

# Long Thanh North Reunion September 27-29, 2012

PART TWO

TAMPA BAY



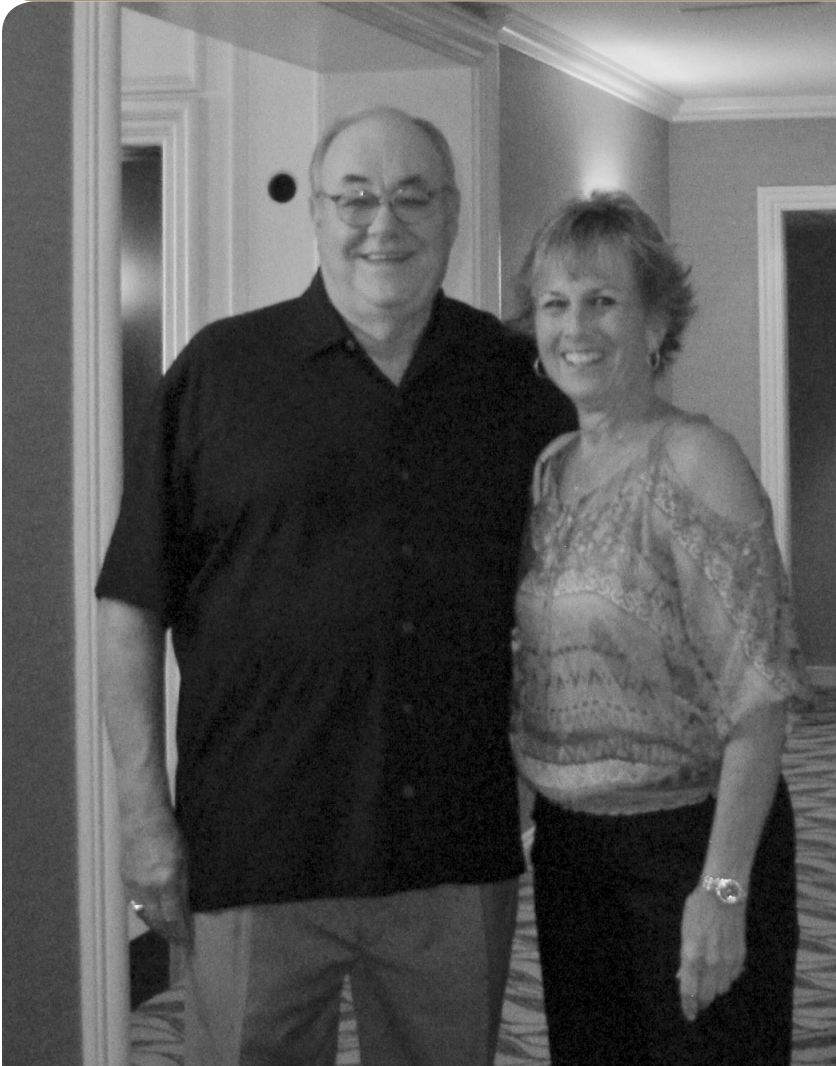
As seen above, we had a great room for gatherings. It was isolated from normal hotel traffic and had all the comforts of a meeting hall. Later, we enjoyed a very good buffet on Saturday evening. Other times, there was always a group of attendees viewing mementos brought to the reunion, and we even had a *LTN Rubber Plantation Band*. In the above photo, a group at the far end of the room looks over photos and other items brought to the reunion, while others at the near end listen to the band. Right is Dave Barlow and David Hassen. Below: Jack Watson, Don Ricks, Phil Dickey and Dave Barlow provide music from yesteryear.







This represents something that *ALWAYS* happened, *Talking and Smiling!!* To the left are Melisa Richie and Marcia Crask. Right are a striking couple, Lorraine and Phil Dickey. Check out Phil below.



The above photo presenting Joe and Marlene Plumley was a throw-away. PhotoShop CS5 recovered the darkened beauty, but this black and white version presents it better. Nice!



Connie and Sam Langhofer







Maureen and Lyle Sunderland



**Memorial Service: Sam Langhofer**

Upper top, Ron Six, wife Le, and Trong Paul at the banquet. Above, a table at the banquet, full and waiting for the memorial presented by Sam Langhofer. Folks, this was a **100 percent** event!



Jim Gerrard



Here's looking at Long Thanh North





**A military gathering tradition and an honored occasion is to raise a glass to the spirits of our fallen Brethren, which always stirs emotions and firmly sets the tone for the evening's event. Here, we stand and toast, as grateful Americans remember the sacrifice of those who did not come home and our to our growing list of veterans who have died since returning from Vietnam.**

**Below, note the men frowning and the ladies smiling! I wonder what pleasing point Terry made to uplift the ladies so much? Whatever he snuck in there, it was obviously a big hit!**



**Remember that great evening banquet meal? It was a pleasant surprise, and a few went back for seconds!**





Above left, Richard Dennard and Paula Hardiman lead the chow line in with a smile. Right, Don Nicholson and Henry Laurent ahead of a conversation between Tom Paul and Mike Meyer. and in the far background Anne and Dave Barlow share a moment together. Below, Peter Taylor makes a point with Rodney Richie, Melisa Richie (Rod's daughter), and Wayne Paradis.



L-R: Peter Faber, Joe Tilghman. Alan Smith and Jack Watson (all CAC) in an after dinner chat.





The final analysis is always revealing, if we are willing to look closely at the results. All the many smiles and positive comments validate that all enjoyed our well-spent time in Tampa. Thanks to Terry and Rita Edmunds, a product of their personal attention to this reunion, we have lasting memories to share with our friends and families. There was no good twosome photo of Rita and Terry, but the one below, taken with one of our best photo contributors, *Paula Hardiman*, is a good one of Rita. To her, we say thank you for the partner support and personal sacrifice provided to enhance the reunion.



Cathy Stevens, left, speaks with Jane Grethey.

**Troops, a little history of the LTN Reunion: Tampa was the 6th annual reunion. We have gone to: San Antonio; Ft Rucker; Kona, Hawaii; St Louis; and Branson, Mo., leading up to Tampa. Tampa was, by far, the largest reunion we have had. There were lots of lessons learned for me organizing such a large a group. I had a lot of help from Phil Dickey (210th) and Jack Fitzgibbons (CAC) this year. I have been lucky enough to spearhead the last three reunions. It's been truly an honor. Not only have I been fortunate to re-connect with guys I served with in 69/70 but also have met a whole bunch of new guys whom I never knew but served in the same place—many of whom have become very dear friends that I now call "Brother." As in the past, there's a standing offer to let anyone else step up and be the coordinator. In any case, it's been fun (I am retired), so I have plenty of time to work on the reunion. As you probably have noticed, all the reunions thus far have been east of the Mississippi (except San Antonio). In my opinion it's time to consider the far west, to be fair. However, that is up to the group. I will begin soliciting suggestions for next year in November and we will make a group decision together. Again, it's been an honor. *Hand salute* to all from the old "Pro"!**

**Terry "Pro" Edmunds**