

174th 2022 reunion after action report.

“Together Again”

Several of the reunion attendees showed up early. On Monday 25 April 2022, when I arrived several people were there. I guess advanced age has some benefits such as freedom of time.



Early Birds

Everyone had a good time. We enjoyed each other’s company over coffee and cocktails. All reunion activities were executed without any problems.

The first planned event was the ladies’ luncheon on Thursday. The ladies had a fun time. They enjoyed the food and the massages. They were kind enough to share the leftovers with the men.

The Friday night dinner was catered by Golden Corral. There was plenty of food and the weather made for a pleasant dining experience under the tent outside on the patio.

The Saturday afternoon business meeting was held. During the business meeting an amendment was passed that allows for a Lifetime membership. It is \$80 for anyone paid up through 2022.

The “reunion” banquet was held at the Elks Club. The food for the banquet was catered by the Golden Coral. The Guest Speaker was Tres Smith from the “Vietnam War Commemorative” organization. Tres was a UH-1 Huey pilot in Afghanistan with the U.S. Marine Corps. His speech was extremely moving and appropriate for this group. He compared Vietnam to Afghanistan from a competent and casualty perspective. It was emotional and enjoyed by all. In Vietnam over two million U.S. military served and over 58,000 service members died. In Afghanistan just under two million served and just under 2,000 service members died. He attributed these remarkable statistics to the knowledge and advancements made because of Vietnam service members.

The “Sunday Survivors Pizza” event was well attended and appreciated. The “Together Again “ event had just as many attendees as the 2019 event before the pandemic. The next reunion will have to move its location it appears. The Best Western hotel at FWB has been sold. Cliff is searching for a new place in the Fort Walton Beach area for next year’s event. Stay tuned for more information.

At this time, September Gaggle will still be at the Best Western. More news to come...



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Ft. Walton Beach, FL.
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Mel's flag of honor is a somber remembrance to our fellow 174th that are no

longer with us.