



RED WARRIORS



Ron Reddy and Paul Ogren Return to Vietnam - Visit Firebase 14



In March 2016 Red Warriors Ron Reddy and Paul Ogren, Charlie Company 1968/69, returned to Vietnam at the invitation of three fellow 4th Divisions 3/8th Infantry, "IVY Dragons". John Cimino and his wife Carren, Steve Edmonds

and his wife Elsie, and Terry Faulkner, along with former NVA soldiers, returned to FSB 15, west of Pleiku. Their trip, taken the later part of March, early April 2016, was the second return to Vietnam for Ogren, the third for

Reddy. Both vets have made many new friends, including those that they formerly fought against. Just last year Ogren and Reddy returned to LZ Brillo Pad with former NVA soldiers, now friends.



Paul and Ron at Sa Thay, formerly Polie Kleng



Left; Binh, our friend and guide, and Ron Reddy on the right. An obvious government exhibit. Much more elaborate than any we ever saw.

PHOTOS FROM THE TRIP



Headed toward FSB 14 on a former Montagnard Trail. The tour group was escorted by Vietnamese army



Right, the "tourist" party trudges up the trail with frequent pauses for a break. The nearby mountains show evidence of wide spread logging activities.



Above, evidence of FSB 14, a long trench is a reminder of the once strategic firebase.

PAUL AND RON'S TRIP

A photo of former NVA, GI's, and current Vietnamese soldiers having lunch under a truck on an old firebase. "Who would have thought." said Ogren.

"We tried to get up here yesterday but we weren't allowed. We even had an army truck follow us up."

They made it though to the former FSB 14.



Right, Red Warrior Ron Reddy tells a 3/8th Vet the story of LZ Brillpad.



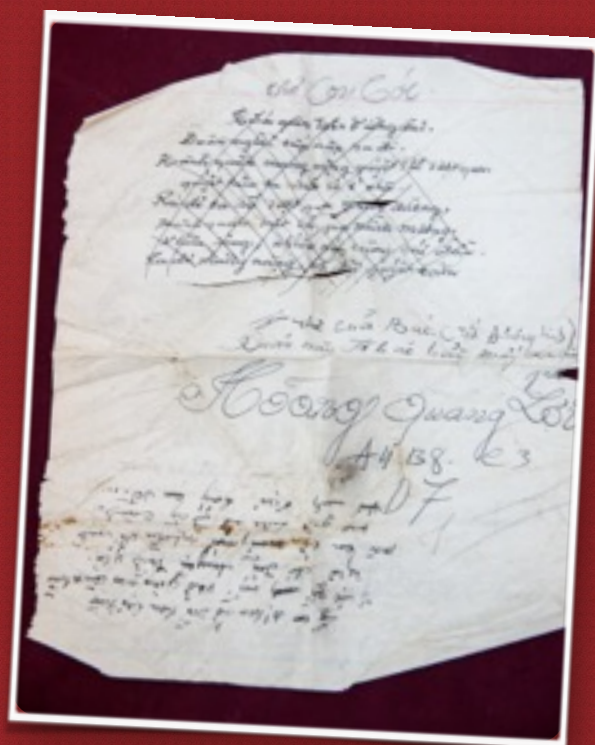
RON AND PAUL'S TRIP



This memorial was built by North Vietnamese Veterans at the base of OP Hill and Brillopad. The hill to the left of the center of the building is OP Hill, with the Firebase just below it.



Above: Paul writes; "An interesting thing happened when we met up with the 3/8 veterans. One had found a wallet on 29 March, 1968 at FSB 14. He had kept it all these years. When we met with the NVA veterans, Chuc was able to identify the name and eventually found the family of the NVA KIA. When we got to the "Memory House" memorial at the bottom of LZ Brillopad, sure enough, the name was listed on the inside memorial.



Above: A letter found inside the wallet.

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A Wallet, found by John Cimino from the 3/8th, contents contains memories of a fallen soldier. Paul writes: " On the left are 3 bills of 1 Dong notes, worth about 1 cent each. Above them are 2 stamps, and photos of family and friends. The Right picture contains more photos and 2 boards that could be tied to the back of the helmet for night visibility ."



After 48 years, the wallet is handed over for return to the memorial and possible return to family of the fallen NVA soldier.



RON & PAUL'S TRIP



Vietnamese and American Veterans in front of "Memorial House" near LZ Brillopa8

Paul and Ron Head South to Saigon to the War Remnants Museum





On display are many former U.S. military items.





LZ BRILLOPAD



This is the area west of Kontum near where LZ Brillopad and Polei Kleng were located.

Many people will remember this as some of the densest jungle we were in. Triple canopy steaming jungle.

One of our EX-NVA friends was complaining about how Hanoi is ruining the country. He is a very brave person.

You can see the memory house that the NVA veterans built at the bottom of Brillopad

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