

# AVEL VIETNAM NEWSLETTER

January 2015

## ALL AVEL REUNION 2015

### *Proposed Itinerary*

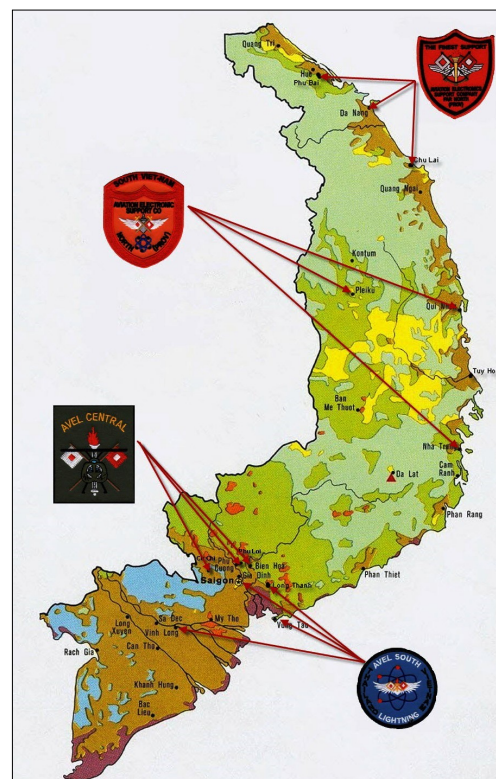
Planning the 2015 Reunion is well under way. We have some great events planned so be sure to mark your calendar and set your sights for Charleston, South Carolina!

**14 - 18 October 2015, Cost \$65.00 per person**

We return to Charleston for the 6th Annual AVEL Reunion. We held our Second Reunion here in 2011. And, a great time was had by all.

If you haven't been to a Reunion before, I urge you to try and make this one. While details are still being worked out, the proposed itinerary is as follows.

Register on the website: [www.avelvietnam.com](http://www.avelvietnam.com)



**Wednesday, 14 October 2015**

This is a day for early arrivals. Check into your room and enjoy Charleston on your own.

**Thursday, 15 October 2015**

Official Registration Opens

Register for the Reunion in the Hospitality Room or Lobby (location to be announced)

The Hospitality Room will be open to socialize, meet new & old friends and have an adult beverage.

Snacks and beverages will be supplied by donations from AVEL members.

Explore Charleston on your own.

Dinner is on your own.

Don't forget to join us on facebook. Search for the group: AVEL Vietnam.





### **Friday, 16 October 2015**

Busses will take all AVEL attendees who registered to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island

The group will watch a Marine Corps Boot Camp Graduation

Busses will return the attendees to the hotel (Bus service is FREE to all registered attendees)

Hospitality Room will be open from 12:00 to 17:00 (approximately)

The group is invited to attend a Oyster Roast and Pig Picking at Salty Mike's

Salty Mike's will be closed for our group on this night.

(Note: There is no cost to the attendees for this event except your beverages but you must register)

Registration on Friday will be in the Hospitality Room

Hospitality Room will be open after dinner until .....

### **Saturday, 17 October 2015**

Annual John Veers Martini Golf Outing - Golfers will assemble in the lobby to car pool to the course

The World Famous John Veers will be there in person to make the kick-off Martinis!

Non-golfers can use the day to explore Charleston on their own

The Hospitality Room will be open during the day

Approximately 17:00 - Banquet Room cash bar will be open.

18:00: Banquet will begin with opening remarks

Guest Speaker (To be announced)

In Memorium slide show

Presentation of the Reunion Flag

Dinner

Group photo (2 photos will be taken, one of just vets and one of the entire group)

Hospitality Room will be open after dinner

### **Sunday, 18 October 2015**

Close up the Hospitality Room

Say last goodbyes

Head home until next year in Chicago.

This Reunion should be a lot of fun so make sure you register early. The hotel will be announced as we finalize plans for the Reunion.

### **AVEL Reunion Committee:**

Jerry Mahanay, Russ Mason and Jack McCabe

### **Unit Liaisons:**

AVEL Far North: Pete Poirier

AVEL North: Orbin Hall

AVEL Central: Mike Blatt

AVEL South: Dave Lyons

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## NEW AVEL VETERANS FOUND

### Braden, Stanley N. (SP/5)

902 Elm Street, PO Box 266  
Williamsburg, IA, 52361

317th Maintenance Co. (LEM), Vung Tau: Jan. 1970-Aug. 1970

[stan.braden@mchsi.com](mailto:stan.braden@mchsi.com)

MOS: 35L20

Comments: He served from Oct 1967 - Aug 1970. He was instructor at Ft. Gordon before Vietnam and ETS'd from Vietnam.

### Eberwein, Gerald (SFC)

PO Box 605

Naco, AZ 85620

Avel North, Nha Trang: 1969-1970

[nacoxchief@centurylink.net](mailto:nacoxchief@centurylink.net)

MOS: 35P4HI

Other units assigned to in Vietnam: 13th Aviation Battalion  
Army Retired: SFC

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## TAPS

It is with sorrow that I give notice on another passing of an AVEL Far North Viet Nam veteran, William L. Harlan, born November 3, 1948 and died December 18, 2014.

He was with me from the flight into country to the flight out and the entire time at AVEL Far North province in the same hooch, 2-8 ; June 1968 to June 1969. I'll never forget the nights spent at the NCO club, drinking and wondering what it was like back home. I was hoping one day to take the HD out on a long road trip to see him but now I'll only visit his marker. He had a cancer from agent orange exposur.

Brothers Forever

Sincerely

Ray L'Heureux

### Harlan, William (Bill) (SP/5)

Painesville, OH 44077

Avel Far North, Red Beach: 1968-1969

MOS: 35M20

AGENT ORANGE: Died 18 December 2014

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## PHOTOS

Jim Wells sent pictures of AVEL Far North/263rd maintenance Co. (LEM) in Da Nang and Phu Bai. They are posted in the 263rd Maintenance Company, Da Nang and Phu Bai sections.

Stan Braden sent pictures of his time in the 317th Maintenance Co. (LEM) in Vung Tau. They are posted in the 317th LEM, Vung Tau section. He also sent a photo of his Signal School graduating class and photos of his time as an instructor at Signal School in Ft. Gordon. They will be posted shorly in the Signal School photo section.

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### Eric Haase, AVEL Central, Phu Loi

Representative Sean Magers hands a flag flown over the nation's capitol in memory of deceased veteran Eric M. Haase of Malta to his children Eric Haase, Maureen Fodera and Elliott Haase during the Saratoga County Honoring Our Deceased Veterans ceremony in Ballston Spa Tuesday.

At a Dec. 16 ceremony held at the Saratoga County Courthouse, the late Specialist 5 Eric M. Haase, a Vietnam veteran, was honored by county officials, his family and a musical tribute. Haase served in the army from 1967 to 1970, spending a year and a half as an aviation communications equipment repairman at Phu Loi Aviation Electronics (Avel) Support Company Central during the Vietnam War. Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency Director Frank McClement described the vital job of keeping the Vietnam helicopters flying. "During the war, the United States relied on its helicopters," the director said. "Avel was crucial to keeping the 'copters in the air."

After leaving the army, he earned his master's degree in business from Syracuse University in 1982. He worked as a purchaser and a project manager at General Electric and Lockheed Martin, from which he retired after 30 years of employment. He died in 2011.

Born in Schenectady, Haase grew up in Utica where his parents were avid curlers. He married his wife, Joyce, in 1971, and they raised three children, Maureen, Eric Paul and Elliott in Utica, spending summers on Saratoga Lake, where he retired. Maureen, married to Steven Fodera, has two sons, Joseph, 9, and Steven, 6. Eric Paul, married to Chrissy, has two children, Eric, 4, and Brooklyn, 2. Elliott is married to Adrienne. "I don't remember Grandpa," little Steven said seriously. "I was only three when he died."

To help make Haase a real, vivid person for the grandchildren, his mother and the family have gathered their writings, photographs and memories. Maureen brought to the ceremony a display she and her siblings had made of photos of her father.

Elliott said, "My father was very reserved and quiet, and he loved Saratoga Lake more than anything on earth. He also loved hockey. And he was very devoted to the Avel Central website, where he met and helped a lot of fellow veterans."







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