

### REHEALING

By: Skypilot

Hello my faithful follower's ! I'm back banging on the keys again to give you a little laughter, wisdom and maybe some tears.

Everyone out there has heard about reunions, I'm sure. Well in June (to late for July's paper) I had a REHEALING. Let me explain, you see in 1990 my Dad crossed over followed by Mom twelve days later and like most families the eldest gets up and demands a family meeting. Before Mom crossed over she told my baby sister and her husband they could have a few things, because they were doing so bad financially, of course the eldest was unaware of this. Well long story short I was told to sit down and hands were put on me, wrong thing to do. Next thing I know we are having a battle royal in the Church not more then twenty minutes after we laid Mom down to rest.

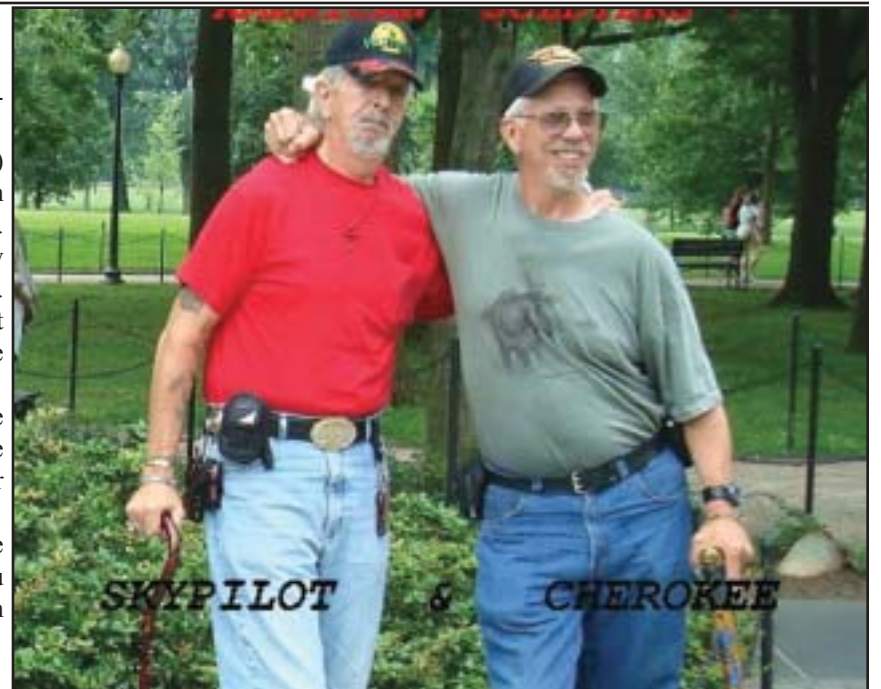
For years the family was torn apart. My older brother and I did not talk to each other, write nothing for about seventeen years. One day I get a call from him saying he wanted to make Amends, says he was wrong and wants the four of us back together (two brothers, my sister and I) as a family. I say what the heck I've mellowed in my older years, I'll try it. Before this past Christmas he calls and ask about us all getting together at my lady and I house for a reunion. He ask me to call sis up and I politely said, "you want to make things right you call her" (she was throwing punches too). We talked about it and with VA appointments for him and I, weather, and everything else, we didn't "GET ER DONE" until June 9 2009, it lasted until June 18 2009.

My oldest brother leaves Minnesota, picks up my little brother in Ohio where he lives now and they arrived at my place on the ninth of June. So we start driving around the different county's in my area, the covered bridges and so on. That Saturday (the Army's Birthday 234 years) we head for Washington D.C., so I can take my older brother to the "Vietnam Memorial" (we both pulled two tours in Nam) for some healing and closure, very honored to be the one doing it. My little brother couldn't believe the "WALL" , he said "he heard about it, read about it, but until you see it in person I had no ideal how big it is". I had a chance to leave "My Teams Flag" I carried in my gear every recon we pulled, it was a little old, dirty and blood stained, but I had to take it and leave it for the members I lost over there. We take in a few other sites in D.C. and head back to Pennsylvania. My older brother and I were talking and telling a few war stories and my little brothers real quite and I ask "you ok" he tells us "I'm just soaking all this in, because you guys never talked about it and besides it's good to see you two not fighting"

Sunday we get up have coffee and talk then do the ultimate all American thing. We head for a Gun Show (Yes we support the second Amendment) in Harrisburg, spent most of the day there get back, not to long later my sister and her husband drive in. Wham, Bam, we're all together again first time in nineteen years. The rest of the time a lot of talking going on, a lot of catch up and a bunch of HEALING.

Have you ever looked at a tombstone, see the persons name, date of birth - date of death? Well the dates of birth and death no one has control of and your life is judged by that - between those dates. That Dash is the part of your life you control, you make, people remember you by forever. I'm here to tell you I thank God I was able to add this REHEALING to my Dash. People tomorrow is not guaranteed, if you have something to change, or someone to forgive do it today, because tomorrow may not come. I love you all, take care and may The Great Spirit be with you.

Until next time "KEEP ON TRIKEN" . Please say a pray for our Troops who are deployed (add my son's name LT. Todd Donaldson, US Army Special Forces) through out this huge planet, for a quick and safe return home. As always "THEY FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM ~ WE CAN NOT AND I SHALL NOT FORGET THEIRS" remember our POW~MIA, pray for their families who still wait for closure of some sort, and call your local Representative (your find him listed in the government section of the phone book) to cosponsor House Res 111 and do it every week until they agree to do so. Thank you for caring!!!!



Skypilot and Cherokee near "The Wall" in Washington D.C.



Cherokee, Roger, Kathleen and Me, catching up!

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