



Vice-President

Hello to everyone

I would like to introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Jim Lemoine and I live in a small town called Danielson, Connecticut. I am your new Vice-President of the "GET IT DONE CHAPTER" Chapter 9. I am going to give you a brief history of my military background so you know who I am as a representative of this great Chapter.

I was drafted in February 1966 and went to Ft. Dix, NJ, to Ft. Ord CA to Ft Benning. I think you all know where that is. I wanted to make that extra \$55.00 dollars a month for a car payment back home.

While at Ft. Benning I was told I was being submitted for a security clearance. On Graduation Day I received my wings and orders to Germany. I was assigned to 7th CORP to a LRRP team in Southern Germany at Nelligan Barracks. The team was made up of a 5 men; a team leader, 2 scouts, 2 radio operators [Morse code] remember that? We operated along the Czech. border in the mountains of Southern Germany for two week missions on average, We sent coded messages to command and yes, we always had a sealed envelope in case the s_ _ _ hit the fan.

One day I was surprised to receive orders to Vietnam to the 101st Airborne. I was given a 2 week break at home prior to going to Oakland, CA. for a civilian flight to NAM. While at home I received a western union to stay home to await new orders, a few days later I received orders for the 173rd I was to report to B 4/503. I landed in March of 1967 and spent my first 2 weeks in Bien Hoa trying to get use to the heat after leaving the snow of Germany. I am a survivor of hill 875 and many other fun places around Dak To and the Central Highlands. I was still in the field 3 days prior to discharge when everyone realized I should have been headed home 30 days prior, anyway I MADE IT HOME.

Home finally, a friend talked me into joining the Reserves. I joined the 76th Training Division who were Drill Instructors. I retired from the Reserves in 1995 after a total of 29 years of service.. I hope I didn't bore anyone but I thought you should know who I am and where I'm coming from. I like to listen first, then, make my thoughts known. I love my country and my fellow Comrades; I wouldn't like to see anything change that. I don't like what is going on in Washington, DC and as brothers we have to make our voice heard.

God Bless you all and I pray you and your family have a healthy New Year. I hope to see you all in Brandon Vt, lets make a good showing.

PS: Hi, Ted and Bonnie hope to see you soon.

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