



Raider's Website Goes Live

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The Echo Raiders website, echoraiders.com, is up and running. Using an automatic slide show, the website displays photos of the Echo Raiders when they were young men. All Echo Raiders are invited to send their Vietnam-era photos to be displayed on the Raiders website.

The drop-down menus on the website's menu bar contain links to all the combat stories we've published so far, all the Raider Tales newsletters, as well as how the Raiders picked up the name "Raiders". See [page 3](#).



Steve Byers, an Echo 2/1 Corpsman, appears with the Echo Raiders as part of the Echo Raiders website slide show.

Echo Gathering 2023



The Raiders in Prescott, AZ. See [pages 8-9](#).

The Echo Raiders gathered once more in Prescott Valley, AZ this past May. **Left:** Gaynell & Donovan Cordell, Cathie & Tommy Bullock, Gary Stucker, Bruce & Georgette King. **Right:** Gerald Favero, Joanne & Ray Case, Romona & Pepe Wise, Susan & Pat Morris, Doc John Weed.

3rd Platoon, Echo 2/1

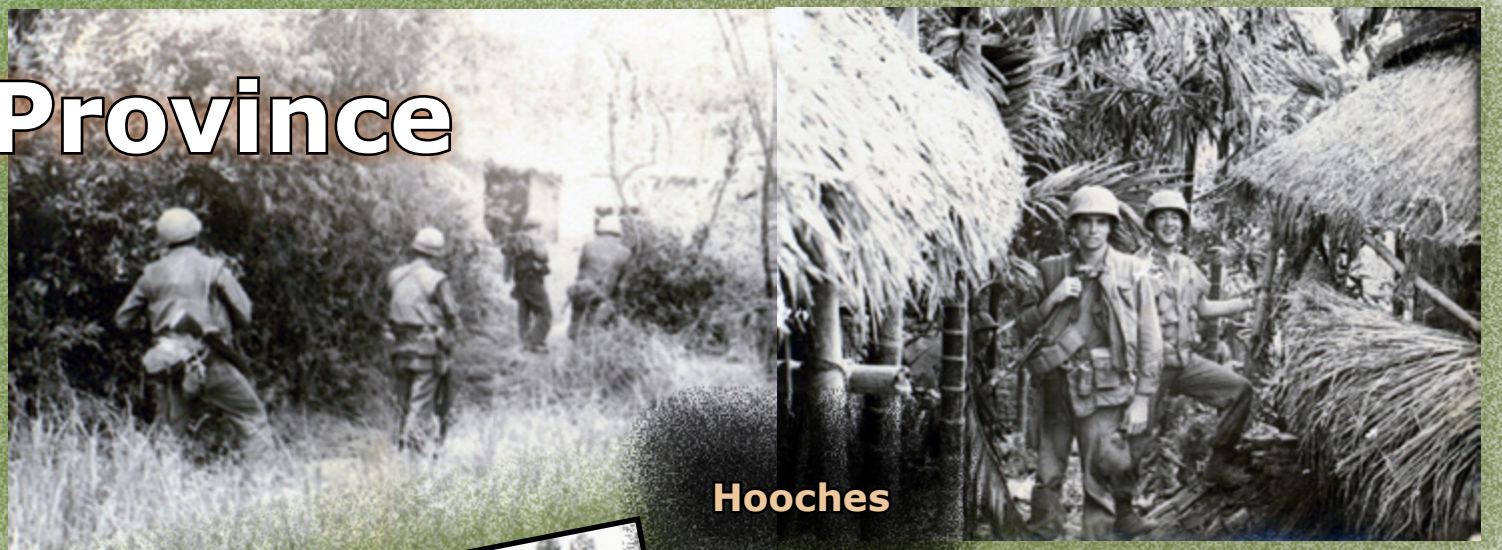
Patrolling Quang Nam Province



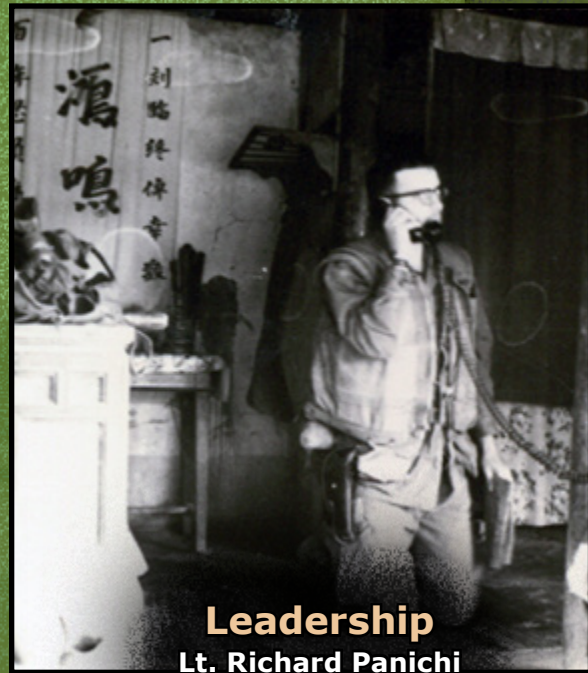
Cpl Clinton Davis
Rifle Squad Leader
3rd Platoon
E 2/1



Echo 2/1 Patrol
10-15 meters tactical separation



Hooches



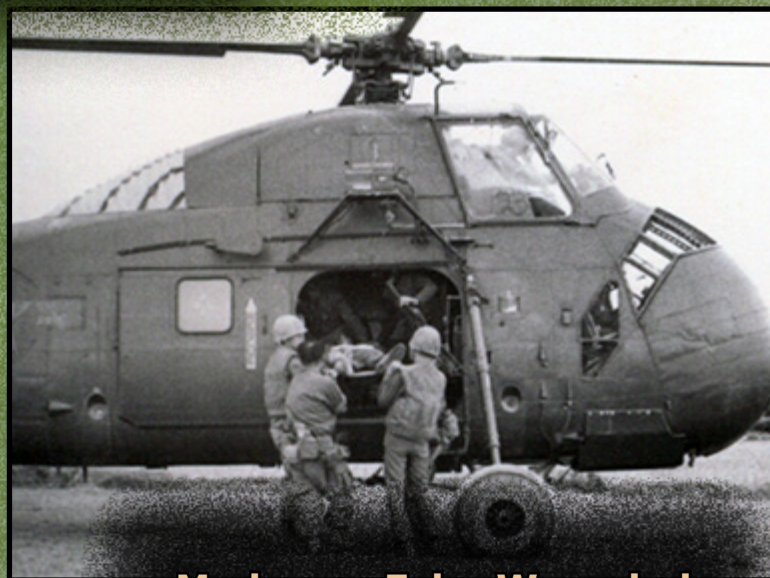
Leadership
Lt. Richard Panichi



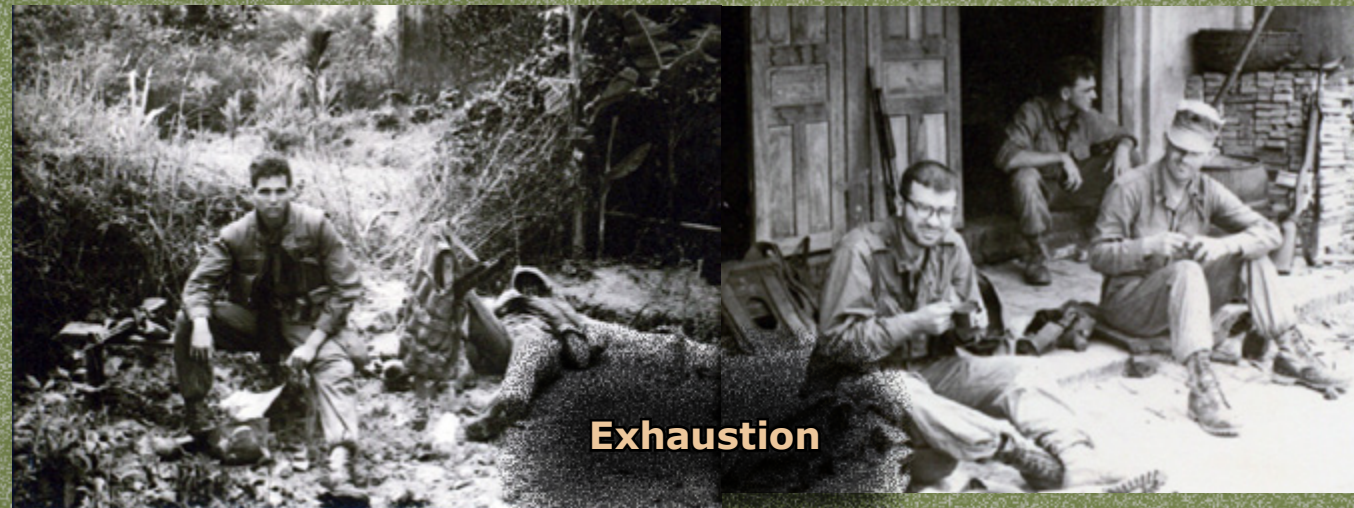
ARVNs



Ambush



Medevac: Echo Wounded



Exhaustion



Hitchhikers

Photos By:
Clinton Davis

Col. Jim Bathurst Pre-Vietnam

Marine Barracks, Yokosuka, Japan



“It was the duty station that changed me from counting the days till my hitch was up to wanting to reenlist for six more. Marine Barracks, Yokosuka, Japan, from October 1959–October 1961.

Started out in the Security section as an MP and made it to the Main Gate team, then was transferred to the Brig section where I made LCpl and meritorious Cpl. Had I not gone there I would have gotten out.

I FINALLY was under the charge of some “real” NCOs, and met two outstanding GySgts, the Guard Chief, GySgt JC (Jesus Christ) Laplace and the Brig Warden GySgt Alton A Cobb. Even

after all these years I look back on those two as having a real influence on me as a Marine. From then on, all I ever wanted to be was a GySgt of Marines.

And yes, in the photo to the right, that is the green jacket. We had a green blouse (Winter Service A) and a green jacket (Winter Service B). It had a variety of nicknames, e.g., Ike Jacket, but us Marines called it the Battle Jacket. Don’t ask why it got that name but that’s what we called it. This uniform was not unique to Yokosuka, it was Corps-wide.

—Jim Bathurst



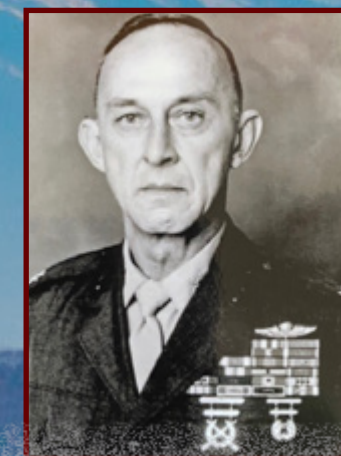
PFC Jim Bathurst, stationed in Yokosuka, went into combat with the Echo Raiders in Vietnam as a platoon sergeant, then platoon commander, of the Raiders 2nd platoon. Jim was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and a battlefield commission to 2nd Lieutenant. Jim went on to command the Marine Corps Drill Team in Washington D.C. and retired as a full bird Colonel.



Sgt Jim Bathurst, Platoon Sergeant, Echo 2/1, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam



Capt Jim Bathurst, commanding the Marine Corps Drill Team, 8th & I, Washington, D.C.



Col. Jim Bathurst, USMC (ret)

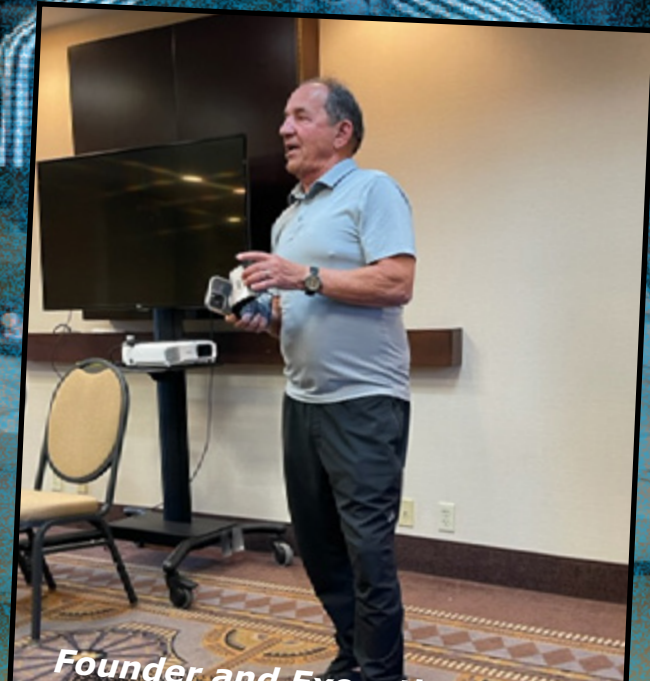
Echo Raiders Gathering 2023:

Always Faithful



Echo Raiders

(Front L-R) Skip Melendez, Pepe Wise, Donovan Cordell, Tommy Bullock, Ray Case, Richard Panichi
(Rear L-R) Gary Stucker, John Weed, Pat Morris, Bruce King, Jerry Favero



Founder and Executive Director of the 7 Day Hero organization, Dr. Jerry Huson, discusses all expense paid trips to Vietnam.
<https://7dayhero.org/who-we-are/>

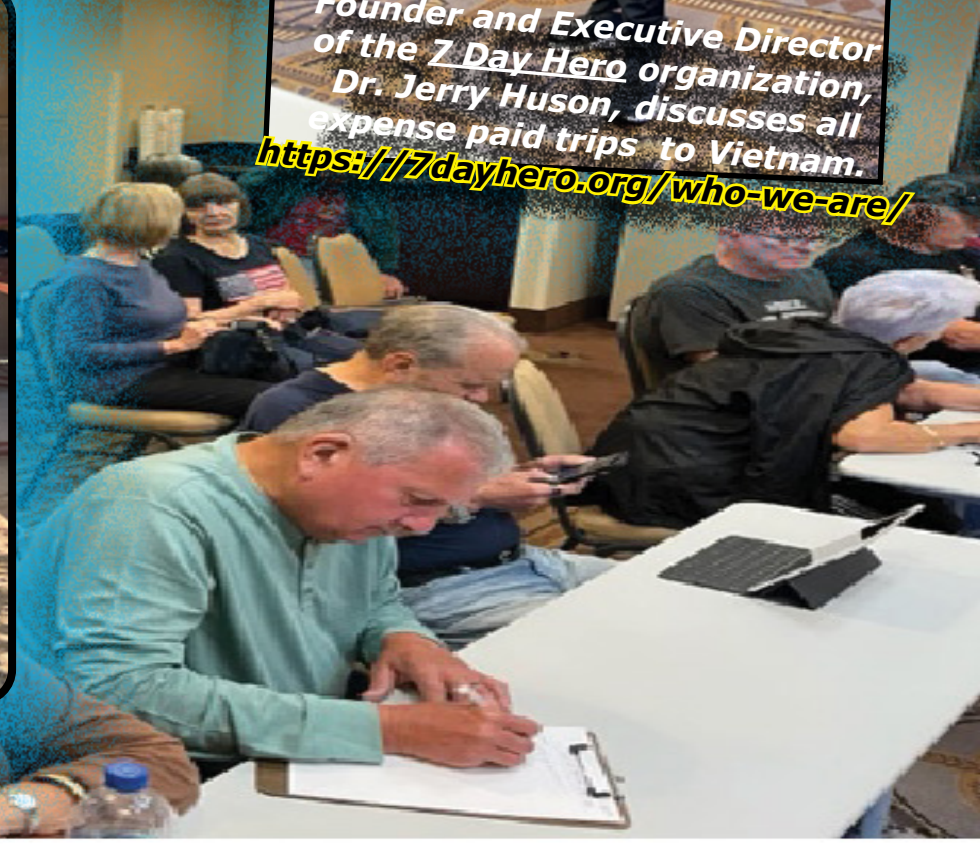


"When a .50 opened up to our right" ... talking sea stories from long ago Vietnam



Raider Wives

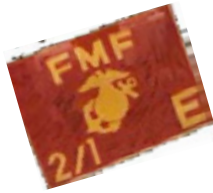
(L-R) Susan Favero, Georgette King, Ramona Wise, Susan Morris, Cathie Bullock, Gaynell Cordell, Joanne Case



Echo Raiders Website Slide Show- echoraiders.com

Raider Photos on the Web

The photos below appear in the automatic slide show on the Home page of the Echo Raiders website



Captain Thomas Pratt
Company Commander
E 2/1

1st Sgt Bolton Byers
First Sergeant
E 2/1

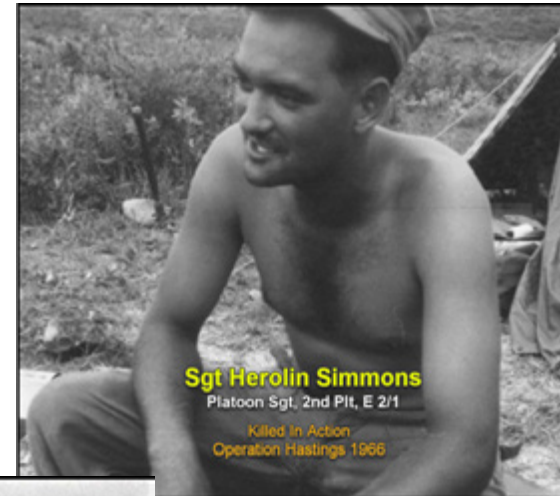


Cpl Les Newell
Rockets Team Leader
E 2/1

L/Cpl Gary Stucker
Rifleman
E 2/1

PFC Carroll Roberts
Rifleman
E 2/1

L/Cpl Tommy Bullock
Machine Gun Team Leader
E 2/1



Sgt Herolin Simmons
Platoon Sgt, 2nd Plt, E 2/1
Killed in Action
Operation Hastings, 1966



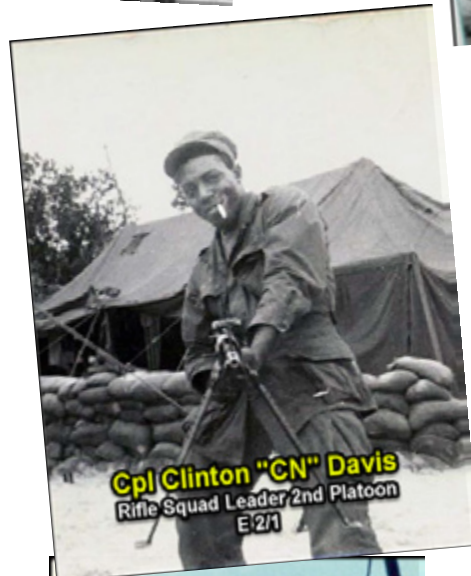
Doc Bridges
Corpsman, E2/1

Sgt Bowers
Right Guide, 3rd Plt, E2/1

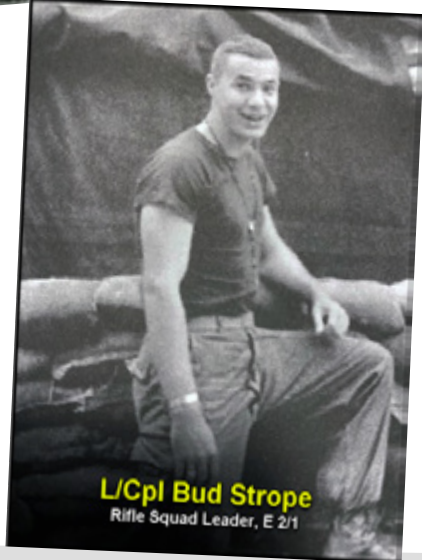
Sgt Jim Bathurst
Platoon Commander, 3rd Plt, E2/1



Cpl Tilo Osterreich
Rifle Squad Leader, 3rd Plt, E2/1
Killed in Action
Quang Tri Province 1968



Cpl Clinton "CN" Davis
Rifle Squad Leader 2nd Platoon
E 2/1



L/Cpl Bud Strope
Rifle Squad Leader, E 2/1

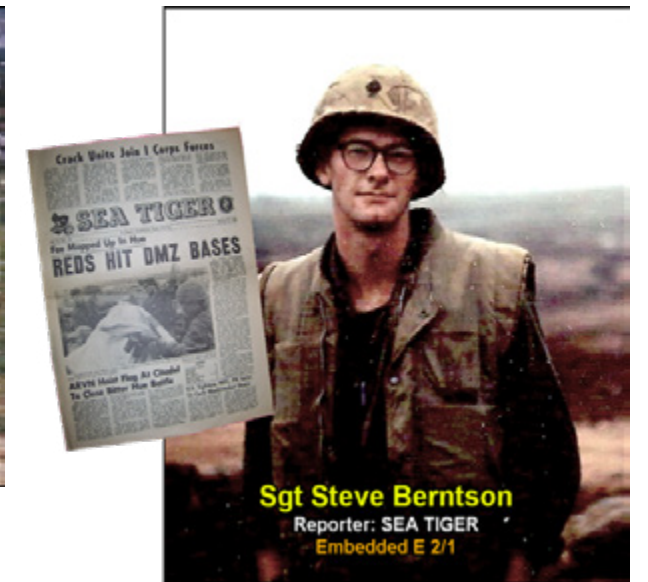


L/Cpl Larry Hanple
Machine Gun Team Leader
Attached 3rd Platoon
E 2/1

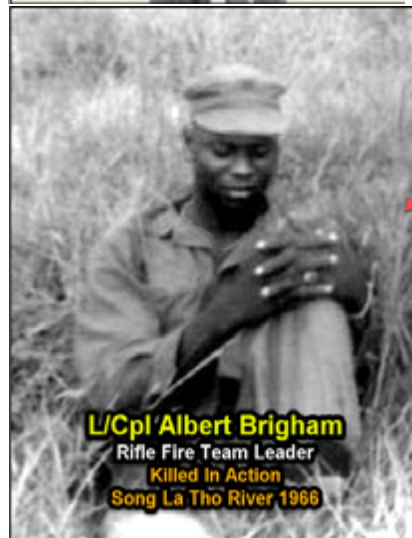


Sgt Bob Lindgren
Battalion Scout
E 2/1
Vietnamese Language Trained

Huy Chieu Hol
(former Viet Cong)



Sgt Steve Berntson
Reporter: SEA TIGER
Embedded E 2/1



L/Cpl Albert Brigham
Rifle Fire Team Leader
Killed in Action
Song La Tho River 1966



Doc Steve Byers
Corpsman E 2/1



Lt Eugene Cockerell
1st Platoon

Lt Marshall Croy
Executive Officer

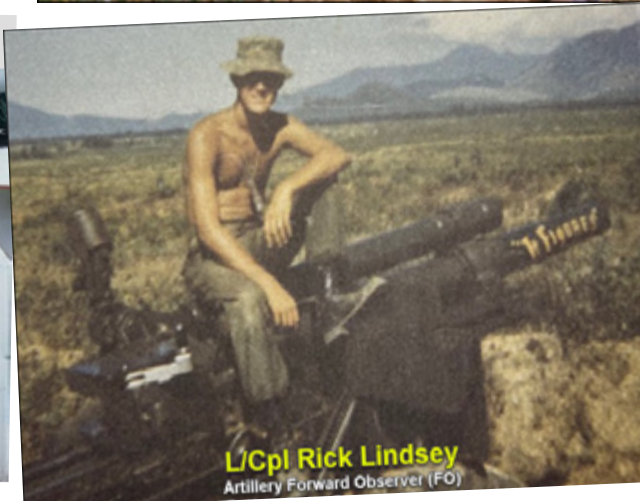
Lt Richard Panichi
3rd Platoon

GySgt Daniel Joyce
Company Gunnery
Killed in Action
Operation Union

Lt Tim Schweitzer
2nd Platoon

Capt. Thomas Pratt
Company Commander

Officers & NCOs
Echo 2/1



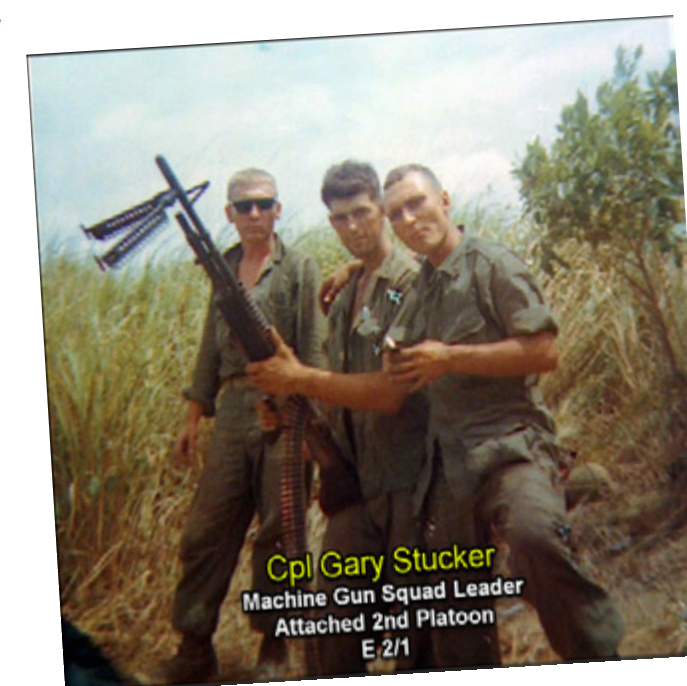
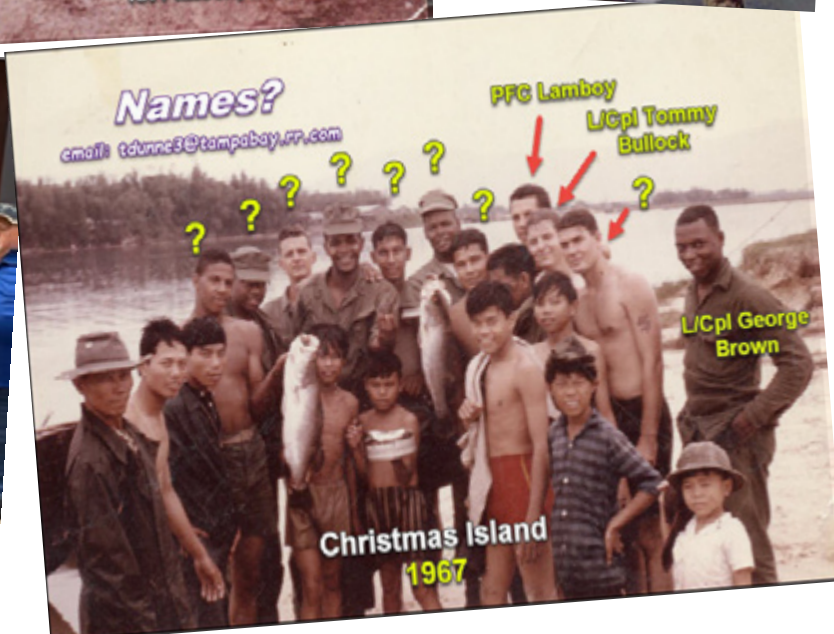
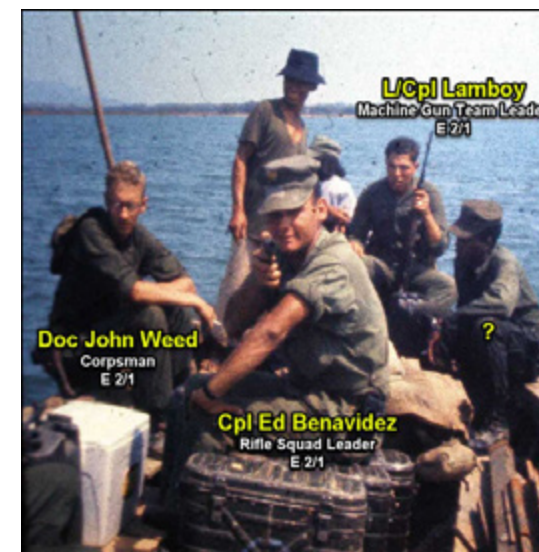
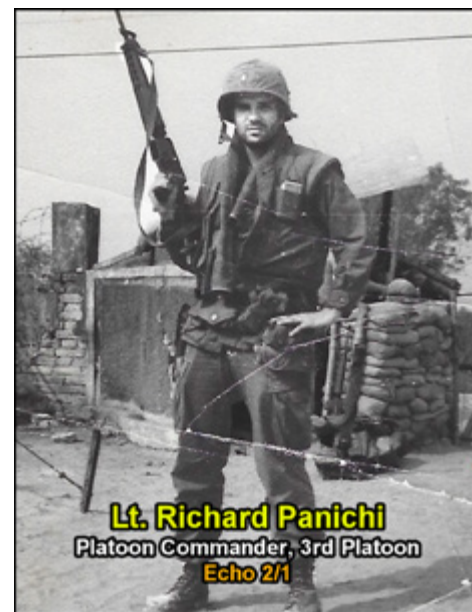
L/Cpl Rick Lindsey
Artillery Forward Observer (FO)

Attention:

Many of the Echo Raiders in the photos below, and on the following page, are unidentified. If anyone can ID the individuals in the photos, please email or text Terry Dunne at tdunne3@tampabay.rr.com, (352) 999-1576. We'll add names to photos.

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Raider Poetry

Hidden Heroes

I almost missed him.
He was hidden in humility,
an unobtrusive old man,
handing out sale papers.

Standing off to the side,
just inside the entrance,
corralling wayward shopping carts,
supplementing his survival.

I noticed his hat,
the one with all the buttons
and concealed in the clutter,
the eagle, globe and anchor.

No doubt my mission
was most urgent,
wasting tomorrow's wages
on nothing of importance.

But somehow I was drawn
to the golden emblem,
for I too claim the right
to wear it as my own.

I met a hidden hero,
whose failing eyes had witnessed
the raising of Old Glory
over bloody Iwo Jima.

I wonder just how many
humble hidden heroes
cross my path each day
and silently fade away

—Ivan Floyd Strope