

## TAPS ... Those Gone But Not Forgotten

*Robin Yount* recently passed away due to heart problems. Robin served as a Plt. Leader in B Co., 3<sup>rd</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> Inf. (68-69). You may contact the family c/o Shawn Yount, Box 7025, Tacoma, WA 98406, or phone 253-752-2730.

*LCDR Richard T. Fellis USN Ret.*, C.O. USS Satyr ARL-23 (1969-70) passed away from lung cancer on October 5, 1977 and was buried at sea on October 9, 1977. Thanks to member Bruce Schulz for this information.

*Frank L. Ritch*, USS Tom Green Cty. recently passed away. Frank served on the Tom Green in 1969. You may contact the family at 5817 Park St. N., Apt. 204, St. Petersburg, FL 33709-6313.

*Herbert Lewis GMGC USN Ret.* Passed away December 5, 2000 from heart failure. Gunner Lewis served on RivFlot-one Staff and on a Zippo in 67-68. He had been a member of the MRFA since 1993. You may contact the family c/o Lois Lewis at 437 Bayshore Dr., Port Mansfield, TX 78598, phone 210-944-2243.

*Robert J. Burke* passed away on 6/25/00. Robert served with IUWG-1-2 (1967). You may contact the family at Longwood Dr., Hopkinton, MA 01748.

*Frederick Listers* passed away on 5/26/00 from complications brought on by Agent Orange. Frederick served with E/CO/709<sup>th</sup> Maint. from 1968-69.

*Jerald E. Degenais* recently passed away. Jerry served on the USS Colleton APB-36 (1949-51) He was also one of the founding members of the MRFA. You may contact the family at 902 Hendrix St., Apt. D, Rogers, AR 72756, phone 501-936-8962.

*Charles Moffitt BMC USN Ret.* passed away on 12/10/1974. Boats served on Tango-91-1 1967. You may contact the family via email at: dmoffitt@springmail.com.

*Dave Eckert*, RivDiv-151 1968-69, passed away in 1999. At the time Dave was a policeman in Green County, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Moseman,

I hope you remember me. I wrote to you some weeks back ago seeking help with After Action Reports from the Vietnam War as I was writing a dissertation on 'search and destroy' operations.

I simply wanted to say thank you for your time and for helping a total stranger from overseas. I have just completed my work, the results of which I won't know for some weeks yet, but it could not have been written properly if not for people like yourself pointing me in the right direction. It certainly would not have attained whatever degree of thoroughness it has without assistance from several men of the MRFA, their views, recollections, and documentary evidence of the effectiveness of these operations.

I have been interested in the Vietnam War for some time now, but my research over the last few months has given me a new perspective on many aspects of that conflict and certainly of the men who served there. I am now doing what I can to 'set the record straight' or at least show a balanced view, whenever the subject arises. It may not mean a great deal on this side of the pond, but I feel it only fair that I do so having learned so much about the years of greatest American involvement. Thank you again for your time and your help. I hope things go well, both for yourself and the MRFA in the future. Just another part of what the MRFA is all about reaching out and helping others.

Sincerely,  
Richard Hughes

## SEEKING VETERANS OF NAM

**Editor's Note:** If you would like to see a reunion notice posted in River Currents, forward your written request to: Albert Moore, 106 Belleview Dr., Conover, NC 28613. Deadlines are: Feb. 1st, May 1st, Aug. 1st, and Nov. 1st.

### SEEKING :

Anyone who served with or remembers Thomas Michael Whitman who served with C Co., 2<sup>nd</sup>/47<sup>th</sup> Mech. Inf. Michael was KIA on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1967, in Binh Long province. You can find Thomas Michael Whitman honored on the Vietnam Memorial on panel 16E, Row 108. Anyone who remembers Thomas please contact his sister, Christine McMillian at 3611 D-Bear Street, Santa Ana, CA 92704. Phone 1-714-079-4463 or E-mail Cjtmac@earthlink.net.

### UDT-SEAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM

Located on State Rd. A1A in Ft. Pierce, FL. POC: Jim Barnes 3216 Yale St North, St Petem FL 33713. Or call 1-727-894-2848.

### ATTACK BOAT SAILORS ASSOCIATION

WW-II-Korea-Vietnam, POC: Ed Brisbosi at P.O. Box 3328, Ft. Pierce, FL 34948 .

### USS MONTROSE (APA-212)

Seeking past crew members for all time periods. This is an excellent group of White Hats. Contact Russ McDonald at 10072 Bonser Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840. You may also phone 1-714-636-6267, or e-mail gatormavy1@prodigy.net.

## NOTICES

### SHIPS HISTORIES:

If you are seeking the history of your ship that you served on, contact: Seaweed's Ships Histories, P.O. Box 154, Sistersville, WV 26175; or phone 800-732-9333 they also have photos of all most all navy ships.

### MILITARY MAGAZINE

An excellent Magazine for all who served in all branches of the military. For a complimentary issue call 800-366-9192. Military also has an excellent web site [www.milmag.com](http://www.milmag.com).

### MILITARY PATCHES

Don "Boats" McGrogan has patches for all units of the MRF and the 9<sup>th</sup> Inf. Division and other units that served in Vietnam; excellent patches. Contact Boats at P.O. Box 502, Orfino, ID 83544. You may also e-mail him at [macpatch@clearwater.net](mailto:macpatch@clearwater.net). Phone 208-476-7751.

### INTERESTING IN GOING BACK???

Contact Courtney and Trang Frobenius at Vietnam Indochina Tours, 207 Decatur St. NW, Olympia, WA. 98502. 1-360-570-2096 . Fax 360-570-2097 E-mail [indochinatours@olywa.net](mailto:indochinatours@olywa.net). You may also contact them through the MRFA home page: [www.mrfa.org](http://www.mrfa.org). Vietnam Tours is owned by River Rat Frobenius 3<sup>rd</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> Inf. and his wife Trang.

### VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR INC. HAS A NEW ADDRESS:

805 So. Township Blvd. Pittston, PA. 18640, phone 570-603-9740, or e-mail [vvwnatl@epix.net](mailto:vvwnatl@epix.net). Visit their Web Site at <http://www.vvwn.org>. Or, call 1-800-Vietnam and ask for Mike or Nancy if you have any questions.

The following notices have been posted to assist veterans who served in Vietnam. For more information about any of the notices, please call or write to the point of contact listed for that particular event.

## REUNIONS

### USS TOM GREEN CTY. LST-1169

October 5-7 2001. POC: Marvin Aho, phone 651-464-5258, or e-mail [Marvin.Aho@Worldnet.att.net](mailto:Marvin.Aho@Worldnet.att.net).

### USS SNOHOMISH CTY LST-1126

Sept. 16-20, 2001 in Branson, MO. POC J.C. Miller 7351 Maynard Ave., West Hills, CA 91307. Phone: 818-340-0463, e-mail: [ret DPR@pacbell.net](mailto:ret DPR@pacbell.net).

### POLAR BEARS 31<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION WITH SUPPORTING UNITS (ESPECIALLY REDLEGS)

September 20-23, 2001 in Ft. Drum, NY. POC: LTC Noah Halfacre, 63 Hayfield Square, Manchester, TN 37355. Phone 931-728-7782 .

### 9<sup>TH</sup> SIGNAL 9<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION

June 28 - July 1, 2001 in Ft. Mitchell, KY. POCs: Gerald Barney 935 NW 51<sup>st</sup> St. Redmond, OR 97756, 1-548-2825; or Davis Carey, 418 E. Milwaukee Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, 1-920-563-2043.

### 9<sup>TH</sup> MP CO:

June 28 - July 1, 2001 in Ft. Mitchell, KY. POC Andy O'Mara, 891 Willow Run, Duanesbury, NY 12056, 1-518-355-9609.

### INSHORE UNDERSEA WARFARE GROUPS VIETNAM: IUWG (1<sup>ST</sup> REUNION)

Reunion for all years in country units: Vung Tau / Cam Rahn Bay / Qui Nhon / Nha Trang / Vung Ro / June 28 - July 1, 2001 in Ft. Mitchell, KY. POCs: Mike Harris, 17619 Seven Pine Dr. Spring, TX 77379; 1-281-370-5056; e-mail [mjhmh5@pdq.net](mailto:mjhmh5@pdq.net). You may also contact Big Jim Meehan, 3080 SW Shadow Ln. Palm City, FL. 34990 • 1-561-287-4361 • E-mail [jemtug@aol.com](mailto:jemtug@aol.com).

### USS WHITE RIVER LSMR-536

June 28 - July 1, 2001 in Ft. Mitchell, KY. POC: Gene Cooper, 728 Maple St. NE, Spring Lake, MN. 55432. 1-612-786-0891 or E-Mail [spike536@uswest.net](mailto:spike536@uswest.net)

### USS NUECES APB-40 (1<sup>ST</sup> REUNION)

June 28 - July 1, 2001 in Ft. Mitchell, KY. POC: Norval Holley, P.O. Box 595, Winters, CA. 95694; 1-707-693-9563; E-Mail [norvalholley@lanset.com](mailto:norvalholley@lanset.com) .

## Vietnam Vets Diabetes

The possibility of a diabetes epidemic in the United States has spurred a call for Vietnam War veterans to seek a routine health examination for the disease. If diabetes is diagnosed and treated serious health complications can be avoided. Type II diabetes often referred to as "the hidden killer" affect 16 million Americans. And Vietnam War veterans, most whom are over 50 years old, are clearly at risk. Veterans who served in Vietnam and have not had this routine test in the past several years should inquire about it.