

LARRY GREIF

USCGC GRESHAM (WAVP-387) – May67 to Dec67

Navy Unit Commendation – 24 Apr 67 to 1 Dec 67

Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015

Soon after I arrived on board GRESHAM, she deployed to Vietnam and I served as boarding officer in Operation Market Time.



Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Re: 1965 Class Vietnam Scrape Book Project.

1 message

Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM

To: larrygreif@aol.com

Thanks Larry....

On Sun, Mar 21, 2021 at 10:02 AM <larrygreif@aol.com> wrote:

Thanks Bill. If I can think of anything that might be of interest to others I will let you know.

Regards, Larry

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

To: larrygreif@aol.com

Sent: Sat, Mar 20, 2021 2:41 pm

Subject: Fwd: 1965 Class Vietnam Scrape Book Project.

Larry - Just touching base to follow up on our quick conversation of several weeks ago.

I'm getting some very nice write-ups about the routines of those of our classmates who served in Vietnam theatre.

Of the 43 that were Vietnam Vets in one capacity or another (or their widows), I've contacted all but 9 so far and have finished work from 14. Another 20 have said they will write something or will at least think about it and have asked me to get back with them later.

A couple examples:

1. Ron Fritz - Besides sending me a number of well captioned photographs, I have some good quotes from a book he recommended about the sinking of PCF-19 off the Cua Viet June 16 of 1968 by NVA helicopters. Tony Finizio was on board the Campbell along with Jim Townley '67 who were also involved. Quite the story.
2. Jim Morgan - Jim had several incidences with helicopters killing innocent fisherman and his reporting of same. I'm touching base with him again in mid April when he is free to spend some time putting these stories together..
3. Bob Storch sent me a write-up on how he got the nickname of Captain Crunch for a bit of a misadventure - not of his fault.
4. Lloyd kept a diary and is putting something together besides the Andrascoggin and PT WELCOME/PT GRAY trawler story.
5. Dick Chapman has sent me three interesting write-ups to include.

Just thought I'd give you a head's up on how the project is shapping up. Would love to have your experience/memories on your work as a boarding officer off one of big ships.

Take care and stay well....Bill



Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Re: Memories of Vietnam Service

1 message

Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 2:01 PM

To: larrygreif@aol.com

Thanks Larry. Anything you can share would be helpful. How about I touch base with you in a couple of weeks if I don't hear from you beforehand?

Thanks again for responding....Bill

On Wed, Mar 3, 2021 at 12:53 PM <larrygreif@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Nice to hear from you. I don't know why you couldn't get through to me as the phone number you have is correct, 803-478-4240. I will give some thought about anything I can remember that happened on the Gresham in Viet Nam that might be interesting. As far as I know, nobody put together any sort of scrapbook about our time in Viet Nam. I will let you know if I can think of anything.

Regards, Larry

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

To: larrygreif@aol.com

Sent: Tue, Mar 2, 2021 3:46 pm

Subject: Memories of Vietnam Service

Larry - I don't think we have talked since we sat together during the parade our 50th reunion. I know you have moved and are now in South Carolina.

Hope all is well as can be with you.

The reason for my writing is I tried calling the 803-478-4240 number but couldn't get through. Let me know your correct numbers and I'll have Dick Manning update the Class Contact List.

I am in the process of putting together a sort of Scrapbook of the individual Vietnam theatre experiences of 1965 classmates - memories of significant instances of combat as well as more routine operations that might keep coming back to one's mind over the years. The idea is to have this Scrapbook ready for the Reunion this year after which I am talking with the Academy museum about donating to them.

The idea is to have a collection of these "in-the-trenches" experiences as a source of information in case, on down the road, some cadets might want to do a capstone project, or something similar, on what it was like to be a young Coast Guard surface officer in combat "back in the days."

I'm writing to ask if you would be able to take some time to participate along with asking if the crew of the GRESHAM might possibly have put together a tour book of some sort.

I'd be happy to talk with you on the phone if you would like more detail of the project.

Thanks Larry....Bill Carr

P.S. Was it the GRESHAM that got involved in the friendly fire incident with a PCF up around the DMZ?