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BRANSON MO, AUGUST 2010 WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL & IT WAS SMOKIN' HOT WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE OF OUR GROUP'S HISTORY! WE SERVED 280 MEALS TO SOME VERY HAPPY 716TH VETERANS AND THEIR GUESTS WHO BRAVED THE TEMPS OF UP TO 106 DEGREES TO DISCOVER HOW MUCH FUN BRANSON COULD BE! WITH ABOUT A 50/50 MIXTURE OF NEW/OLD MEMBERS; IT WAS GREAT FUN TO MEET AND GREET EVERYONE! WE WERE QUITE HAPPY TO WELCOME SPECIAL GUESTS CAPTAIN JULIE AUSTIN & CSM RICHARD WOODRING OF THE 716TH MPS FROM FT. CAMPBELL, TN TO THE REUNION THIS YEAR. THEY WERE MOST KIND IN BRINGING THE "COLORS" FOR OUR MEMBERS TO SEE. THE 716TH MILITARY POLICE IS THE MOST HIGHLY DECORATED POLICE UNIT IN THE US FORCES HISTORY, WITH A RIBBON/FLAG BEING AWARDED TO THE 716TH FOR BATTLES FOUGHT BY THEM THROUGHOUT HISTORY. CSM WOODRING GAVE A SPEECH THAT MADE EVERYONE FEEL PROUD OF THE UNIT AND THE MEN STILL SERVING UNDER ITS ASTOUNDING HISTORY. THIS WAS A SECOND CHANCE FOR SOME OF US TO VIEW THE IMPRESSIVE "COLORS" PRESENTED BEFORE OUR MEMBERSHIP; BUT STILL AN EXCITING MOMENT FOR EVERYONE PRESENT, ESPECIALLY MANY WHO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE THEM BEFORE THAT DAY; AND THE "KODAK MOMENTS" WERE SHARED BY ALL. WE THANK CSM WOODRING AND CAPT. AUSTIN FOR MAKING THE EFFORT TO ATTEND THE REUNION, SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PRESENT DAY 716TH MPS & BRING THE COLORS TO SHARE. CONSIDERING THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES, IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE THEM WITH US.



ALSO PRESENT WAS A NEW COUPLE FROM "DOWN UNDER" JOHN AND CLAUDIA WATSON. I WAS THRILLED TO SUCCESSFULLY HELP JOHN WHEN HE CONTACTED ME FROM AUSTRALIA LOOKING FOR AN AMERICAN MP, ED GEIGER, HE'D LOST TRACK OF ALMOST 40 YRS. PRIOR. WITHIN 72 HOURS THEY WERE IN TOUCH AND MET UP AT THE REUNION! THAT'S THE SORT OF WORK THAT MAKES A SECRETARY HAPPY WITH HER JOB! THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT THEY MET FOR YOUR KINDNESSES THROUGHOUT THE REUNION.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BRANSON REUNION WAS THE TOUR OF FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO BY APX. 150 OF YOU. BEING ABLE TO SEE THE NEW MILITARY POLICE MUSEUM THAT HOUSES SO MUCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE 716TH MPS FROM ITS INCEPTION UNTIL PRESENT, WITH THAT SPECIAL AREA DEDICATED TO VIETNAM WAS WELL WORTH THE 2 HOUR BUS RIDE WE WERE TOLD BY MANY! THEY TRULY ENJOYED SEEING EVERYTHING AT THE FORT AND HOW MOST WERE IN AWE AT THE CHANGES FOR THE NEW AND YOUNGER RECRUITS FOLLOWING IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS LEARNING TO BE MILITARY POLICE TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY NOW. THE STAFF AND OFFICERS THAT HELPED WITH THE TOUR, LUNCH AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS, WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT EFFORTS IN GETTING TO THE 2010 REUNION, ESPECIALLY WITH ALL OF THE WONDERFUL RAFFLE PRIZES TO DONATE THAT RAISED AN ASTOUNDING \$2114 TO GO TOWARDS EVER MOUNTING COSTS OF PUTTING ON THE REUNION & HOSPITALITY ROOM SUPPLIES, SEARCHES FOR MORE 716TH VIETNAM MPS, (OUR ROSTER NOW NUMBERS OVER 2300 VIETNAM 716TH MP MEMBERS). YOUR DUES & OTHER DONATIONS KEEP THE WEBSITE GOING ALONG WITH THESE NEWSLETTERS, OTHER MAILINGS, & MULTITUDES OF BUSINESS MATTERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE ARE A NON-PROFIT GROUP AND FEEL WHAT WE DO IS IMPORTANT, AS WE HOPE YOU DO; AND WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN ALL SHAPES AND FORMS.





THOSE WHO JOINED US FOR THE TOUR OF FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO DURING THE REUNION, HAVE EXPRESSED IN SO MANY WAYS HOW IMPRESSED THEY WERE WITH EVERYTHING THEY SAW AND HOW MANY INTEND TO RETURN WITH THEIR FAMILIES; WHICH WAS WONDERFUL TO HEAR. ON SEPTEMBER 22ND, ONE OF OUR ORIGINAL MEMBERS, JOHN H. SHOOK, WAS AT THE FORT FOR A DIFFERENT REASON, WITH ANOTHER OF OUR MEMBERS, PAUL HEALY. JOHN & PAUL WERE THERE TO BE HONORED AGAIN FOR THEIR ACTIONS AT THE EMBASSY IN SAIGON DURING THE TET OFFENSIVE IN JANUARY 1968; THEIR ACTIONS WERE HIGHLY RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND S. VIETNAM. ON THIS DAY IN SEPTEMBER, GEN. CREIGHTON ABRAMS, PINNED A SILVER STAR ON JOHN'S UNIFORM, WHERE THERE ARE ALSO 2 BRONZE STARS AND A VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS~ ALL AWARDED FOR JOHN'S HEROICS, BRAVERY AND LEADERSHIP OF HIS MEN. HEALY WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS FOR HIS ACTIONS THAT SAME DAY. JOHN WAS IMPERIAL IN HELPING TO GET THE MILITARY MUSEUM ESTABLISHED AT FORT LEONARD WOOD AND HE CUT THE RIBBON FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE VIETNAM GALLERY. ANOTHER MEMBER BILL FORREST, WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2008, ALSO WORKED AT GETTING THE MUSEUM STARTED& DONATED MUCH TIME & ITEMS FOR DISPLAY. JOHN & PAUL ARE IMMORTALIZED THERE WITH THEIR LIKENESS COMMEMORATING THE VC "ASSAULT AT THE FRONT GATE ". WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE JOHN & PAUL AS MEMBERS OF OUR REUNION GROUP AND WE'RE SORRY THAT NEITHER WAS ABLE TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S REUNION. OUR SPACE IS LIMITED HERE, BUT TO READ MORE ABOUT THE MUSEUM OPENING & SPECIAL HONORS FOR THESE 716TH REUNION MEMBERS, PLEASE GO TO YOUR WEBSITE FOR MORE ABOUT THIS STORY.

THE STORE

Visit online at our website www.716mpvietnam.org to get whatever that MP in your life would like for Christmas. The new 2010 T-shirt can be seen there- black w/cross pistols & 716th Military Police on the front over left chest & MILITARY POLICE on the back for only \$15.00. There are many other items, inc. some extra lg. 3X&4X Sizes as requested. As there is LIMITED time, please place your orders quickly & check with the Hursey's for supply before mailing orders/ payments. All checks should be made payable to: 716th MILITARY POLICE BN VIETNAM REUNION. Mail to Duane Hursey 520 550th St. Shelby, IA 51570 Phone & email are in the heading of the first page if you need help or more information.



A brand new item that would make a great gift for any occasion is a CD of the reunion! We know how those few days go by in a flash! So here's your chance to look back over all three days of wonderful memories. Just \$15- contact Duane if you're interested in one of these CD keepsakes.

PLEASE remember to always let us know if you move, change your email address or your phone number etc. We try hard to keep in touch with you but you can make our jobs so much easier! We DO NOT give out any of your

information without your permission- to anyone - for any reason.

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"UNsung HEROS SAVING SAIGON"

Is the title of a book written by General Albin F. Irzyk, one of the generals with the 716th MPs during TET; it is a well written version of what your unit did during the fighting in and around Saigon during those unforgettable times. We have only 24 copies for sale at \$15 including shipping. PLEASE check with Duane to see if there are any remaining copies before sending in your order/payment.

IN MEMORY 2010

- WILLIAM DELAWARE CO. B 66/67 3/4/2010
- VERNON DENSON 615 66/67 6/16/2010
- ROD HERRICK CO. C 67/68 2/5/2010
- STEPHEN MASSIE CO. B/C HHD 64/65/66-9/21/2010
- GERALD F. MELUSKY CO.A 71/72 1/29/2010

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The number one medical claim from Vietnam Vet's is now Diabetes, per records of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Many claims that have been denied in the past for this illness and others believed caused by exposure to Agent Orange may be reviewed, but with the expected 150,000 new claims it will take time as always. If you have not yet registered with the VA, don't waste anymore time. Best way is still to get a representative at your VFW or American Legion etc., they all have them. It is faster and easier for you, as the reps know all of the ins and outs that you don't. But you can do it on your own; you can fill out the forms on the internet. Under Dept. of Veterans Affairs- <http://www4.va.gov/vaforms/> their main website is www.va.gov for a wealth of other knowledge. I hope you will continue to use your own website www.716mpvietnam.org also for more information always being upgraded by our own webmaster Bill Fecht.

SICK CALL



Harry Martin has been facing some medical issues again this year, along with his lovely wife Charlotte. Keep both of them in your thoughts as they care for one another right now. We send caring thoughts to any other members not feeling well at this time and our wishes for a healthy new year for all.

Thanks to Sharon & David Sand, 7 boxes of wonderful goodies and much needed & appreciated items have just gone out to soldiers of the 163rd- a detachment of the 716th MP BN that is currently deployed. They spend time getting names & addresses of soldiers that our group can support with cards/letters &/or packages and sees that they go out to them. Many of our new members haven't heard about this before, that is why I am repeating it, other members please bare with us. The Sand's forgo exchanging gifts throughout the year in order to instead send out these mailings, with or without any help. There are addresses on our website if you care to support the process or want to send out gifts/cards/letters on your own. If you have no computer, give us a call, any officers can help you. This goes on all year, not just at the holiday times; so remember it as a way of giving support any time you can, any amount helps. Thank you Dave & Sharon for what you do.

MEMBERS USUALLY ASK WHO ATTENDED THE LAST REUNION, SO FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL THAT WERE WITH US IN BRANSON IN AUGUST.

RICHARD ALBEE	RALPH O CLEMINGS	ROBERT W HABGOOD	PHILIP J MALON	CHARLES PELLEGRINI	JOHN E SKOPIK	JOHN L. WAYMIRE
THOMAS H ALM	JAMES R COLEMAN JR	BRIAN R HACKBART	THOMAS J MALOTKE	ALAN W PFUNK	W. RALPH SMITH	GARY WELLS
EARL ANTUNES	THOMAS J COLLING	JOHN U HANCOCK	JAMES MARSHALL	JIM C PHILLIPS	JOHN V. SMITH	BOB WHITESIDE
BILL ARNDT	BRUCE E COOK	HUGH HARPER	HARRY R MARTIN	FRED PIERCE	ALLEN A SPEARS	MAX WHITMEYER
LAMAR G ASHE	TRUMAN COX	CHUCK HASKIN	THOMAS R MARTIN	ROY POWELL	JAMES E STEINER	BOB WILLIAMS
RICHARD E AUSTIN	COSIMO J D'ALLESSIO	JIM HICKS	BILL J MARTIN	GUS PSILLIS	BRADLEY C STOCKER	TOM WOODS
EDGAR H BECK	ROSS DAVIS	DUANE HURSEY	VICTOR N MARTINEZ	WILLIAM PURNELL	RICKI I STOLTENBURG	BOBBY WRIGHT
MARVIN G BEESLEY	ROBERT LEE DEAN	RAY L HUTCHINSON	MIKE G MATYSIK	TERRY RAMEY	BERNIE STOKER	MIKE YOUNG
JAMES I BERNETHY	GERALD M DEZURA	ALLEN D INGLE	MICHAEL E MCKEE	ROBERT E REEPING	DAVE J STOVES SR.	
ED BOSTICK	DONALD R DIEBALL	STANLEY J JEFFREY	LARRY MIKE MILLER	LARRY E REEVES	DANE STRONG	<u>MY APOLOGIES FOR</u>
GARY BOUCHER	PAUL J DINGUS	PHILIP H JORDAN	JOSEPH G MIREK	WILLIAM H REEVES	RICHARD T SUDDEATH	<u>OMITTING THE FOLLOW-</u>
MURRAY BOUTILIER	SAL DIROSA	JIM KEFFER	RICHARD A MITCHELL	ARTHUR C REINERT	FRED S. SZABO	<u>ING NAMES.</u>
GARY L BRIGGS	DANNY DRIGGERS	ARNIE KESSLER	ROBERT A MOHR	ARTHUR R RIVERA	JOHN O TAYLOE	<u>WAYNE L. HINSON</u>
RICHARD J CAIRNS	ANTONIA E ESTEVE	JACK A KEY	JIM MORAN	ROGER ROESS	DUANE E. TEDROW	<u>DAVID L.HISS</u>
JOHN E CALLAHAN	LOWELL FIGERT	JOHN W KINDER	MICHAEL A. MURPHY	DONALD ROUSH	RICKEY J THORNTON	<u>JON M. HOLLOWAY</u>
ALLEN A CAMPBELL	JAMES E FINNERTY	LARRY KOESTER	DONALD A NEUDECKER	STEVE RUDE	RON TRTAN	<u>JAMES HORN</u>
CLARENCE L CARTER	PAULA FORREST	JOHN W KOHL	ALTON L NEVLING	GENARO O SALAZAR	JOHN C TURNER	<u>TED HOUX</u>
MIKE CASE	JERRY FRAZEE	JOEL J KOWALEWSKI	RONALD O OAKES	DAVID SAND	SIDNEY D TURNER	<u>MICHAEL G. HOWARD</u>
JOSEPH CENICEROS	STEPHEN J GANITSCH	TOMMY JOE KUKA	GORDEN OLSEN	BENNY SAWYER	JIM R. VAN HOOK	
VIRGIL CHANCE	GERALD D GAYNOR	EDWARD J LADA JR	BILL OPPEWALL	JAMES H SCHROEDER	HAL VON NESSEN	THANK YOU
WALTER GARY CLANCY	EDWARD GEIGER	MARK D LANGKAMP	TOM HANLON ORSINI	AUDIE SCRUDDER	MICHAEL L. WALKER	AGAIN
CRAIG K CLARK	STEVE GOFF	LOU LAVENDER	TED L PANNELL	CHARLES M SELKIRK	STEPHEN L. WALLEN	FOR COMING
JIM R CLARKE	JEFF GUPTON	JAMES C LOWE	JOSEPH PAWLOWSKI	DAVID L SHANNON JR	TIMOTHY E. WARREN	TO THE 2010
JAY CLAUSEN	RONALD L. GUSMAN	JIM LUCERO	GERALD PEINETTI	GERALD J SIMON	JOHN WATSON	REUNION.

The officers and board members of the 716th Military Police BN Vietnam Reunion would like to thank everyone that helped us before, during & after the reunion this year. There is so much work running the hospitality room plus an enormous cost, all the help we received was so truly appreciated. We'd like to wish all of our members and their families a wonderful holiday season filled with peace and joy and may 2011 be a healthy and happy New Year for one and all. Please take care and be safe, keep in touch with us & also one another between reunions; you are what keeps the reunion going! LEX ET ORDO



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