N LOWDER, Pfc, Age 19, China Grove, NC

March 6, 1970
THOMAS C CHANEY, Cpl, Age 19, Greenfield, CA

March 13, 1970
DARWIN S PETERSON, Pfc, Age 18, Pleasant Prairie, WI

March 14, 1970
MICHAEL A ROMERO, LCpl, Age 21, Sells, AZ

March 16, 1970
JOHN T NOWAK, Pfc, Age 18, Ferndale, MI
RICHARD H PROPST, Pfc, Age 20, China Grove, NC

March 26, 1970
WILLIAM L ANDREWS, LCpl, Age 20, Mc Comb, MS
ANGELO R MORALES, Sgt, Age 20, San Jose, CA

April 2, 1970
CHARLES L MATHEWS, LCpl, Age 19, Chicago, IL

April 8, 1970
DONALD B SMITH, Pfc, Age 20, Bakersfield, CA

April 22, 1970
JAMES M MC DONOUGH, LCpl, Age 18, New York, NY
JAMES N VARANSKY, Pfc, Age 20, Magnolia, OH

May 28, 1970
CLYDE A BROWN, Pfc, Age 19, Chicago, IL

June 19, 1970
PATRICK D KADOW, LCpl, Age 20, Vancouver, WA

July 4, 1970
STEPHEN L BOYD, LCpl, Age 19, Rochester, NY

July 15, 1970
DENNIS E CLARK, LCpl, Age 19, Tupelo, MS

August 9, 1970
WILLIAM F MC NULTY, HM3, Age 24, Green Island, NY

February 7, 1971
THOMAS A SONY, Cpl, Age 20, Houston, TX

Editor's Note: I am looking for your feed back on this list. Let me know if you think anything is inaccurate or incomplete. We want to leave no one out.

Hotel Company Wine

If you enjoyed the wine at the reunion it is still available through Dave Johnson. The source for the wine is Windsor Vineyards and Dave has a great offer for Hotel Company Marines and Corpsmen. What you get is a case of wine with FREE SHIPPING (for 1 penny) and 3 extra bottles free. That's 15 bottles for the price of 12 and shipping anywhere in the US (except for a few states*)



You can't find this special deal on line. You must call Dave Johnson at 707-921-2656 between 6:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. California time or send him an email djohnson@vintagewineestates.com
Be sure and tell Dave that you want the Hotel 2/5 label.

If you live in one of those states where the wine can't be shipped, Utah, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Kentucky, Delaware, Mississippi, Rhode Island, South Dakota, talk to Dave about alternative ideas for shipping.

This deal may not last for ever so, if you want some great wine at a good price with the Hotel Company logo, take advantage of it soon.

The red at the reunion was the "Fusion". The white at the San Diego reunion was a "Moscato". (Both $12.00 per bottle) I order those because I like them.

Windsor has many great selections at various prices. If you did not like the wines at the reunions or if you just want to try something different, go to the Windsor web site (windsorvineyards.com), review the various choices and prices, and then talk to Dave. However, to get the deal you need to call Dave at the above number or by email. The offer is not available on line.

Hotel Company Coin



The Hotel Company Coin presented to new attendees at the annual reunions.

