

WALT VIGLIENZONE

USCGC POINT MARONE (WPB-82329) – Jun68 to Jan69

Relieved Faurot and Relieved by Helman

Presidential Unit Citation – 18 Oct 68 to 5 Dec 68

Presidential Unit Citation – 6 Dec 68 to 31 Mar 69

Navy Unit Commendation – 1 Jun 68 to 31 Dec 68

May 4, 2021 – Walt Viglienzzone E-mail

...I was last 65er to leave Vietnam on July 4, 1969 during a mortar attack with 13+ months which may be the 2nd longest 65er after Roger Rufe. I was tasked to be the project man for the Vietnamization turnover. Reasons involve my "BENSUGG" about WPB training and references and my acceptance of the OPS Officer job that I traded for with Carl Helman. I was required to write up "the program" approved by DIVCOM Joe Smith and probably RONONE in Saigon which I gave to Roger Rufe, Rod Wilburn and Bill Norris.

After I read Rog's quote in Larzelere's book, I told Rog I provided him more detailed guidance about training and crew qualification than he, or any '65 classmate received prior to relief of either the 95 or 82 footer we commanded. As a result, I was one of 3 LT's (USCG, USN and RVNN) who rode with and evaluated both PT GARNET and PT LEAGUE Vietnamese crews as operationally ready to be turned over.

October 24, 2018 – Bill Carr E-mail to Walt Viglienzzone

...Regarding your reluctance to share much of your Vietnam experience, I know exactly how you feel - kind of a mix of not wanting to over-represent what you experienced and not wanting to be compared to what others experienced but also wanting some recognition for what really happened.

I am in a PTSD Support Group as well as another Combat Veterans Writing Group that deals with these quite common concerns among veterans - both from Nam as well as what they now term the GWOT veterans (Global War on Terrorism).

That reluctance feeling is prevalent among all those I know that have had the trauma of combat - a little combat or a lot. Trauma can take hold in a split second or two o.....and last a lifetime. Like COPD, you cannot get rid of it once acquired. But for sure, if you don't get some help, it gets worse with age. One treatment commonly accepted by veterans that works quite well most of the time is called PE (Prolonged Exposure). This has helped me greatly.

We can talk about it if you would like.....now, in Charleston or privately otherwise.....just let me know.... Bill

October 24, 2018 - Walt Viglienzzone E-mail to Bill Carr

Bill – I'm honored to be able to speak for 2 minutes max about Rog Rufe and his service in Vietnam.

...As you know, I've been reluctant to share much of my Vietnam story with you and the column, as I gather pieces, and share some...We'll see how my writing plans evolve over the Charleston gathering.

October 23, 2018 – Bill Carr E-mail to Walt Viglienzzone

Walt – We're coming down the home stretch for our Reunion in Charleston Monday through Thursday of the November 5th week.

...Tom needs some help recognizing and honoring those 15 classmate WPB Commanding Officers who will not be present. Can you make a short presentation for Rog Rufe – just 2 minutes – no more?

P.S. Please send relative Vietnam pictures to Tom Livingston and also bring them to Charleston. Als, would you be willing to bring your Vietnam memorabilia with you? Would you be willing to donate those pictures and memorabilia to the Academy Museum Class of 1965 Vietnam Exhibit we are putting together?

April 2, 2018 – Walt Viglienzzone E-mail

Kent Williams, Rod Wilburn and I were the last 65ers to arrive in country in May of 1968. I was the last to leave.

Six classmates were CO's of the PT WELCOME and another three were CO's of the PT MARONE plus maybe Dave Faurot. PT MARONE was the last 82 footer to be turned over after being severely damaged on the last mission for Squadron One on August 4, 1970 on the Co Chien River.

December 1, 2017 - Walt Viglienzzone E-mail

I'm too old and forgetful with tears in my eyes and pain in the brain trying to recall 50 years ago....I forgot where I was on December 1, 2017 but was CO of CAPE CARTER in Cresent City, California but will never forget Thanksgiving of 1968, having arrived in Cam Ranh Bay, RVN.

Night before Thanksgiving inserted 1 American and 20 RVN troops with orders to standby for NGFS... after refusing order...." to abandon station off PHRANG RANG AFB - 3rd Coastal Zone in patrol Area 2E and seek shelter from typhoon..." Instead, I told the crew we would not leave the troops we'd just inserted thru surf to sweep 10 miles back to base, cause we were first tasked to standby for possible NGFS until they made it safely back to the Air Base.... no they did NOT need us ... maybe we scared the VC away?..... IT WAS ROUGHEST NITE EVER UNDERWAY FOR ME...until at dawn we entered calm Cam Ranh Bay RVN but for the most memorable Thanksgiving. In the Italian tradition -- while cookie was baking the turkey - I went to liquor locker and brought back (at least one) bottle of wine to share with the THANKSGIVING MEAL.....yes, during combat - liquor locker was kept open,,, in those pre - PC days of yore...

ALL THIS IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION or REBUTTLE from the XO of Point MARONE, John WEINTRAUB - who is copy to this email... & I believe STILL of SOUND BODY & MIND..

June 27, 2016 – Bob Offutt E-mail to Walt Viglienza – I am not sure I followed everything in your e-mail but everything I said can be made public. I have avoided naming the temporary CO who refused to close the beach.

January/February 2016 -Alumni Bulletin

Let us all together salute those officers of the Class of 1965 and their crews who served in Vietnam - particularly those who were wounded or whose lives were shortened. Take ten minutes and pay tribute to these men by listening to El Silencio 'Il Silenzio' - Melissa Venema (13 years old) - introduced to me by Walt Viglienza. As the trumpet tribute inspired by Taps washes over you - remember these men as well as other veterans in your family tree.

Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015

I relieved Paul Blayne as CO of POINT MONROE, Division 13, Vietnam. But first, I was live man overboard. Carr, Chris, Faurot, Helman, Norris, Rufe, Schwartz, Scobie made Happy Hours more fun and kept the enemy away. Adrian Cronauer wrote, "We never lost a battle in Vietnam" but Walter Cronkite came after TET in 1968 and said we could not win. On patrol boats as CO: Anchors lost – 2; recovered same – 2; Saved paperwork.

Coast Guard Awards and Medals Board – List of CG Units Coming Under Hostile Fire

August 30, 2004

Encl. (16) to COMDTINST 650.25b MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL

POINT MARONE – 29 Jun 68, 21 Oct 68 and 26 Oct 68

SOUTH CHINA SEA SAILOR

(COAST GUARD DIVISION THIRTEEN NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 1968)

Walt Viglienze

John Weintraub

August 12, 1968

How we're steaming in the South China Sea,
Far away from our dear family;
The seas are rough, and our job is tough,
Of work and time at sea, we've enough;
Our time for play, will come another day,
In our homeland far away, the USA.

We're at war here, at least some call it war,
It'll serve so for me, I want no more;
War is Hell and it's just as well, I guess,
If it wasn't there might be more, what a mess;
We fight elements more than the enemy
A sailor's life, so it'll always be.

Someone said, "The wheel's kick and the wind's song"
From my experience, he wasn't far wrong;
I love the sea, but it's nicest to me,
When I enjoy it from the shore, you see;
So here I lie, storm tossed, in my rack,
Contemplating the day when I'll be back.

Walt Viglienze
Commanding Officer

USCGC POINT MARONE – (WPB-82331)

I visited Con Son Island and Bob Scobie - a different side of the island each time. I don't remember a football game so we might've lost? They had more players to recruit from. And I don't remember a soccer game either, though Bob probably challenged us.

The biggest recreation item was a 50 gal drum suspended as a 'bull'. I don't remember who stayed on the longest, or if there was a beer limit per rider?

It was a nice R&R spot and change of pace although I may have lost 1 day of in-port R&R in Cat Lo - having stopped there.

On one visit we had requested or were directed to go to Con Son after a patrol to make a beer and soda run for the Navy radar station on the island. The cardboard boxes of soda and beer were coming out from Cat Lo on another WPB and were NOT covered over where they were stowed behind the 81 MM on the foc'sle. It rained, so when we were transferring them - bow to bow - in fairly calm weather, the boxes fell apart.

We had the embarrassing job of delivering them to the Navy radar site in smaller numbers than they expected. I don't remember if it was a classmate or '66 grad who failed to be SEMPER PARATUS about cardboard and rain.

Fwd: VCGA 65 Photo

1 message

William Carr <carrw1943@gmail.com>

To: Robert Scobie <scobiebob73@gmail.com>

Cc: Walt Viglienze <viglie@aol.com>

Wed, Aug 21, 2024 at 7:35 PM

Bob - Thanks for the photograph which adds nicely to the "Class of 1965 Experiences In Vietnam" portfolio in Special Collections at the Academy Library.

Additional Vietnam photographs and stories of classmates serving in Vietnam would be most welcome additions to that collection....Bill

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Robert Scobie** <scobiebob73@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 3:19 PM

Subject: VCGA 65 Photo


To: Bill Carr <carrw1943@gmail.com>

Bill,

Attached is a photo of Walt and me on Con Son Island when he came to visit our Ioran station 1969/70. It might make Alumni Bulletin material.

Sorry for the unfinished editing. Just got a new computer and am working out the procedures.

Bob Scobie

 **Walt and Bob.pdf**
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Tell Your Veteran's Story this Memorial Day

1 message

viglie@aol.com <viglie@aol.com>
To: WALT VIGLIENZONE <viglie@aol.com>

Sat, May 27, 2023 at 1:45 PM

FYI though apparently focused on Vets interred in National Cemeteries, appears it may go back further to WW II, (our Parents ?) as well as some other aspects

BUT there are other projects out there, or here are some ideas just to talk and write about your military experience.

<https://evalogue.life/tools-and-resources/oral-history-interview-questions-and-resources/veteran-history-project>
Library of Congress Veteran History Project - Tell Your Story with ...

Finally, the official **Veteran History Project** field kit contains these sample **interview** questions and instructions. It was so good, we wanted to include the entire list of questions below: **Interview** Questions. It is the interviewer's job to make the **veteran** feel comfortable and to be a good listener.

 <https://www.loc.gov/programs/veterans-history-project/how-to-participate/step-1-prepare>

Step 1: Prepare | How to Participate | Veterans History Project ...

Conduct a **Pre-interview**. Reach out to your **veteran** by phone or in person to review forms and gather details about their military service so that you may create personalized questions to ask during the recorded **interview** session in addition to the sample questions we provide. ... **Veterans History Project**. Call us at (202) 707-4916 or Ask a ..

<https://teachingmilitaryhistory.com/military-history-and-pedagogy/0evuz3jsi81957mya0zji2jdom9au8>


Interviewing Veterans: A High School's Oral History Project

Jun 23, 2022 **Interviews** became the sources of learning, not a textbook. This way of organizing the unit made the **interviews** a culminating experience for students, and, more importantly, provided them and the **veterans** with a more enriching experience. ... most of which have been archived with the **Veteran's History Project** at the Library of Congress. More ...

https://adamsmith.house.gov/_cache/files/4/b/4bf31619-ff9b-42eb-9576-d7f27a939afe/368A9635EB9C5505C947B26FA3CE1AE4.brochure-august2013.pdf


PDF Veterans History Project Brochure - Adam Smith

Share your story, if you're a **veteran**. Simply sit down with a friend or loved one and record a conversation about your military experiences for 30 minutes or longer. **Interview a veteran** in your family or community. Collect a **veteran's** historical documents. Collaborate with your local high schools and universities, retirement communities, **veteran** service organizations, churches,

 <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/moaa-surviving-spouse-interviews-servicemembers-for-veterans-history-project>


MOAA Surviving Spouse Interviews Servicemembers for Veterans History ...

Jan 18, 2022 Nearly 20 years ago, Patricia Tyson Redmond answered a call for volunteers to **interview veterans** for the Library of Congress' **Veterans History Project**. Once she started, it quickly became her passion. To date, she has interviewed over 120 **veterans**, including five who served in World War I and 22 who served in World War II.

 <https://news.va.gov/press-room/veterans-legacy-memorial-expands-to-include-va-grant-funded-state-territorial-and-tribal-veterans-cemeteries>

Veterans Legacy Memorial expands to include VA-grant funded state ...

The Department of **Veterans Affairs** expanded the **Veterans Legacy Memorial** site October 2021 to include individual pages for nearly 500,000 **Veterans** interred in 93 state, territorial and tribal **Veterans** cemeteries.

 <https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-launches-veterans-legacy-program>

VA Launches Veterans Legacy Program - VA News

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POSSIBLE SYLLABUS – OVERALL DANCE CURRICULUM – Pages 6 - 7

A PERSONAL INTRODUCTION TO THE SILVER SPUR DANCING COMMUNITY – Page 8

SUMMARY OF OVERALL PLAN

OVERALL OBJECTIVES –

1. To re-energize the USA Dance Chapter #2047 Quad Cities by increasing the participation at the monthly Silver Spur ballroom dance venue held the second Saturday of each month from a current 2017 attendance of 25 to 40 average to a 2018 attendance of 65 to 80 average and thereby resolve the current financial issues of the chapter.
2. Hand-in-hand with the monthly dance participation increase is the objective of eventually increasing the dance lesson work of private dance instructors serving the Quad Cities.

This two-fold objective will be accomplished through four paths of effort and action:

FIRST - To launch and slowly build a “farm team” approach to train and provide an environment of motivation for young, middle aged and elder men and women in the basics of ballroom dancing to the point that the monthly Silver Spur ballroom dances will be an exciting enough social opportunity for them to become regular dance participants.

SECOND – To fill the open board position of Marketing/Sales with the intent to begin an active and more traditional telephone, e-mail and letter sales/marketing campaign to actively contact the existing dance community throughout the Quad Cities and communities within an hour and half drive. This campaign has the objective of increasing the Silver Spur ballroom dance attendance in the very short term.

THIRD – To work with and monetarily resource to the extent necessary social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, Twilio, other teenager sites) to enthusiastically engage potential and existing ballroom dancers.

FOURTH – To organize, unify and clean up existing data bases of e-mails, phone numbers and addresses of current and potential venues, instructors (all levels), entertainers (by type of dance), influence centers, recurring dance events (by type of dance) and dancers with the purpose of simplifying and making it easily known to all sectors of the dancing community the dancing opportunities available.

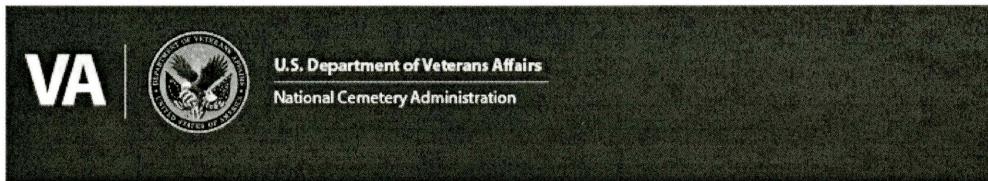
The Department of **Veterans** Affairs announced the launch of the **Veterans Legacy Program** to memorialize **Veterans'** service and sacrifice through public educational programming. The **program** uses the rich resources found throughout VA national cemeteries, Soldiers' lots and monument sites. Secretary of **Veterans** Affairs Robert A. McDonald announced the **program** yesterday during a **Memorial Day** ...

----- Forwarded Message -----**From:** VA National Cemetery Administration <usva.nca@messages.va.gov> **To:** "viglie@aol.com" <viglie@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 at 08:03:41 AM CDT

Subject: Tell Your Veteran's Story this Memorial Day

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CGA65 VIET NAM - website

1 message

viglie@aol.com <viglie@aol.com>

Sun, Oct 31, 2021 at 2:04 PM

Reply-To: viglie@aol.com

To: "helman@msn.com" <helman@msn.com>, "whnorris65@hotmail.com" <whnorris65@hotmail.com>

Cc: "bill@getrain.com" <bill@getrain.com>

Happy Halloween & Holy All SAINTS & SOULS Days

forget if i sent you this ---- posted 2019

Interesting web site on all tings COAST GUARD, especially past. - if you find time?

-- yeah i know we have less than we once had...

CG Channel Community

Visit Coast Guard Community at:

https://community.coastguardchannel.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

V. R.

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82304 current survivors 4/2019

Posted by **Bill Beckwith** on April 21, 2019 at 7:27pm

Lt Bill H Norris [capt] Ltjg Carl H Helman [capt] Ltjg C M Alexander; Ltjg Court J Storey; BMCM Wayne Gray; BMCM David Miller; CS3-2 Rodney Clark; EN3-2 Dennis Chamberlain; GM2 Deryck Pocock; GM3-2 Bill J Beckwith; FN Cliff Hall. RIP those passed SN Marty Haker [yn3] 1990; BM1 Bobby W Durrance [bmc] 2004; BMCS Robert W Martin 2004; Ltjg Dennis Bill Kurtz 2017 [capt]; CS2 Terry Mann 2012; ET3-2 Dan Adams 2014; ENC Wm Patrick 2018. I have to find original list of those who served on board 4/1/1968 thru 5/16/1969 & I spoke with USCG Liaison who served with after turn over just don't have in front of me right now.

Anyone with questions or concerns can **contact chief admin Fred Nichols through the site message board.**

Regards,

Jon Ottman, on behalf of

Fred Nichols,

John Estep and

CAPT Joe Wubbold-

Your CG Channel Admin team

*1/15/2024
This link works but
need to open an account. May
be interesting to explore at a
later date. WJC*



Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

CGA65 Academy Vietnam Monument 2004 -- HISTORY - & Otto - 3/3

1 message

viglie@aol.com <viglie@aol.com>

Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 5:03 PM

Reply-To: viglie@aol.com

To: "horseyandrew@yahoo.com" <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>, "lloyd.george@lfgcpa.com" <lloyd.george@lfgcpa.com>
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Andy & Lloyd

A little history, and football connection in 2004,
as preparation for. **Saturday, 18 September**

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Visit/prayer VN **Monument** and Columbarium (Andy)

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All Class Memorial Service – Location to be determined (Kent)

which may help conversation about the dedication of the CGA & Combat Vets
- **Viet Nam Units Monument** in Crown Park behind CGA Chapel,,,

Attached **CGCVA QUARTERDECK LOG (Volume 19, Number 3 Fall 2004)**
describes / explains how the sponsoring **Coast Guard Combat Vets Association**
reported the event. (it includes a photo of the Monument)

As you see by the 2004 date, believe this preceeded the
Columbarium, which now is right across the path from this monument.

Coincidentally this **October , 2004 Saturday**, was morning after
the **Otto Graham Memorial ---**
(i believe i was only '65er present, cause Robert MacLEOD
recognized me the day before - he had also served in Cat Lo)

i was at CGA for Otto Graham's Memorial service that Friday night,
in 2004... Recently learned of another, younger football player,
who was there in 2004 - In the 1970's, He coached with Otto during
Otto's last 2 years. (**We should also probably remember that Coach Otto
was a WW II Vet** - though not allowed to be commissioned, or marry his
future wife, - because he was kept as a flight student in Illinois.)

There is a more recent photo of Andy, Chris & me at the Monument,
at a football reunion (witnessed by our spouses).

Thank you for your service. May we always remember those who volunteered
to wear the uniform, raise their right hand "".. **to support & defend...**"

V. R.

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tenant=vbu-digital](https://uploads.documents.cimpress.io/v1/uploads/03db080b-89e4-4d9b-ad4c-3264825cb707~110/original?tenant=vbu-digital)

Quarterdeck Log deck Log Volume 19, Number 3 Fall 2004 Honoring Our Vietnam Veterans Second CGCVA-funded Monument Unveiled at CGA's "Homecoming"

At eight minutes before 10 a.m. **on October 23rd**, at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, Department of Homeland Security Deputy Secretary ADM James M. Loy, USCG (Ret.) and project architect CAPT Donald Taub, USCG (Ret.), unveiled the second of two CGCVA-funded Vietnam monuments, recognizing the missions of the Coast Guard during that war and honoring the seven Coast Guardsmen killed there.

4- re **Saturday, 18 September 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
Visit/silent prayer VN Monument and Columbarium (Walt)

i deeply apologize for not deciding sooner, but
will make concerted effort to find a Viet Nam Vet classmate
who's going, **to agree to be the one who shows where it is --- in Crown Park.**
e.g. Kent or Lloyd

However, the 2 fer benefit of the idea has always been to see where both
the **Academy Columbarium & Combat Vets Monument to Viet Nam CG Units**
are co-located behind the Chapel & remember our unique service, especially
those few who have already departed this earth.

Also, Andy & Chris visited the **Monument** at least once with me & spouses.
Yes please remember it's the **Monument**.

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

From: viglie@aol.com

To: bill@getrain.com <bill@getrain.com>

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<robertchristiansen41@hotmail.com>; horseyandrew@yahoo.com <horseyandrew@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wed, Aug 18, 2021 10:17 am

Subject: CGA & Combat Vets - VN Monument 2004

Bill

know you have a lot on your plate,
but wanted to ensure you had this to add to your VN archives.

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Robert Crown Park is named for CAPT Robert Crown, USN (Ret.),
a past president of the Navy League. The park is home to several monuments to the Coast Guard,
among them the Wars and Conflicts Memorial, a black-granite obelisk depicting wartime scenes of service.

<https://mybaseguide.com/installation/coast-guard-academy/community/the-academy/>

Bill Carr

From: Bill Carr [bill@getrain.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 1:16 PM
To: 'viglie@aol.com'
Subject: RE: cga65 more Re: 1968 Tet Offensive & Fox News

Walt – Lots here to digest....I will be calling you relatively soon for a related discussion....Bill

From: viglie@aol.com [mailto:viglie@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 12:30 PM
To: bill@getrain.com
Subject: cga65 more Re: 1968 Tet Offensive & Fox News

Bill

these may also be of interest to you
my math says Tet was 50 years ago - and most classmates were already in V N
Kent, Rod Wilburn and me were last to arrive in May 1968

[Why We Fought & Why We Would Do It Again | Jim Webb](http://www.jameswebb.com/articles/military.../why-we-fought-why-we-would-do-it-again)
www.jameswebb.com/articles/military.../why-we-fought-why-we-would-do-it-again

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September 2003 by James Webb, **The American Legion Magazine** Against a backdrop of political mismanagement and social angst, history has failed to respect those. ... A good place for them to start holding their own forces accountable would be Hue, where during the **1968 Tet Offensive** more than 2,000 locals were ...

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[VFW Magazine – January 2018 : Tet Offensive](http://digitaledition.qwinc.com/article/Tet+Offensive/2951472/457684/article.html)
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31, **1968**, at the beginning of the offensive, than any other day of the war. The deadliest week of the **Tet Offensive** — and at that point of the Vietnam War — was Feb. 10-17, **1968**, which had 543 KIA and 2,547 WIA throughout South Vietnam, according to **VFW magazine's** Combat. Being the most popular holiday in Vietnam, ...

[TET | The American Legion](https://www.legion.org/magazine/240292/tet)
<https://www.legion.org/magazine/240292/tet>

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Dec 18, 2017 - In late January **1968**, North Vietnamese forces and the Viet Cong launched a massive offensive throughout South Vietnam. Hurling ... William Westmoreland called **1968** "an important point when the end begins to come into view." ... Alan W. Dowd is a contributing editor for **The American Legion Magazine**.

[\[PDF\]The American Legion Magazine \[Volume 85, No. 1 \(July 1968\)\]](http://archive.legion.org/bitstream/handle/123456789/4121/americanlegionma851amer.pdf?...)
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Here, condensed slightly for our space, and edited to avoid repetition, is the testimony of Scripps Howard.

Correspondent Jim Lucas before a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Subject: Vietnam. Time: March 14, **1968**, after the **Tet** offensive, while Khe San was still besieged. R. Jim G. Lucas, witness.

Why we went to war in Vietnam | The American Legion

<https://www.legion.org/magazine/213233/why-we-went-war-vietnam>

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Dec 20, 2012 - William Westmoreland succeeded in preventing the Saigon regime from being overthrown by insurgents. The **Tet** Offensive of January **1968**, perceived in the United States as a setback for **American** war aims, was in fact a devastating military setback for the north. Thereafter, North Vietnam's only hope was ...

A comfort & a constant | The American Legion

<https://www.legion.org/magazine/227266/comfort-constant>

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May 20, 2015 - A veteran may have a small cloth flag in a book, or a piece of a uniform, or a **magazine** that shows our flag, and a Vietnamese local will look over his ... During the **Tet** Offensive of **1968**, small **U.S.** flags emerged on rooftops and windowsills, advancing the message that the United States was still there, not ...

Full text of "The American Legion Magazine [Volume 85, No. 1 (July ...

https://archive.org/.../americanlegionma851amer/americanlegionma851amer_djvu.txt

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In all candor, events since January 30, the beginning of **Tet**, had caused me to despair. **6 THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE • JULY 1968** That particular evening I was in Cincinnati, speaking to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and I told them that I felt the war was going very well for our side militarily, that ...

SPECIAL ISSUE = The American Legion Magazine - 11th Cavnam

11thcavnam.com/education/americanlegion.htm

SPECIAL ISSUE = The American Legion Magazine = September 2003 ... The biggest single question of media influence on the outcome of the Vietnam War centers on the **Tet** Offensive of Jan. 31, **1968**, and ample evidence shows that headlines dealt a lot more with expectations than fact. True, North Vietnamese regular ...

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digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/index.php?i=457684&m=&l...3...

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... the Battle of Hue during the **Tet** Offensive in February **1968**. Strapped to his helmet is a wrench for his gun, a first-aid kit and what appears to be a vial of gun oil. If any **VFW magazine** readers know the identity of this Marine, please contact us with details at magazine@vfw.org. Photo by Don McCullin/Contact Press Images.

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digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=457684&ver=html5&p=16

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AP PHOTO ÔTHE TURNING P LEFT: A map of South Vietnam in **1968** shows key areas, such as Saigon and Hue, attacked by the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong during the **Tet** Offensive. According to the **VFW**-produced book *Brutal Battles of Vietnam*, some 81,000 lives were lost during this time in Vietnam.

VFW Magazine - VFW

<https://www.vfw.org> > News & Publications

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VFW magazine is the official publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars with a circulation of 1.3 million.

-----Original Message----- From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>
To: viglie <viglie@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Mar 5, 2018 12:08 pm
Subject: RE: 1968 Tet Offensive & Fox News

Walt – Thanks for that piece....particularly pertinent for something I'm doing on the side....Bill

From: viglie@aol.com [<mailto:viglie@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 11:52 AM
To: viglie@aol.com
Subject: 1968 Tet Offensive & Fox News

50 years ago reminder of Walter Cronkite, and media failing ...
mostly about Hue and Marines, but worth reviewing the numbers,
and it does NOT emphasize that commies violated the "religious / cultural"
cease fire for the holiday... to start the attack.

Walt V

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2018/03/02/50-years-ago-marine-victory-in-vietnam-was-considered-defeat-by-media.html>

Bill Carr

From: viglie@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 9:45 PM
To: bill@getrain.com
Subject: CGA65 PENSACOLA, VIET NAM, & Wall South 25th Anniversary

Bill
thanks for correction of Tuesday's date. i know you're busy and have many irons in fire.
Since you didn't focus on the **subject**, and **original proposed words** for the class column,
your answers did not relate to the subject - whose date was Nov 11th.
So i copy my original proposal **(from bottom of this email,)**
which is still the **subject... CGA65 contribution to 25th Anniversary in Pensacola**

No need for a reply, nor further discussion.
Let's just leave it as a piece of history, (answer to question **1- just for the email record**)
which 7 CGA grads shared in Pensacola,
and is available there for all visitors to view.
In hindsight i could've included a photo from the first website i provided -
which shows 11 of the 22 new plaques.



with agape love and prayers for clearer comms in our future, walt
"New Year's Resolution: Laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, love a little deeper,
and walk through life a little slower." -- Snoopy

Bill Carr

From: Bill Carr [bill@getrain.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 8:35 AM
To: 'viglie@aol.com'
Subject: RE: CGA65 PENSACOLA, VIET NAM, & Wall South 25th Anniversary

Walt – How about I give you a call next week – Monday afternoon maybe 3:00 pm your time?

From: viglie@aol.com [mailto:viglie@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 6:42 AM
To: bill@getrain.com
Subject: CGA65 PENSACOLA, VIET NAM, & Wall South 25th Anniversary

Bill - no phone call **till TUESDAY 1/15**

Now that the 12 days of CHRISTmas & New Years celebrations are past,
is this historic event :

- 1- just for the email record
- 2- possible discussion at November Charleston gathering of WPB CO's
- or 3- worthy of mention in class column?

I'm too busy on other things / family **till TUESDAY 1/15** for a phone call

with agape love and prayers

Walt home 850 492-5634 cel 850 206-3522

-----Original Message-----From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>
To: viglie <viglie@aol.com>
Sent: Sun, Nov 26, 2017 2:30 pm
Subject: RE: CGA PENSACOLA & Wall South 25th Anniversary

Walt – Let's talk about this after I take a breather for a couple of weeks and get something in for the February column. I've already submitted the Class Notes for the Bulletin earlier today. I was already a week late.... 😊Bill

Bill Carr

From: Thomas Keane [tpkeane61@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2017 3:16 PM
To: viglie@aol.com
Cc: bill@getrain.com
Subject: Re: CGA PENSACOLA & Wall South 25th Anniversary

One from the class of '62.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 26, 2017, at 12:23, "viglie@aol.com" <viglie@aol.com> wrote:

Bill

If you have space in the column? Some of us preferred anonymity - so no names...

**Seven Academy grads (4 from class of '65)
donated \$500 to fund 1 of 22 granite plaques
at Wall South Pensacola, on it's 25th Anniversary.**

**Wall South is a 1/2 size replica of the VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL
in DC,which celebrated it's 35th Anneversary on VETERANS DAY.
The Plaques commorated significant American events during VIETNAM
campaign.**

2 more plaques were funded by USCG CPO's.

Pensacola to mark 25th anniversary of Wall South

www.pnj.com/picture-gallery/news/2017/10/.../pensacola...wall-south/107212794/

1.

Oct 31, 2017 - Vietnam War veterans Art Giberson, left, and Lenny Collins discuss the history of the **Wall South** at Veterans **Memorial** Park in **Pensacola** on ...

Pensacola's Wall South now has more names of heroes

www.pnj.com/story/news/local/pensacola/2017/03/.../pensacola-wall-south.../9975077...

1.

2.

Mar 29, 2017 - Additional names have been added to the **Wall South** Vietnam War **Memorial** at Veterans**Memorial** Park in downtown **Pensacola**.

Wall South Veterans Memorial - Park in Pensacola - Foursquare

<https://foursquare.com/v/wall-south-veterans-memorial/4b705a37f964a520ab142de3>

1.

See 36 photos and 3 tips from 123 visitors to **Wall South Veterans Memorial**.
"The **Wall South**: The Florida Vietnam Veterans **Memorial**, which is the..."

About Us - Veterans Memorial Park Pensacola

Bill Carr

From: Bill Carr [bill@getrain.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2017 2:38 PM
To: 'viglie@aol.com'
Subject: RE: CGA '65 VietNam Vets - Kent Nov 9 & 31 more VETERANS DAY

Walter – I did get a paragraph in the column about the Commemorative Lapel Pin. As with the Pensacola Wall, how about we talk about the CG Combat Vets Association in a couple of weeks as well. You are such an enthusiast for that organization and maybe we should do something separate and more direct with classmates....Bill

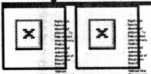
From: viglie@aol.com [mailto:viglie@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 25, 2017 7:45 PM
To: bill@getrain.com
Subject: CGA '65 VietNam Vets - Kent Nov 9 & 31 more VETERANS DAY

Bill

re our telcon and my many emails.

For your urgent deadline, i recommend only **these few lines:**
(let those interested, do the research or ask me the questions.)

Kent was presented a Vietnam War Commemoration exclusive lapel pin. 30 other CGA grads were also presented one during half time of the chilly football game (28 degrees). Only Chris of '65 was on the field. If you want to learn more about the VietNam lapel pin, go to <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/> The easiest way to get one is to join CG COMBAT VETs Assn <http://www.coastguardcombatvets.org/> Walt & Chris can answer questions about the pin, program & CGCVA. Coast Guard Combat Vets dedicated a memorial by the Cadet Chapel to we who served in Viet Nam (7 KIA, only one CGA grad). It may be found at <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/100697741649369086/>)



Another good source about VietNam is [Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Honor Those Who Served - vvmf.org www.vvmf.org/](http://www.vvmf.org/) Honor Those Soldiers Who Served In The Vietnam War. ..." The Wall That Heals"

Walt cel 850 206-3522

-----Original Message----- From: viglie <viglie@aol.com> To: bill <bill@getrain.com>
Sent: Fri, Nov 24, 2017 5:17 pm
Subject: More Re: CGA honors VietNam Vet Nov 10 & 31 more on VETERANS DAY

Bill

i sent you 2 emails with background on CGCVA & CGA -
including "THE PLAQUE" and a photo of it.

Also included background and reference on the 50th Anniversary Lapel Pin(s),
i'm working with Tom & Dick to see if we can have some next November in Charleston
(please keep between us - unless, or until, we 3 announce success)

Walt cel 850 206-3522

ps more Kent publicity , and a few other VIET NAM items in case you missed

Coast Guard Academy honors grad for combat role in ... - AP News

<https://apnews.com/f3b491f2c30c4bd3a73b04459b030cdc>

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Nov 7, 2017 - <https://apnews.com/f3b491f2c30c4bd3a73b04459b030cdc>. Link copied!
HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — One night in 1969, Kent Williams was ... **PHOTO of Kent on Bridge**
-- By MICHAEL MELIA Nov. 08, 2017

CGA to host 2017 Hall of Heroes Induction Ceremony - GovDelivery

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1c2f100>

1.

Nov 7, 2017 - WHAT: The U.S. **Coast Guard Academy** will host the 13th annual Hall of ... The Hall of Heroes
was established in April 2005 to honor Academy ... **Coast Guard, will be presenting 30 CGA**
Alumni/Vietnam Veterans with a lapel ...

Also of note, during halftime ceremonies at this weekend's Secretaries Cup football game,

Adm. Paul Zukunft, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, will be presenting 30 CGA
Alumni/Vietnam Veterans with a lapel pin commemorating their service.

For more information on the U.S. Coast Guard's role during the Vietnam
War: [http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/assets/1/7/U.S. Coast Guard in the Vietnam War.p](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/assets/1/7/U.S. Coast Guard in the Vietnam War.pdf)
df

Coast Guard Academy Honors Grad for Combat Role in Vietnam ...

www.military.com/.../coast-guard-academy-honors-grad-combat-role-vietnam.html

1.

Nov 8, 2017 - On Thursday, Kent Williams, a 1965 graduate of the U. S. **Coast Guard Academy**, will
be inducted into the school's Hall of Heroes.

Coast Guard Academy honors grad for combat role in Vietnam ...

<https://federalnewsradio.com> › The Associated Press › Government News

1.

Coast Guard Academy honors grad for combat role in Vietnam. By MICHAEL MELIA. November 8,
2017 12:52 am. < a min read. Share. HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The United States **Coast Guard**
Academy is honoring a 1965 graduate for the role he played in a combat mission during
the **Vietnam War**. Kent Williams led a ...

Coast Guard Academy Honors Grad for Combat Role in Vietnam ...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGCA-H5cTVo>

Nov 8, 2017 - Uploaded by HOT TRENDS 24H

Coast Guard Academy Honors Grad for Combat Role in Vietnam Please Like And Subscriber ! Thanks for ALL !

Coast Guard Bronze Star recipient inducted into Hall of Fame - The Day

www.theday.com/article/20171109/NWS09/171109293

1.

Nov 9, 2017 - On Saturday, the **academy will honor 31 Coast Guard Vietnam veterans**, including New London native Merle Smith, for their service at halftime ...

Coast Guard Academy honors grad for combat role in Vietnam - Yahoo

<https://www.yahoo.com/.../coast-guard-academy-honors-grad-combat-role-vietnam-0...>

1.

Nov 7, 2017 - **Coast Guard Academy honors grad for combat role in Vietnam ... Williams was commanding a Coast Guard patrol boat off the coast of Vietnam Hidden Camera Shows Dying WWII Veteran's Gasp For Help Were Ignored.**

Coast Guard Academy honors grad for combat role in Vietnam | Nation ...

www.timesdaily.com/.../coast-guard-academy-honors...vietnam/image_a386ae0a-fe0f...

Nov 8, 2017 - This mid-1990s photo released by the **Coast Guard Academy** shows U.S. Coast Guard Vice Admiral Kent Williams. On Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 ...

Coast Guard Combat Veterans: Semper Paratus

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1563111047>

1994 - Technology & Engineering

He entered the **USCG Academy** in 1946, graduated (BS). commissioned an ... two Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, **awards** from the government of **Vietnam**, ...

Coast Guard and Military Associations

www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for.../Associations/

1.

Links from this page to non-Coast Guard sites are provided as a customer service ... Congressional Medal of **Honor** Society · Disabled American Veterans · Fleet ... United States **Coast Guard Academy** Alumni Association · U.S. Coast Guard ... Veterans of the Vietnam War and The Veterans Coalition · **Vietnam Veterans** of ...

Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Honor Those Who Served - vvmf.org

www.vvmf.org/

Honor Those Soldiers Who Served In The Vietnam War. Learn More Today!

Make Donation · Non-Profit Organization

Activities: Ceremonies At The Wall, The Wall That Heals: Mobile Exhibit, Education Resources...

-----Original Message----- From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com> To: viglie <viglie@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Nov 23, 2017 2:51 pm
Subject: RE: 1/2 time ? Re: CG Academy honors VietNam Vet Nov 10 & 31 more on VETERANS DAY

Walt – I did not stay for the Saturday game but left very early Friday morning. So do not know of any announcement or mention of the CG Combat Vets nor the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin.

Do you know the background on the lapel pin? Kent was presented the lapel pin during the Induction Ceremony but I had no idea of what was going on with that. Do all the several million who served get a lapel pin?

I have not known about or seen the CGCVA plaque you mention. Was that a gift to the class?

You likewise have a wonderful day today – my favorite of the year.....Bill

From: viglie@aol.com [<mailto:viglie@aol.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 5:35 PM
To: bill@getrain.com
Subject: 1/2 time ? Re: CG Academy honors VietNam Vet Nov 10 & 31 more on VETERANS DAY

Bill
thanks for representing class for Kent's honor . and making the photo.

Assuming you were at 1/2 time VIET VET presentation (one of the 31), did any announcement mention CG COMBAT VETS?
Have you seen the CGCVA Plaque on football side of Chapel?

HAPPY & HOLY THANKSGIVING

Walt cel 850 206-3522

Bill Carr

From: viglie@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 1:36 PM
To: jrwillburn4593@bellsouth.net; lloyd.george@lfgcpa.com; etpefp@comcast.net; weintraub@starpower.net; robertchristiansen41@hotmail.com; jayetaylor@yahoo.com; gmcgill@thejonesact.com; thomasrpenn@gmail.com
Cc: psuscg@aol.com
Subject: CG Viet Nam a photo - Do you know? Who are these guys?

Classmates and other Vets of Viet Nam (please forward to others who might have a clue?)

1- Paul Scotti CWO USCG Ret and author of book on CG in Viet Nam asked for ole fart help **to try to ID any of these 3**

to me, they look like enlisted liberty hounds in civvies near Cat Lo ??? but may be Div 3 big ship guys?

2- Action TO: above are the guys i think are dues paying members of <http://www.coastguardcombatvets.org/> if you haven't joined? please consider - or donate in memory / honor of a vet... or write an article or send a photo -- DON'T let KEN BURNS get all the publicity, especially among our small but worthy COASTGUARD SERVICE.

3- Separate question, Does any one remember name of USCG media guy 1st or 2nd class, name began with a C ????? i think. (maybe i should research Paul Scotti's book) ? He went around taking photos stories to send home - have any favorites?

bald Walt V - just another ole vet home 850 492-5634 cel 850 206-3522

-----Original Message----- From: Paul Scotti <psuscg@aol.com> To: viglie <viglie@aol.com>
Sent: Sat, Sep 23, 2017 10:38 am
Subject: Who are these guys?

Walt,

I have this photo of Coast Guard officers in Vietnam.

Can you identify them?



Paul

Bill Carr

From: viglie@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 4:27 PM
To: viglie@aol.com
Subject: USCG VIET NAM = CGC POINT WELCOME story = Aug 11, 1966 - R. I. P. Brostrom & Phillips

from a [website](#) i found - Androscoggin reunion Sep 19? might find interesting

Walt V cel 850 206-3522

<https://clawofknowledge.blogspot.com/2017/04/the-unwelcome-point-welcome.html#more>

watch interview with Chief Petty Officer Richard "Pat" Patterson (Crossed the bar on April, 12 2010)

who saved Welcome's crew that night. Aug 11, 1966

also on thecoastguardchannel Published

Apr 13, 2010

add your comments

Bill Wells August 12, 2017 at 10:06 AM

This story is filled with errors and misinformation. It is a shame for the crew of Point Welcome. They deserve better.

Replies

1.



The Claw of Knowledge August 12, 2017 at 10:20 PM

What they deserve is for people to have at least heard of their story.

Of course, you're welcome to share whichever parts you believe I got wrong. I work only with the information I have, as

do you. 

2. Anonymous August 13, 2017 at 9:42 AM

Mr. Wells, Please tell us what is wrong and replace it with what is right...but tell us where you got your info from because words out of a man that was there is hard to beat.

CPO Bob Martin ret.

Bill Carr

From: Richard D. Manning [uscga65@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 8:44 AM
To: viglie@aol.com; bill@getrain.com; Lloyd.George@LFGCPA.com
Cc: horseyandrew@yahoo.com; etpefp@comcast.net
Subject: Re: cga65 - Viet Nam - Steinbaugh, Blass and ?
Attachments: original roster.doc

attached is the list that Jim White compiled

On 5/31/2016 9:37 PM, viglie@aol.com wrote:

Amazing - 43
look forward to seeing how many more add or add stories
after the names are publicized.

Orvis or Dick Manning memory or records ?
I think Orv said Jim White had done/paid for exhaustive
search for classmates who did NOT graduate,
and that's how we connected with Blass & Steinbaugh?

memories are often worth the time - and what museums are often made of.

Walt home 850 492-5634 cel 850 206-3522

ps footnote on Odd & Even year Viet Nam Vet
i meet with Dick Butchka's widow tomorrow
to go over some slides she found of his VN time.
His brother lives in hometown of New London.
Dick was a 5 year man, and was honored by both
63 nd 64 in their 50th Memorial Service.
Dick and i were happy hour buddies here for a
few years...

-----Original Message-----From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com> To: viglie <viglie@aol.com>
Cc: 'Lloyd George' <Lloyd.George@LFGCPA.Com>
Sent: Tue, May 31, 2016 4:27 pm
Subject: RE: cga65 - Viet Nam

**Walt - I got everything in and audited against the latest list I had.
The count stands at 43 and you mentioned there might be another that didn't graduate with
us - like Blass and Steinbaugh.**

**Do you have any background on Blass. I know nothing of him and given we were alphabetical
our Swab year, I'm surprised the name doesn't clickthanks....Bill**

Bill Carr

From: Bill Carr [bill@getrain.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:28 PM
To: 'viglie@aol.com'
Cc: 'Lloyd George'
Subject: RE: cga65 - Stay calm, keep priorities - you and family

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From: viglie@aol.com [<mailto:viglie@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 12:25 PM
To: bill@getrain.com
Subject: cga65 - Stay calm, keep priorities - you and family

Bill

**don't add pressure from LLoyd and me about the column.
do what you need to meet each day along your new journey -
keep your health and family first
and the PTSD group you joined...**

K I S S - lloyd and i and class and Arctic stuff , are way 2nd in priority

with love and prayers

Walt home 850 492-5634 cel 850 206-3522

Class Notes – February/March 2016

Walt Viglienzone

Let's salute those in our class and their crews who served in Vietnam and other war zones. Let's especially salute those who lost their lives as well as those whose lives were shortened. Take ten minutes and pay tribute to these men by listening to El Silencio **'Il Silenzio' - Melissa Venema (13 yo)** - brought to my attention by our first ever Class Correspondent, **Walt Viglienzone**. Bath in the trumpet tribute inspired by **Taps** and invest a moment of your thoughts – particularly for those five officers and fifteen enlisted who died while in that Coast Guard Vietnam era service.

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Walt
0243 EDT
23 Mar 07

From: Viglie@aol.com
To: leshigh@juno.com
Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 02:43:32 EDT
Subject: CGA '65 and - Gold Star
Les

Thanks for the response, and confirmation of your email address.

I've looked at the actuarial tables and even someone born today only has an average life expectancy in the hi 70's. I also know that each year older you get, the longer you are expected to live. Yes, I shared my research with Dick Manning, and he sent me a very good reference.

This is the book the author wishes had been available when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

By Prostate Cancer Survivor Robert J. Marckini

You Can Beat Prostate Cancer . . . And You Don't Need Surgery to Do it . . .

What Every Man and His Family Must Know About Early Detection and Treatment

But nobody can give a guarantee of no side effects, or even of 100% removal of all cancer cells, with any of the treatments. So I go for the hip, and probably a biopsy every year.

Regarding the Gold Star Families, I understand your position. As I reviewed my correspondence, not sure that I ever informed you of the loss of my retired Navy helo pilot brother's only child. Caesar S. Viglienzone was killed in Iraq on Feb 1, 2006. That's why i am so interested in the Gold Star Families Issue. The Army presented all of the Uncles with Gold Star pins. Dianne and I accompanied Dennis and Norma to an Eagle Remembrance ceremony by the 101st Division at Ft Campbell, and we will accompany them to one in DC in May. My son was home on R & R from Iraq when we got the death notice. He was able to visit Caesar's platoon within days of the loss. a unique closure, for a family of a fallen warrior. The San Francisco Chronicle did a special on the fallen warriors of the Bay Area. It's below.

In the small world category, a CGA class correspondent, and a CG helo pilot-- ? Paul MOROSKY? has a grandson, Aleks. who was one of Caesar's platoon Sergeants. we met Aleks at Ft Campbell last march, because he was wounded a few days after my son had met him. His grandfather wrote about him in the CGA Bulletin, and I correspond with him. Helo pilot Joe Hoosty CGA '66 is his uncle.

Have a great weekend and hope Carol and you enjoy your sunny San Diego days.
Love and prayers Walt

Jason's file

28 Sept 87

- 1800-1820 28 Sept Talked to Doug Treason (1-202-488-4259) Wash. D.C. He was
happy to help with list this year. I will send a corrected copy to
Yorktown address. He will start working on changes. Talked about
working with Doug. He thinks Jeff is great. Really knows the 50 process & made
an excellent presentation (to flags).
- 1700 2 Nov Doug sending list. Many names checked. Marty Dillon helped.
- 1430-1450 Marty Dillon He will check on Blagney, Bondage, Christensen, Dennis
Offutt, Pearce, Schwartz, Simpson, Stephan, Zanolli.
- 19 Nov 1130 YNI Martin Marty Dillon's woman called with addresses for
Simpson, Pearce, Schwartz, Zanolli, Dennis, Offutt, Blagney, not a activist or
Christensen?
- 20 Nov Talked to Henry Zanolli and got address
- 21 Nov Talked to Paul Blagney in NY and Bob Christensen in Hawaii for address
- 21 Nov Bondage phone on answering machine.
- 24 Nov Kushla called
- 25 Nov Offutt (Hayle)
- 25 Nov Pettit called
- 25 Nov No number for Sigler in Albuquerque.
- Started letter on Sat 21 Nov - Finished and mailed Thanksgiving Day 26 Nov at 2330.

Dear Capt and Mrs Heif,

VIGLIENZONE 68

Greetings from Viet Nam. Hope your holidays are happy, holy and peaceful. Much has happened since last Christmas. I was relieved of command of the Cape Carter in March and then enjoyed about 30 days leave during which I made a quick trip to the East Coast to see my brother (now a midie at Annapolis) and a few friends in the D.C. & Norfolk areas. I also tried to get my fill of skin diving and fishing - then I went thru POWNE training and finally arrived here in late May and have had command of the Point Moore since. It's both boring and interesting.

May the joy and peace of Christmas

be with you today and always.

over here and I'm glad that I come, but I'll be gladder to leave.

It's almost like homecoming with all of the old buddies and classmates together.

OVER →



I hope that all goes well with
you and yours and continues to
through the year.

Yours for now

Sincerely

Hal P. S.

