
After Action Report B 2/8 Reunion 2017

This years reunion of members of B 2/8, 4th Inf Divn was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on Aug 15,16,17, & 18. Our reunion was held in conjunction with the 4th Inf Division's 100th year anniversary celebration being held at Ft Carson in Colorado Springs. Veteran's from every unit of the 4th Inf Div were on hand at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel and were able to meet and socialize in the grand ballroom and in the large common dining area. 27 members of B 2/8 who served with the unit in 1967, '68, and '69 in Vietnam along with 18 wives/girlfriends attended this years get together. On Tuesday evening a large number of our group convened at Rudy's Bar-B-Que for delicious ribs and chicken, followed afterwards by socializing back at the Hilton Hotel.

On Weds we split up into groups and enjoyed sightseeing across the Colorado Springs area. Several of us rode the Broadmoor Pikes Peak Cog Railway up to the top of Pikes Peak. Spectacular to say the least! That evening most of the group adjourned to Carrabba's Italian Restaurant for dinner, followed once again by more reminiscing back at the hotel about our days as brothers in arms.

Thursday morning after breakfast we boarded buses for Ft. Carson where we were able to participate in the annual pass-in-review on the parade grounds. Although we had some issues keeping in step, it was a real thrill to be included in the ceremony and we got a standing ovation! During and after the review we were

able to interact with current members of the 4th ID. The pass-in-review was followed by a live concert and outdoor barbecue on post and open to every member of the 4th Inf Div, past and present. We were very impressed with the soldiers of today, the 4th Inf Div of 2017 is a top flight unit who represents the finest the U.S. Army has to offer.

That evening we held our B 2/8 Chapter meeting and elected John Shaeffer as the new chapter president, Tom Saumur as secretary, Art Cuellar volunteered to continue as treasurer, and our long time and tireless leader and organizer George Hosso accepted the post of vice president going forward. San Antonio was unanimously selected as our 2018 reunion site to be held over Veterans Day in November of 2018. Art Cuellar, who resides in San Antonio will serve as point man for the reunion planning.

Special recognition for first time attendees Gerald Porter, Robert (Tex) Nichols with wife Sharon, and Larry Neb with wife Sherry. Gerald plans to attend next years reunion and hopefully Tex and Larry will also return. Unfortunately Tex's wife Sharon had a fall at the hotel this year causing them to make an early departure. Hopefully her recovery went well and that we see them again in San Antonio. A special appeal is made to every member of B 2/8 to attend next years reunion as this will mark 50 years ago in 1968 when most of us either arrived or departed Vietnam.

Respectfully submitted,
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