

ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN #3, 12 JULY 2012

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To all:

Long time no contact. I meant to wish everybody a happy Fourth of July, but realized that what I had to send wasn't very happy, so decided to hold off awhile. I was right about Harold Kinser. Here is his obituary:

Anchorage, Alaska, Daily News, 9 December 1998, Metro Section, Final Edition, Page B 4

Kenai resident Harold Edward Kinser died Nov. 28, 1998, at home. He was 51.

Memorial services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday at Bill Warren's residence, Mile 19.6 Kenai Spur Highway.

Mr. Kinser was born May 21, 1947, in Topeka, Kan. He graduated from high school in California and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 until 1970. He served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

Mr. Kinser started his residency in Alaska in November 1976, living in places like Juneau, Anchorage and Kenai, which he called home. "He never left Alaska once here," his family said.

Mr. Kinser was a jet engine mechanic with the Air Force and remained in the mechanical field after his discharge. He worked with N.C. Machinery and on the North Slope as a mechanic. He also was a security officer during the past couple of years with Arco Alaska Inc. on the North Slope.

Mr. Kinser loved fishing, hunting and the outdoors.

His daughter Jacqueline Hosmer said: "On a cold December morning, I had the honor of piloting the aircraft from which my father's ashes were scattered near a beautiful Alaskan lake. The Warren family and I will deeply miss him."

Mr. Kinser is survived by his mother, Ethel Kinser of Sacramento, Calif.; daughters, Jacqueline Hosmer of Chandler, Ariz., and Deborah Kinser; and his closest friends, Bill and Billy Warren, and their two sons, William and Wesley.

Arrangements were by Peninsula Memorial Chapels.

I have a call in to the Warrens to see if I can locate them and find out a little more. If not, will try his daughter. The above sounds just like the Kinser I knew. It really tore me up when I got this confirmed, even though I had been pretty certain of it for several months. I found in my notes that Kinser had a half-brother in the Army who visited him in the hut, and I've wondered if the army troop from Alaska who stayed several days with us when he came in to get some battlefield awards had anything to do with Kinser's moving to Alaska.

I am trying to verify the same about Ron Slaughter. So far no success, but will keep trying. But I have the same feeling I had about Kinser and think the Ronald B. Slaughter in Kansas City, Missouri, was our Ron.

I hope to get off this track and get back to finding some of the others who are still around.

In working on my Nam notes, which I've been deeply into for the past month or so, and checking out some facts about when we were hit and by how many rounds, etc. I've had the very good fortune of getting in touch with Dwight H. Gates, who wrote an excellent article several years back titled "Detachment A and the Forgotten 1969 Tet Offensive," and he put me onto another manuscript that lists enemy attacks on the ten largest air bases in Nam so that has been an excellent way to check those facts against the notes I made. I think in a few cases my notes may be more accurate; in some cases maybe less so. Anyway, more about this later. Here is the URL for the article by Dwight Gates (you will have to select and paste): <http://military-intelligence.wikispaces.com/Detachment+A+and+the+Forgotten+Tet+1969+Offensive>.

I didn't realize that there were military units still posted out in the town of Bien Hoa in 1968-9, but Dwight's was, in

an old sawmill building near the Dong Nai River.

There are a lot of really good on-line articles about Bien Hoa and different events during the war if you do a Google search. When I do a search for on thing I come across something else and get off on one thing and another and suddenly five or six hours have gone by, but it's really interesting to see what was going on over there.

Here is us (!) as of the present:

ANIMAL DEN ROSTER AS OF 11 JULY 2012

hitemor@aol.com, Joseph H. H. ~~Joe~~ Moore, Hampton, GA. Admin Spec, Orderly Room Chief Clerk & Billeting Clerk: 17 July 1968-13 July 1969.

Jrush4211@aol.com, James R. ~~Jim~~ "Whip" Rush, Malden, MA. Cook: 24 December 1968-12 (?) December 1969.

tonycard123@gmail.com, Anthony J. ~~Tony~~ Cardullo, Augusta, GA. Cook: February-February (Tony, get out your DD-214 -- I still show you arriving in February 1969. just in time for the Post-Tet Offensive, so you should have left in February 1970; and give me the dates on your second tour, too).

rmoyle@nc.rr.com, Richard E. ~~Rich~~ Moyle, Durham, NC. Linen Supply: 20 May 1967-22 July 1969.

rmenow@live.com, Raymond E. "Ray" Nenow, Forest City, NC. Cook: 1969-1970

rodo48@adelphia.net, Ronald ~~Ron~~ Mahar, North Adams, MA. Billeting & Special Duties & Driver: September 1967-September 1968

g_pagaminglasvegas@cox.net, Richard D. ~~Ric~~ Vetter, Las Vegas, NE. Cook: 7 February-11 March 1969 (then to Phu Cat, 12 March 1969-11 February 1970).

richardmrph44@gmail.com, Richard "Dick" Murphy, Roseville, CA. Cook: 12 July 1969-8 July 1970.
(Dick was at DaNang 30 December 1970-23 May 1971; and Pleiku, 23 May 1971-19 December 1971.)

amurph54@hotmail.com, Vincent P. "Murph" Murphy, Penn Valley, CA. Squadron Security Officer, Squadron Supply Officer, Base Mortuary Officer, succeeded Lieutenant Colonel J. L. Whitaker as Squadron Commander: April/May 1968-April/May 1969.

frogswitch@hotmail.com. Philip ~~Phil~~ Duty, Harrisburg, PA. Billeting Clerk, 1968-1969.

numbersch13@comcast.net, Herman R. "Rick" Leigh, Charles Town, West Virginia. Cook: February 1968-February 1969.

Some of you still need to send me your exact dates of arrival and departure; above is best I can do at present.

I'll try to get out another Bulletin in the next few days. Have really missed you guys!

Joe