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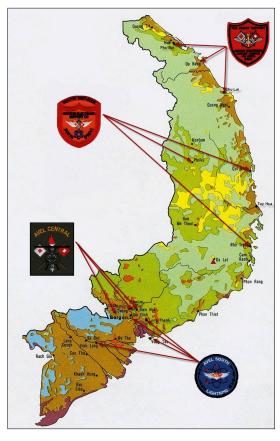
Celebrity Vietnam Vets

James Reynolds

Reynolds was born in Oskaloosa, Kansas. In high school, the subjects he enjoyed most were English and History. With a small student body, there was never any shortage of extracurricular activities and, in addition to performing in many school plays, he became very active in <u>sports</u>, playing football, basketball, and track.

Following graduation from high school, Reynolds joined the Marines. After boot camp he was assigned to the Information Service Office where, first stationed in Hawaii, he became a reporter for the service newspaper, The Windward Marine. Later he was sent to Vietnam and served for almost a year with a variety of units in and around Chu Lai, adding battlefield reporting to his combat duties.

Returning to the States, Reynolds enrolled in Topeka's Washburn University, majoring in prelaw and journalism. Advised that the best place on campus to meet girls was the theater department, he began auditioning and performing in plays. In addition to his improved social life, Reynolds reaped another unexpected benefit—he discovered a passion for acting. He went on to appear not only in regular campus productions of musicals and dramatic plays, but with local theater groups as well.





James Reynolds, it is believed, may have logged more hours on television than any other African-American actor in the U.S. (since 1981). With over 19 years on "Days of Our Lives" and another year as an Emmy nominated lead of NBC-TV's "Generations", he has averaged over 100 hours of airtime each year.

Despite his heavy schedule on the series, Reynolds still finds time to head Free State Films, a film and TV production company, and to make occasional appearances on stage in Los Angeles. He starred in "Buffalo Soldier" at Theatre/Theater in a taut drama about black U.S. Army troops in the American West following the Civil War for which he was nominated for an NAACP Theatre Award. He also starred with other Vietnam veterans in "Tracers," the acclaimed drama which was conceived by John Di Fusco and created by a group of actor/veterans in 1980. When time permits, Reynolds tours colleges in his one-man show, "I, Too, Am America". Thee show, written and performed by

Reynolds, is a commentary on the African-American experience from the time the first slaves were brought to this country up to the present.

WELCOME HOME JAMES!



All Avel Gathering/Reunion 2018

This years gathering/Reunion will be held in Huntersville (near Charlotte), North Carolina. AS of this Newsletter we have 61 people attending including 33 vets and 28 guests. I expect more to register as the summer progresses.

October 18 - 21

Country Inn & Suites

16617 Statesville Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078

We have a room block from 15 - 24 October but please reserve your room as soon as possible if you think you are coming. You can always cancel your reservation without cost 48 hours before check-in.

They have 3 handicap rooms and one has already been reserved.

Call 704-895-6565 and tell them you are with the Avel Vietnam Reunion. If you have any problems call Jack McCabe at 847-778-3473.



Events Planned

If you are flying in please note that there is no shuttle from the airport to the hotel. However, when you have made your flight arrangements we will pick you up at the airport when you arrive and drive you back for your return flight.

The hotel is just a short 30 minute (when traffic is good) to downtown Charlotte. Information of attractions and activities in Charlotte and the surrounding area will be forthcoming.

Wednesday, 17 October

Early bird arrivals will be treated to dinner at the McCabe's house on their deck.

Our house is a short 25 minute drive from the hotel.

Thursday, 18 October

Ft Jackson hold basic training graduations on Thursday morning at 09:00.

Those who would like to go will be car pooled or bused there.

When I confirm a graduation I will need a head count.

Friday, 19 October

Ladies luncheon at Birkdale Village (5 minute drive). Restaurant and time will be established later. John Veers Martini Golf Outing: Verdict Ridge Golf & Country Club, 11:00. Cost is \$44.00/per person. We can bring our own beverages on the course.

Saturday, 20 October

Group event to be determined Final group dinner

Sunday, 21 October

Transportation to the airport will be provided

We will have a hospitality room with complete beverages and snacks throughout the event.

Cost of the Reunion is \$70.00/person payable to Avel Reunion

Mail checks to Jack McCabe, 2120 Augusta National Dr., Denver, NC 28037



Is this for real??

Yes, it is!

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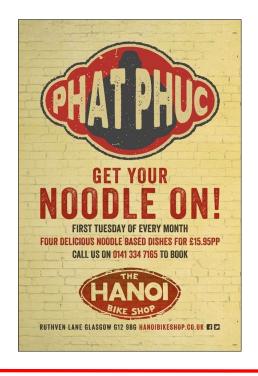
A restaurant's controversial poster advertising a special "Phat Phuc" menu has been given the all-clear by regulators in Scotland.

The decision follows complaints by two people about the Hanoi Bike Shop's poster at locations in Glasgow.

Its poster features a picture of a Buddha set in a cloud and it advertises a four-course, £15.95, noodle menu entitled Phat Phuc. It also proclaims: "Get your noodle on! First Tuesday of every month four delicious noodle-based dishes for £15.95."

The complainers to the Advertising Standards Authority said the slogan sounded like a swearword when spoken and was not appropriate for display where children could see it.

But restaurant bosses claimed that in Vietnamese, phat phuc was pronounced "fet fook" and meant Happy Buddha. The ASA agreed and said that despite the word 'Phuc' 'sounding similar to the expletive f***', the posters could still be used.





IN MEMORY

VVMF's *In Memory* program honors Vietnam veterans who returned home and later died as a result of their service. These veterans are not eligible for inscription on The Wall under Department of Defense guidelines. *In Memory* is a way that Vietnam veterans can be honored on the National Mall.

The plaque that honors these veterans was dedicated as a part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in 2004. It reads:

In Memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice.

In Memory began in the 1990s and has honored more than 3,200 veterans.

Examples of causes of death that do fit the criteria for inclusion in VVMF's In Memory program: PTSD related illnesses / events, Exposure to Agent Orange and similar chemicals, Diabetes, Cancer, Cholangiocarcinoma, Hodgkin's Disease, Ischemic Heart Disease, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Parkinson's Disease

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Along with the application there are two documents required in the application process. A copy of the death certificate and a copy of the DD214.

Examples of proof of service in Vietnam are listed on the DD214 as:

- Vietnam Service Medal (VSM)
- Vietnam Campaign Medal (VCM)
- Vietnam Service Ribbon

Having a loved one honored in VVMF's *In Memory* program includes:

- Inclusion in the annual *In Memory* Day ceremony held on the National Mall. Family and friends of new honorees are invited to attend the ceremony and say their loved one's name.
- At the ceremony, you will be provided with a "Tribute" a 9 x 12 framed certificate containing the Honoree's photo and other provided information.

Your loved one will be included in the annual *In Memory* yearbook. The yearbook includes the full list and photos of current year's honorees.

Your Honoree will be added to VVMF's virtual *In Memory* Honor Roll. Friends and family will be able to share remembrances on the individual's page.

Applications can be made on-line: https://act.vvmf.org/page/s/2019-in-memory-application

NEW AVEL, AVIONICS AND VIETNAM VETERANS REGISTERED

Montemayor MD, Duane (Monty) (SP/5)

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AVEL Central, Phu Loi: July 1971-Feb. 1972

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MOS: 26W30

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AVEL Central, Phu Loi: Sept 1968-October 1969

amfamily@comcast.net

MOS 26L20 and 35L20

Worked on AN/ARC 54 and SLAE 114,115,116 and ARN89

Exposed to Agent Orange- receiving compensation and VA care

TAPS



We lost two Avel vets on the same day June 14th, 2018 Both from Agent Orange cancers

Ralph Tobin

Avel North, Pleiku July 1968 - July 1969

Tony Candamil Avel Central, Phu Loi 1966 - 1967



PHOTOS

None Submitted

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/EMAIL

None Submitted

DOES YOUR UNIFORM STILL FIT?

We received a few photos and want MORE! Send them to my email and I will publish them in the next Newsletter! **Send them to jmccabe51@gmail.com.**



Mike Blatt Avel Central



Criss Brown Avel Far North



Dennis Kanetake Avel Central



Gary Clark Avel Central



Bill Dismukes Avel North



Russ Lauriet Avel South



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