

ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN #11, 21 JANUARY 2013

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Hello to all Animals!

I don't remember which number this one should be [11], so will start naming them by date rather than number.

Those rumors about the failure of gravity in the SE states, so that we all floated off into space, are completely unfounded. We may be space-y, but let me assure you that the Law of Gravity is still enforced in Dixie and if you don't believe me, just ask Sheriff Buford T. Justice. Although how long that will continue to be the case, with gravity I mean, I cannot guess. All this secession talk is making me a bit uneasy. Seems to me we tried that once before and it didn't work out so well for us. And I thought the one big thing that our failed effort proved, aside from the fact that slavery was passe, was that the Union is like the Baptist Church---you can get in, but you can't get out. In other words, as of 1865, secession is illegal! Secession will be met with armed force! Didn't they learn that over in Texas and in these other states that threaten secession? (Take notes. There will be a test.)

I am well but dull. Sidetracked by business, which is the most boring subject ever invented by gods or men.

I trust you have all survived the holidays.

NEW MAN, AN HONORARY ANIMAL!

We have a new man aboard, Pete, whose last name I don't know, but the following message that he sent to Ron Mahar will introduce him to you. He wasn't an Animal (at least not a resident of the Den but not all the animals in Nam were), but was at Bien Hoa when some of us were and would like to be in touch with some others who shared that experience. I think we can always make room for one more, and as far as I'm concerned, anybody who wants on the list is more than welcome. So, hello Pete; I hope you'll share some memories with all of us and am sure we'll do the same, right guys?

EVERYBODY--- ADD PETE'S ADDRESS (papqcrh@verizon.net) TO YOUR E-MAIL LIST.

Whip, thanks for the pic of Captain Murphy. I already had it and sent it to him back when he first came aboard. I didn't know about Puig's nickname. It's a pity I have to keep so many of your memories private! They're rich!

Thanks Ray for your message, and from Frogswitch I got a message titled "No Subject," and sure enough, it was blank! Thanks, Phil. Whatever your thoughts were, I'm sure they were sincere.

That's about it this time. Will hope for more next time. Take care, all of you. You're always in my thoughts. I still occasionally get a sudden sense of how incredible it seems now to be in touch with men I last saw over forty years ago, in a war, in a foreign country. To think what we were living in then---it blows my mind. Several days ago I caught a glimpse on TV of a scene from "Platoon," just a glimpse of a scene of men moving through the jungle, less than a full second, and it sent chills from the back of my head clear down to my heels. And they stuck to me longer than things like that ever do. It's like there's a black hole reaching toward me straight from Nam in '68 and if I fall into it . . . I don't understand this at all, but something is surely pulling me back there. And it's almost like I want to go. But, oh, how I hated that place!

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I hope everyone weathered the holidays well! I've had a running written conversation between myself and Whip. All of a sudden yesterday during the football games (go NINERS, sorry Pats fans) Whip started sending me Nam photos (see one I attached).

Since I lost all my Nam photos, along with many memories, I was very emotional about his photos. Those pics were greatly appreciated. Cardullo knew all of the guys in the photo. Maybe some of you knew them also.

[Photo did not copy for this posting]

L-R, Whip, Nenow, me, Scotty.

Sent from my iPhone

Dick Murphy

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