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Yea, I know I am a year ahead.

But January 2018 is the 50th anniversary of the '68 Tet Offensive.

Previous issues of Revetments have contained notes, stories, thoughts, etc. about the 31st of January 1968.

(Some of those previous items are being repeated in this issue.)

Now I would like you to write to me with any and all thoughts you have about that infamous day in TSN history.

These stories, thoughts, etc. will be published in the January 2018 issue of Revetments.

Please send your emails to: lfrj2@dejazzd.com.

Thanks in advance.

Larry

Chaplain's Corner January 2017

It happened again! Yes, on Sunday January 1 a "New Year Dawns"! I found the words for this annual January corner under the title "Birthday". Whoever Sammy Hager is he penned the right words for the New Years Day: "Every year on your birthday you get to start new!"

It's unfortunate that as we come to this first day of a new year we forget the words of Lincoln "I will prepare and someday my chance will come". That means a commitment to each day of self-value of life and Einstein's thought "Life is a preparation for the future!" He must have read Job 11:13-17. The key words are "and your age shall be clearer....thou shall shine forth".

As we as vets of a foreign land conflict, I see each new year as a memory of a past, our friends that fill our thoughts on January 1 and our gratitude for a new year gratefully is a memory of the heart.

It seems that when we celebrate a "New Year" we tie ourselves to words like those of Maya Angelo "when you wish someone joy, wish them peace, love, prosperity, happiness...and all good things!

A New Year Dawns and here is the thought for the new year in Luke 2:9-11 and some people's thoughts too. True joy for 2017 might just be this: "True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done, a zest of creating things new"!

To close this New Year's theme Sister Teresa gave us "Joy is prayer, Joy is strength, Joy is love; she adds, Joy can catch souls".

May this be a joyous new year for you!
End of sermon

Happy Joyous New Year

Chaplain Bob Chaffee

NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

The 210th Combat Aviation Battalion was known as "The Capital Battalion" while we were located on Tan Son Nhut. After a few months, we were re-located to Long Thanh North which was close to Bear Cat. I was at Bear Cat during the Tet Offensive and it was not a pleasant time for us. Our unit was mostly comprised of Huey helicopters. When I rotated out of Vietnam, I was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery as the S-1 Clerk in Nuremberg, Germany. My military service was from December 1966 until September, 1969.

My memberships include The Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America.

Samuel (Sam) B. Shipley
1st Aviation Brigade/210th Combat Aviation Battalion.
Mar 67 - Mar 68

I was an E-5 in the Air force with 7 years service. I was first assigned to the Army Mortuary and then to Binh Tuy AB where we lived in an old French Barracks on the South China Sea. We were hit every night by mortar & recoilless rifle fire and all that kept us from being overrun was Spooky Gunships that flew dusk to dawn.

Reginald B. Taylor
377th Combat Support Squadron
Oct 68 - Sep 69



EDITOR'S NOTE: The information about the following article excerpts was sent to me by TSNA Member Richard Roberts. We have permission from the source of the info – *Harbor Style Magazine*, Punta Gorda, FL to use it.

Our thanks to Carol Bruyere for writing it. The photos are from TSNA Member Richard Roberts.



The Wall That Heals

The Southwest Florida Vietnam Memorial Wall honors the courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country of all those who served in our nation's longest war.

The horror of the Vietnam War has been over for a long, long time. But for those who were there, who lived through it, the memories still continue. Many Vietnam veterans still suffer the effects of Agent Orange and post traumatic stress disorder. Many of those who didn't serve had relatives or friends that did. Not all of them came home. Not all of those who did come home survived.

It is for all of them – the active soldiers who survived, those who died in the line of duty and those who are still missing in action – that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was established in Washington, D.C. The main part of the memorial, the Memorial Wall, honors those who were killed in action or missing in action. The design was planned as a piece of art that would make no political statement, would somehow attend to the psychic wounds of hundreds of thousands of people, and still leave room for almost 60,000 names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Wall in D.C. has been called a hallowed spot, a place of pilgrimage, homage and reconciliation. "It gave people the license to mourn publicly...there's something profound about it, feeling the connection between the living and the dead, feeling the way we still love and care for people," said Jan C. Scruggs, a Vietnam War veteran and founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

"They Need to be Remembered"

And now, right here in the heart of Punta Gorda at Lashley Park, we have our very own hallowed spot, the Southwest Florida Vietnam Memorial Wall. At 273-feet long, nearly seven feet high at its tallest point, and two inches thick, the Punta Gorda replica is approximately 50 percent of the size of the original memorial wall in Washington, D.C.

It's not just another tourist attraction. Not just another art installation. It's a part of our history we can share with all who see it. And it's dedicated to honoring those who served and died in the Vietnam War.

Henry Reposa, a United States Army veteran and one of the directors of the nonprofit Vietnam Wall Of Southwest Florida, Inc., recently visited the original wall in D.C. and was able to compare it with our replica here. "I did stare and compare, he stated. "And I must say that our wall stands up nicely. Our veterans and citizens could not be prouder."

Constructed of the hardest, blackest granite from Bangalore, India (which was located by committee member Rick Tuss, co-owner of Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home), cut and polished by Star Granite of Georgia, and carved with the names of 58,300 casualties and those missing in action, the wall is a moving tribute to those that made the ultimate sacrifice.

Just like its full-sized counterpart in D.C., names are listed on the wall in chronological order based on their date of casualty. In cases of multiple casualties on the same day, the names appear in alphabetical order. A diamond symbol next to the soldier's name denotes that the service member's death was confirmed. A cross symbol denotes they were missing in action or a prisoner at the end of the war, still missing and unaccounted for. A diamond superimposed over the cross means their remains have been returned or otherwise accounted for.



MORE 

Since the names are not alphabetical, there are alphabetical registers available electronically noting the column location. The Southwest Florida Wall has QR code readers at each end that can be accessed with mobile devices that will provide visitors an opportunity to type in the veteran's name in order to determine their location.

Jerry Baumgartner, a Vietnam veteran who served with the US Navy Seabees, has several grandchildren and he often attends their sporting events. When he sees the kids in action, he thinks of all the soldiers in his unit who were lost, who never had that opportunity to have a family. "There's not a day goes by I don't think of them. They need to be remembered."

Bringing the Wall to Punta Gorda

According to Baumgartner and Dick Carr, a retired Major General in the United States Air Force, bringing this replica wall to Punta Gorda was not a simple process.

In 2009, Dave "Marty" Martin, commander of the Delta Company Vietnam Brotherhood, was instrumental in bringing the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to Laishley Park. Somewhere in the vicinity of 80,000-100,000 visitors came to pay their respects during its stay of less than one week. Fifty busloads of children were brought to the wall and the story of the war was explained to them. It was certainly a success.

Baumgartner later received an email suggesting that another traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall was for sale in Texas. He got the idea that the City, along with help from some local groups, could purchase it and have a permanent wall here. Several interested groups gave that some consideration, but decided it was too expensive, and the city council was not on board. They determined that the metal construction materials would not be a good choice for our sea salt air and that our very large concentration of veterans deserved a more permanent and solid memorial that would last forever.

And so a committee was formed to bring a permanent wall to Southwest Florida. including an engineer Mark Gering and contractor Wayne Goff as well as several city and county officials. They faced many challenges and a few disagreements along the way but, in the end, they were able to complete the project.

"They all put a lot of time and effort into it," Baumgartner said. "We hope over time any animosity will disappear."

Bill Martin, a Vietnam veteran who served with the US Army, added, "We did it to honor them, our brother and sisters who died over there, not for personal recognition."

As General Contractor, Goff donated a great deal of time and construction materials to create the base for the wall. Unfortunately, he passed away before the wall was completed. "Wayne Goff, our general contractor, will surely be missed. Wayne did an incredible job getting the ground ready. But we will continue as Wayne would want, and he will always be a part of this incredible memorial," the committee stated following his death.

"It certainly was a worthwhile endeavor," Reposa added. "We had a committee of outstanding, civic minded individuals...Without their nearly superhuman efforts there would be no wall."

The official ground-breaking for the wall was on Veteran's Day, November 12, 2015. Governor Rick Scott, a Navy veteran who served during the Vietnam War, attended the ceremony and said, "The memorial will help honor a group of veterans who haven't always been treated honorably. Nobody thanked anybody for their service in Vietnam, so this is going to be a great testament to the fact that this country cares about all military members."

Construction began, according to Carr, on January 4th, and he is extremely proud of how it went. "It was a typical construction project with setbacks and hurdles, but the contractors and engineers worked with us to solve every hurdle."

It took almost three years to raise the \$600,000 required to purchase the granite, engrave the names and get everything in place. The city of Punta Gorda contributed the land for what is now known as Veteran's Park. Charlotte County contributed \$50,000 in funding for the memorial, and Governor Scott approved \$150,000 in state funding.

Dozens of Florida veterans groups have contributed to the cause, (and) Port Charlotte High School students, with guidance from Mike Raymond, Commander of American Legion Post 110, and their shop teacher Wade Taylor, designed and constructed a smaller scale model of the wall, with names engraved with a laser, that was displayed at various fundraising events.

"Thanks to our very generous populous of caring citizens, it's mission accomplished!" Reposa exclaimed, adding, "This wall is a testament to the 'never give up' philosophy that carried us all the way. Hoorah! Proud and loud."

According to Punta Gorda's official city website, "The memorial is dedicated to 'honor the courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty and country' to all who answered the call to serve during the longest war in US history."

MORE: 

A NEW VIETNAM CASUALTY SITE:

[Click here: Names of Vietnam War casualties by city and state www.VirtualWall.org](http://www.VirtualWall.org)

FYI:

I learned early on as a tour guide to look up the figures and names on The Wall for the groups on my tours. I rely heavily on www.thewall-usa.com, partly for the comments; I learn a lot from what other people have written.

Now, of course, this is easier to do on-site with smart phones, etc.

This is the first site I have seen that is organized by state, and then by localities within each state.

Carol Bessette, TSNA Treasurer

January 1968

I was stationed at Tan Son Nhut AB from 15 Jan 68 to 9 Dec 68. My duties were as NCOIC, Headquarters 7th Air Force Plans. I lived in Ellis compound down from the R & R Center and the Heliport.

On the night that the 68 TET Offensive started me and my hooch buddies spent several hours in a bunker adjacent to our quarters. We could hear the incoming 122's and gun fire all around us. The flashes from gunships and helicopters lighted the night. It was a scary time for a support troop not anticipating any action.

When the All Clear came we headed for the main road to walk to the 7th Air Force compound where we worked. I recall that all the way up were tanks lined along the roadside. We could see damage all around us. During a tour of the base later I recall that the Base Chapel had taken a hit.

Of course, the week following that night the rockets continued and we spent several nights under our cots when the siren went off. Some of us got so concerned we decided to take our blankets and just sleep in the office.

I have included 3 pictures that show one of our hooches that got hit on Feb 18, 1968 at about 3:30 PM. Two airmen were killed in this attack. The picture of the casing is that one which was dug out of the hooch that killed the two airmen. I lived 3 hooch's down from the hooch that was hit.

I am glad I found the site because I had a lot of things confirmed that I had heard about that horrible night in 68.

Tom Rosinski CMSGT (Retired)
(From Revetments, November 2007)

Those wishing to visit the memorial will find easy access. It's located at Laishley Park, on Laishley Court and Nesbit Street in downtown Punta Gorda near the waterfront. Admission is free. The park is open 24 hours a day, though it is said that early evening and morning hours are the most beautiful and tranquil times to visit.

If you visit the wall, expect to see tributes left there. Candles, letters, flowers, graduation tassels and Purple Heart medals are just a few of the items found at other memorial walls. But most of all, expect to see fingerprints where a name was touched by someone who cares.

The Southwest Florida Vietnam Memorial Wall is most certainly a wall that heals. It touches the hearts of family and friends who lost a loved one in the battle. It offers a connection with those that thought their soldiers' sacrifice would never be recognized or appreciated. It helps bring us together long after the fighting has ended. The names, the stories, the heartbreak, the passion – it all starts the healing. Let us all heal together. One nation, one people, one purpose – Peace.

If you want to read the whole article, here is a link to it:

<http://trendmag2.trendoffset.com/publication/?i=347122&p=70> .

NOTE: At the Dedication on November 5, 2016 there were over 3,000 people in attendance!



EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTE:

I received a note on the Renewal Statement for Alfred C. Crane, Jr. , 13th Recce Tech, Sep 66 - Sep 67:
"50 years ago this month I saw Bob Hope & the USO Show at TSN !!!"

**Jerry Sommerfeldt
And TET '68**

By Charles Penley
TSNA Webmaster

During the TET Offensive, Jan 31, 1968, a 377th Security Policeman, Jerry Sommerfeldt was performing his duties as part of the Quick Reaction Team (QRT), enroute to the O-51 Gate to help defend the gate and the installation when Jerry was badly wounded.

Eventually Maj. Carl Bender picked Jerry up from the battlefield and placed him on a security police jeep, driven by 1Lt Melvin Grover and it was Grover who drove Sommerfeldt to the 377th USAF Dispensary to receive immediate treatment.

Once the ambulances, which were under guard from the 377th Security Police Squadron, started making runs to 3rd Field Hospital about 1/2 mile straight out the Tan Son Nhut Main Gate, Sommerfeldt was transferred there.

Sommerfeldt spent approximately two weeks at 3rd Field Hospital and then transferred to Tachikawa, Japan.

From Tachikawa, Japan, Sommerfeldt was then transferred to Chanute AFB, IL.

Sommerfeldt's condition kept getting worse due to an infection.

They transferred him to Lackland AFB, TX hospital. Once he was there, they told him that he would be in the hospital for approximately two years. They had to operate and replace his hip and placed Jerry in a full body cast.

The doctors were very accurate in the length of time in the hospital. Altogether, Jerry spent almost three years in the various hospitals.

Jerry then received a 100% Medical Discharge. Upon discovering the Tan Son Nhut Association, Jerry became a member.

(From Revetments, January, 2009)

**377th Air Police Squadron
Radio Transmissions
TET Offensive 1968**

Contributed by Charles Penley
TSNA Webmaster
377th SPS

The following information is redacted from the 377th Air Police Squadron, Central Security Control (CSC), Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Vietnam, on January 31, 1968.

The TET 1968 Attack on Tan Son Nhut began early in the morning at 0321 hours.

(I am only reporting their final words.)

0320 hours

Echo-37 is also known at the O-51 Bunker. It is manned tonight by five Air Policemen.

1. Sgt Alonzo Coggins, who will be wounded seriously in a few minutes, and spend approximately eight hours inside the O-51 Bunker with the enemy. He will also endure, several tank rounds, Razorback rounds and jet bombs tonight.
2. Sgt William Joseph Cyr, who will be Killed In Action, within minutes.
3. Sgt Louis Harold Fischer, who will be Killed In Action, within minutes.
4. Sgt Charles Edward Hebron, who will be Killed In Action, within minutes.
5. Sgt Roger Bertha Mills, who will be Killed In Action, within minutes.

(Echo-37) Security Control, be advised (Garbled transmission)

(Echo-37) Echo-37, to Security Control.

(Echo-37) Out there beyond the tree line is approximately about 25 people, they just fired mortar barrages.

(Echo-37) Security Control, Echo-37.

(Echo-37) Be advised, vicinity of numerous VC outside the fence at Echo-37.

(Echo-37) (Garbled transmission.) ... on Echo-37.

(Echo-37) Echo-37.

(Echo-37) This is Echo-37, I've been hit seriously, I'll probably need an ambulance.

(Echo-37) Security Control, Echo-37. **(0346 hours)**

(Echo-37) (Garbled transmission.)

(Echo-37) The VC are running around, over-running our area. (... A lot of transmissions are over-riding the radio frequency.)

(Echo-37) Security Control.

(Echo-37) They're directly in front of this post, in the ditch, there must be 15 of em.

(Echo-37)(Tango 1) (Echo-37 speaks and then Tango-1 talks over them)

Tango-1 to Security Control.

(Echo-37) Security Control, from Echo-37

(Echo-37) They're completely inside the base, they're all around this position, we're running low on ammo, one man dead & two badly injured. **(0354 hours)**

(Echo-37) Echo-37.

(Echo-37) That's 10-4. (Sad to say that this will be the very last transmission from Echo-37, better known as the O-51 Bunker.) **(0355 hours)**

(From Revetments, January, 2009)



TET OFFENSIVE

1968

TAN SON NHUT AIR FORCE BASE

By

A1C James T. Brogdon

It all happened on the second day of TET,
All were asleep and no one was expecting it,
Then comes Charlie creeping and sneaking along,
Armed to the hilt singing Ho Chi Minh's song,
Watch all the Americans run and hide,
For they think the South Vietnamese are on our side,
That's what some of us did, I'm sure of it.

Then came the rockets that did more destruction,
It kept us awake and slowed down our production,
Charlie got a little overjoyed and brave one day,
So he blew a hole in the old BX roof they say,
Yipe! Charlie has been lucky all right,
Because he destroyed our Chapel one night.

As the GIs made it to the bunker safe and sound,
They were frightened by the crack-boom all around,
One rocket hit the heli pad not too far away,
Another hit the BX seconds later the same day,
The sound is terrifying as all will agree,
Some never heard it for they're dead you see,
Yes, some hit the barracks, and not just the ground.

From Chaplain Warrington (via a letter to Janice Jones, TSNA Cheerleader):

One surprise occurred this past month. I had written a short letter to the Superintendent of the Arlington National Cemetery explaining that I would have to stop delivery of about 200 copies of the weekly Fort Myer newspaper titled the "Pentagram," and of the U. S. Edition of the "Stars & Stripes". Delivery of these papers was my excuse to meet and talk with many dedicated, hard working people. Arlington National Cemetery is now maintained and adjusted by the Department of the U. S. Army. To my surprise I was awarded a beautifully framed Department of the Army "Certificate of Appreciation" for thirty years of voluntary efforts on behalf of the military and civilian personnel employed there at. I truly appreciate their recognition.

SPECIAL T-SHIRT PROJECT:

The TSNA Board of Directors would like to thank TSNA Life Member Gary Redlinski for his efforts to increase the donations to the TSNA Scholarship Fund.

A special t-shirt with special Vietnam related graphics was sold, and the net proceeds was donated to TSNA.

Thanks Gary!

Remembering TET '68

Michael Mitchell
12th. R.I.T.S.
Apr. '67 - Nov. '68

I have to start out by saying that I have just observed another Memorial Day, #63, in my life and it reminded me of what is really important. I am here today because of the many sacrifices made by men I never knew, men who were young men so many years ago in a place that is listed in "history" today, Vietnam. To be exact, Tan Son Nhut AB, Republic of Vietnam during a time that when I look back seems like yesterday but many years ago per my calendar.

The more I read the stories in "Revetments", the more I realize how little I knew about what was going on around me in those days, what was being done by men who deserve the life long respect of men like me but yet may never know that we existed because there were so many of us stationed at that airbase, each doing his job and doing it well without regards to what it might mean to someone else. I believe that's what is learned by one who serves in the military, you do your job and go about your business without realizing how important that job might be. How many lives have I saved or how many will be saved in the future by what I'm doing right now. We tend to not think in the present, it's our job and we do it, one more day in-country and one day closer to going home.

But later, in the future, we sit and look back, we learn that what we did at the time meant so much in the overall scheme of history.

I remember Tet '68, the night suddenly lit up with tracers, the sound of explosions around the base and the 122mm rockets that for weeks would hit the base. I remember also being scared because I didn't know what was going on, everything was suddenly different from my normal routine. I had been on the base for 8 months and the war was on the "perimeter" of the base, or downtown, or in the "boonies". But this night, the war was real, it was close, and I could feel it closing in on me. I was in the Air Force and was unarmed but then why would I need to be armed, the war was somewhere "off in the distance" and anyway, I worked in a very safe building with others like me who did classified photographic work, why did we need firearms? We had a base that was secure and protected by the Air Police and anyway, the VC would never attempt to attack this great base, it would be useless and a suicide mission with no possible chance of succeeding. But this night, Tet '68, this 20 year old airman was starting to realize that something was wrong, something didn't fit and for the next several months my life changed in so many ways.

I grew up, proud to admit it, during the next few months. I was given a chance to leave Tan Son Nhut in April '68 but felt that my "job" in Vietnam was not completed so I extended my tour for another 6 months. That's right, I extended my tour because I had a job to do that was not finished, I knew my job in my field and could do it better than anyone else at the time and had lived through the many rocket attacks, the probes of the base, and even survived being pinned down by a sniper that had gotten into one of the radar towers.

But my story is just one of the many that could be told, nothing special, nothing heroic, just a guy doing his job. I don't even have a wound to show my children, at least not on the outside.

I hear the rumblings, "Let's get to the point" and the point of my story about TSN is the guys that I never knew did so much to protect me. The guys that faced the enemy that I never faced, the guys that did their jobs in a very professional manner. The ones who, in a lot of cases, made the ultimate sacrifice to carry out their assigned duty without regards to who they were protecting. I have only become aware of some of these things while reading "Revetments" and felt that I had to say something to the many who, like me at the time, were just doing their jobs. I feel that I owe a debt to so many and now all I can say is "Thank You".

I know that when I returned home I was treated differently by a lot of my friends and those people that I would meet. Once they found out that I was in the military and had served in Vietnam, well, let's just say that even in August it could get a bit chilly.

We, the returning Vietnam vet, endured some things that we didn't deserve but I'm sure that most of us took it in a military manner because we knew what we had done for our country and do to this day.

(From January 2011 Revetments)

James Faulkner
Port Lavaca, TX

December 16, 2016

TAN SON NHUT RVN ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

I make this ([Editor's note—"very sizeable"](#)) donation to our worthy TSNA Scholarship Program in honor of Randall Brown. I only ask that our TSNA family hear our Brother Randall's story.

"Randall Brown, our President, has an amazing story of dedicated service, of humility, of perseverance and of love of Vietnam Veterans. Randall, with wife Rita, have sacrificed precious time, energy, and resources in reaching out to thousands of Vietnam Veterans, Widows and Families in his quest to help Vietnam Veterans with Diabetes. **Randall is a humble man who would never "aggrandize" himself.** So that his exceptional story can be told, it is my distinct pleasure to share it with you.

In Vietnam we were both assigned to the Air Force Postal & Carrier Service, Pacific Region, OL 1508, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN. OL 1508 was a small tenant unit whose mission it was to breakdown and deliver all in-country mail to Army and Air Force APOs. We shared the same hooch. **Randall served as a USAF Postal Courier (There were also Army Postal Couriers). His job was important to the success of our fighting forces and our overall efforts in Vietnam.** Ensuring classified and sensitive orders and documents were delivered throughout South Vietnam to Field Commanders who relied on the timely dispatch of these classified orders from MACV Headquarters and the Pentagon. **As a courier, Randall flew many missions exposing himself to Agent Orange in a way few experienced.**

On his return from Vietnam in 1968 at the young age of 21, he was diagnosed with Diabetes. Initially, he was prescribed pills, then later Insulin. In August 2006 Randall's Endocrinologist advised that he could no longer treat him, but mentioned Doctor Steven Edelman, Professor of Endocrinology at University of California, San Diego, might help. He and his doctor wrote to Doctor Edelman urging intervention. Sometime later, Doctor Edelman agreed to evaluate Randall. Randall immediately flew to San Diego.

Doctor Edelman put him on a **"life-saving insulin pump" that Randall still wears today.** Subsequently, Doctor Edelman began his "Take Control Of Your Diabetes" organization and himself travels throughout the U. S. reaching out to Diabetes patients.

From this "life-saving intervention" Randall's "Vietnam Veterans with Diabetes" organization was borne in 2009. Now he travels across the U. S. sharing his story at Veterans Conferences. Randall and Rita have attended 48 Conferences throughout the country. **Through these conferences, his Website "Vietnam Veterans with Diabetes" and Facebook postings, he has reached some 650,000 Vietnam Veterans, Widows and Families with Diabetes.**

Last year, Randall had the pleasure of introducing Doctor Edelman at the "American Diabetes Association Banquet" in Indianapolis and sharing his story of living with Diabetes for 48 years and how Doctor Edelman was instrumental in saving his life. Doctor Edelman and Randall have become good friends. **"Randall feels that maybe his mission of reaching out to our fellow Vietnam "Brothers-in-Arms" is in some small way making a difference."**

Sincerely,

Jim Faulkner
TSNA Director at Large



REUNION 2017

Our Director of Reunion Planning, Joe Kricho, has received an updated internet “link” that will get you directly to the HOTEL website for making reservations for the 2017 TSNA Reunion, to be held September 14 - 17, in Colorado Springs, CO.

Here is that link: Just point to it, hold down your “Ctrl” key and click your “Mouse”..

[Book your group rate for Tan Son Nhut Association Military Reunion](#)

Remember- this is for the hotel!

We are still in the process of finalizing the many details of the Reunion, and we will get them out as soon as we can.

IN THE MEANTIME, Joe would like to know how many are planning on coming to Colorado Springs, all things being as they are today.

Please send a memo to Joe at the special internet address he has set up for reunion questions, and tell him of your plans.

We need to get as accurate a count of who is coming as early as possible.

The address to write to is:

TSNA2017Reunion@gmail.com .

(Just point to the above address, press and hold “Ctrl” and that good ol’ infamous “hand” will show up. Click with your “Mouse”, and you will have an email form ready to go.)

Please do this ASAP to help your Board. Thanks.



Lobby, Marriott Colorado Springs



Lobby, Marriott Colorado Springs

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! :)

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