

Some Thoughts From Dave:

October 9, 1969-October 9, 2009 - 40 years later

Zien's Marine platoon was overrun on Chicken Shit Ridge near Witch's Tit, the Rockpile, Khe Sauk and the DMZ on October 9, 1969.

Every year it's the same - for weeks before October 9, I rehearse that battle and all my Vietnam experiences and ironies. This year it was different - strange!

Waking up in the middle of the night - The sights, sounds and stench of War. Survivor's guilt. I've been practicing Mindfulness Training with Prayer Skills, making it easier to cope.

Ironies

That afternoon I met Jennifer Pruitt, Motor Clothes Manager at Hal's Harley-Davidson. She knew Tony Parks family from Memphis, TN. One of Tony's daughters worked for her at the Harley shop there..

During the battle, Tony received a Bronze Star for heroism. In the summer of 1997, he and I unknown to each other were contacting the Howard, Holtz, Cox, Shields and Tex families - who were killed in Action. No one else had ever contacted them since 1969.

We then coordinated with Don Adzig the 30th reunion - on the very day of October 9, 1999. The camaraderie was great, but the stress severe.

Reliving all the experiences, talking about Marines who were no longer here and seeing the pictures that I had taken caused PTSD for perhaps each of us. I was the only one who got pictures on the day after the battle. Horrifying and haunting memories were given new life. The pictures were too genuine, too graphic, too gruesome!

Tony Parks, a retired successful Memphis police officer and wonderful family man - committed suicide just a few months after that 30th 1999 reunion.

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Million Mile Motorcycle Man's

Miracle Motorcycle/Deer Collision

Former State Senator Dave Zien survived a deer/motorcycle crash near Waupaca on October 9, 2009. The 140 lb. forked buck rammed Zien's 2009 Roadglide broadside into the right front. Dave explaining "God's hand was upon meso many times.

God has put a Shield around me - within me. To God be the glory. The Biblical and personal passages lettered onto my Harley are needed."

One of the deer's horns was broken off in the collision while the deer's head penetrated the ferring. Fender front fork, crash bars, road pegs were all damaged. The rear brake pedal was bent in while the air cleaner was also struck hard.

The right rear saddlebag was "smashed to smithereens", except the side panel which states:

"Angels in disguise
Or training
Are everywhere."

Some among us
Others within us
God Bless You

Dave's briefcase which was inside the saddlebag exploded. Thousands of sheets of paper, charge card slips and business cards were strewn far over 200 yards. It took 20 people one-half hour to collect all the papers.

The deer sustained massive injuries body wide, especially to the front shoulders, head and rear broken legs. The back was broken just in front of the hind quarters.

A passer-by finished the deer off with three rounds from a military 45 caliber pistol.

While Dave was field dressing the deer on the shoulder, Mike was staring in awe - like he had never seen an animal field dressed.

The second policeman asked about the accident "What's going on here?" Mike, with mouth wide open - said, "I don't know, I'm a vegetarian!"

Dave and the policeman then threw the deer on top of the cycle. Dave drove off to Wisconsin Rapids for the 35th Abate Anniversary. Mike was to perform his music to groups arranged by Preacher. Saturday Mike played, including "65 Panhead" written for Ton SanFelipo. He first saw it sang by Mike.

Miracle Witnessed

Dave and Mike Jones, Yesterday 1903 album and Movie "Ride to Live-Live to Ride" had just left Hupy & Abraham S.C. offices in Milwaukee. Jimmy Big Bird saw them at a roadside looking at the map. He convinced them to make a brief presentation at the West Bend HOG meeting.

Dave did his flag dedication and introduced Mike Jones - his movie and music. Mike sang "Yesterday 1903" and Milwaukee vibrator..

Two earth-shaking standing ovations erupted. In less than 30 minutes they left - Dave on his Harley and Mike in a rental car.

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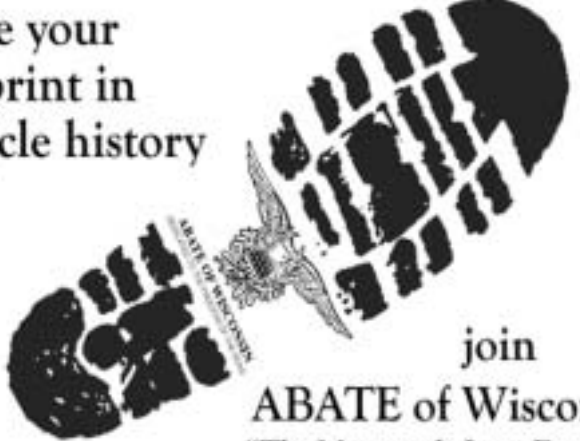
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