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Sitrep the Co Van My Newsletter

In the beginning...

...there was a newsletter (OK, a little artistic license here). It was a good one. But, it was decided to "dress it up" a bit. Anyway, welcome to the revised format of *Sitrep*, the Co Van My/Counterparts Newsletter. This issue will be a brief one--sometimes the most difficult thing is just getting started.

Admin Info

1. Thanks to all who sent info, articles, suggestions, etc. Please don't be discouraged if it didn't get in this issue--we actually received enough "good poop" to fill several issues--keep those cards and letters coming!!
2. Our Adjutant, Paul Brubaker, has developed a new application form as well as an information sheet for prospective members. If you'd like to pass one along to a former advisor contact Paul at: Adjutant, Counterparts; P.O. Box 40, Circleville, WV 26804.
3. Paul also advised that we are now members of the National Vietnam Veterans Coalition. If you'd like a copy of their most recent newsletter (including brief articles on Agent Orange, POW-MIA issues, the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, etc.) please send us a Self-addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE): Sitrep, P.O. Box 102, Sterling, VA 22170.
4. Paul (this man has been busy) also is working with Bill Laurie to arrange a fund raising raffle of a fine Gerber® drop point skinning knife, which Paul is donating to the "Cause". More about this in our next newsletter.
5. Robert "Crazy Horse" Strong sends news of an airborne association, the Free World Parachutists, that he's affiliated with. If you'd like more info contact them at: P.O. Box 71614, Fort Bragg, NC 28307-5000.

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Break Squelch Twice

This section is where we'll put further info:

Paul again has a news item for us--seems that a military historian, former ranger in RVN needs some help with a project-- "Research assistance requested: During the Vietnam War, American officials printed a monograph entitled "Short Historical Sketches of the Eleven Vietnamese Infantry Divisions, Airborne Division and Marine Division"...no other details on this publication are available. Writer interested in obtaining a copy, along with any other information on Vietnamese Army/Air Force/ Navy order of battle, unit histories, or unit organization and reorganizations. Please contact: **Gordon L. Rottman**, 406 Hohldale, Houston, TX 77091; or call 713-699-1277.

We were saddened to recently learn of **Col. James "Nick" Rowe's** ambush-slaying in the Philippines. Col. Rowe was an advisor during the Vietnam War and a POW, who escaped after 5 years captivity. Our condolences to the family. The Co Van My would like to grant posthumous membership to him. Meanwhile, a fund has been established for him: **Nick Rowe Memorial Fund**, c/o Lt Col Jelinek, School Secretary, Bldg. 3206, USAJFKSWCS, Ft. Bragg, NC 28307-5000.

Interested in a copy of a 16 page official MACV Command Information Pamphlet (11-67), **The Religions of Vietnam ?** Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with 50¢ postage to: **Joe Saitta**, P.O. Box 102, Sterling, VA 22170. Got any public domain material like this? Want to share it? Just send it to the same address--we'll take care of the photocopies, no charge.

Bill Laurie, one of the prime forces behind this operation tells us that there's a possibility of a get-together in San Jose this Fall. Interested folks (that's you) can contact him at: 1462 W. University, Mesa, AZ 85201.

Enclosed with this issue are two memos from Paul which contain info of special importance to you. Also, he wanted to encourage you to send articles, interest items, ideas for new membership strategies to him.

Keep those cards and letters coming, sports fans. Checks were sent by some; and have been returned. Really appreciated'em, but this is my way of positive paybacks. Thanks anyway!!

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