

DELTA REUNION 2017

JUNE 22 - 25, 2017



Delta Company is a close knit group and they get together every chance they can. 2017 was no different as they met in Kansas City



Back row: Roger Cherniss, George Matheny, George Vance, Dennis Freeman, Raymond (Pete) Bales
Front row: Mike Widrig and TJ Lomato. Lomato, a medic, served in HHC and assigned to Delta.

Delta Dogs - friendship sealed in combat June - Kansas City event brings 30 vets together

By Steve Hubbard - Delta Company 1968/69 - Photos courtesy of Linda Widrig, Larry Boyd

Delta Company held their bi-annual reunion at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, June 22 through June 25. There were 30 Red Warrior Vets in attendance and 49 guests, and for the Saturday night banquet there was a total of 79 in attendance.

This year we had four new Delta men in attendance and they were Thomas Lomato, Lew Huartson, Pete Bales and Mark Whitehouse. All four had such a great time they definitely plan on being at the Battalion Reunion September of 2018 in Milwaukee.

Several of the Delta vets took a side trip to the World War I Museum in downtown Kansas City and all came back overwhelmed at this wonderful museum. It really is a must-see for anyone that has never been there, and even if someone has seen it before, its always good to go back since things are constantly added.

At the Saturday night banquet, June 24, our co-emcees were Rich Cremer and Steve Hubbard. As usual they were very entertaining. Invocation was given by Don Hiemstra. Herb Taylor gave a brief overview of the upcoming Battalion reunion set for September 2018 and announced that

registration for the event will open in September 2017.

There was a very emotional tribute paid to Don Uthe who was a very revered Delta Red Warrior who went to his final stand down this past March. Many tears were shared in his memory. Lori Davis read the names of our KIA's. Maggie Jacobs, granddaughter of Steve and Donna Hubbard sang a heartfelt "Amazing Grace."

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Brothers Forever



A special tribute was given in honor to Delta brother, & fellow Red Warrior Don Uthe, who passed away March, 2017.



Three generations of service – Randy Hubbard – presently serving, Steve Hubbard, Veteran; and Donald Hubbard still active

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Another event of the evening was some very special awards which were presented by Larry Boyd and Robert Sams and presented to Steve Hubbard, Raymond "Pete" Bales and Dave Nelis.

Everyone was happy with the reunion. We will plan to hold the next reunion in Kansas City in June of 2019.

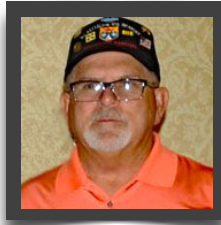


L to R: Robert Sams, Steve Hubbard and TJ Lomato. TJ was a first time attendee at the Delta Company Reunion.

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“Attending the 2017 Delta Co. reunion is one of the highlights of my life. For 48 years I dreamed of meeting some of my old Army buddies but had no idea how to locate any of them. Thanks to my daughter and social media, she was able to locate my best friend Elwin Burmaster and my company commander LT Larry Boyd.



Thanks to LT Boyd for connecting me to others in our company and getting me to the reunion. Just sitting around talking and sharing our stories was so heart warming and up lifting.

I pray that others will find out about Delta Co. reunions and attend. I’m Looking forward-to 2019.”

Pete Bales



Clowning around in the field, here members of Delta’s 1st platoon (1969) take time to

Photo courtesy of “Chopper” Black 1968/69

DELTA



The whole Delta gang

Reunion Attendees: Steve Hubbard, Gary Osterkamp, Roger Cherniss, Robert Sams, George Matheny, Bruce Hopkins, Herb Taylor, Lew Huartson, Larry Newcomer, Larry Boyd, John Simpson, Patrick Upstill, Pete Mills, Donald Hiemstra, David Nelis, George Vance, Joe Carr, Raymon (Pete) Bales, Lowell Hess, Jerry Wilson, Rich Cremer, Dic Orndoff, Rick Firman, Mike Widrig, Thomas J. LoManto, Bruce Harris, Dave Kraft, Mark Whitehouse, Dennis Freimann, Tony Yeager

RIGHT: Robert Sams gives an emotional hug to Steve Hubbard after presenting his own “Silver Star” to Steve. Hubbard saved a wounded Sams on two separate occasions.



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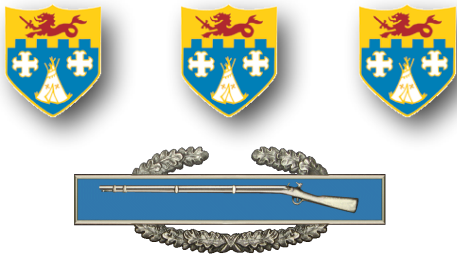
Pete Bales and Mike Widrig renew their wartime friendship



Many honorary awards were presented during the reunion. Here Larry Boyd presents Pete Bales his long over due Sergeant Stripes.

"I didn't want to spend any money (to attend the reunion) with the purchase of our house, but Elise Widrig talked me into going. Boy am I glad she did. I'm still on cloud 9 with what the weekend meant. I spent the weekend with my Dads "Brothers in Arms" at their Vietnam Vets reunion. I met so many new faces, heard stories I'll never forget, I laughed, and I cried. I can't explain, words don't exist on how much this weekend meant to me. I just want to say thank you. I left Kansas City feeling the love you showed me and my family. You guys gave me a gift that NO one ever could and no amount of money could buy me."

Kevin Widrig - Son of Mike Widrig



L to R: Front Row.: Mike Widrig, Steve Hubbard, Roger Cherniss, Peter (Ranger) Miles.

Back Row: Bruce Harris, Dave Nelis, Larry Boyd , Pat Upstill, and Robert Sams

