

**328<sup>TH</sup> 2001 REUNION  
June 14 – 17 2001  
After Action Report**

**MISSION: Reunion**

**UNIT: 328<sup>th</sup> Radio Research Co/Det.**

**DATES: June 14 – 17 2001**

**LOCATION: St. Louis MO**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Ralph and Mary Benjamin  
Jennus and Roseanne Burton  
Richard Keen  
Norman and Karen Waterman  
Gilbert and Rose Arias  
Bill and Sharon Martindale  
Mark and Sue Bristol  
Edward Stermer  
Bruce and Kevin Miner  
Dallas and Ann Vibbert  
Steve Summers  
Michael Schmidt  
Keith Mosier  
Jarrett and Gail Watts  
Tom and Sue Heiser**

**Day 1 (Thursday, June 14, 2001) Arrival "In-Country"**

Many new friendships as well as old acquaintances were made. Participants began arriving and meeting at "HQ" which was a hospitality room we had from noon on Thursday until after mid-night Saturday. Ed Stermer volunteered to go on a "liquid refreshment supply mission" for the group. Apparently Ed had made some contacts with the hotel staff to assist in the mission as it took a cart to bring the supplies back. The hotel delivered wine and cheese to complement what Ed was able to acquire. Photographs and memories were the general order of business for the evening.

**Day 2 (Friday, June 15, 2001) Recon of St. Louis**

Once again Ed came through, as he was able to provide information to the group on the use of local transportation for sightseeing and getting around St. Louis. Many attendees went off in groups to check out the sights and shopping malls of St. Louis. That night we were able to take in a St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago White Sox baseball game. Mark McGwire hit 2 home runs and Bobby Bonilla hit a grand slam home run for the victorious Cardinals. The Cardinals recognized us with a **FULL** scoreboard message. Photographs were taken of this and will be attached to a separate email when the pictures are developed. Apparently we brought the Cardinals good luck so if they want to win some more games, McGwire should pay for us to come back!!!! For those of you

who may have watched the game on TV that night, apparently somebody (we know who you are) had talked to the cameraman and told them we were in the audience as he did focus on us and we did respond appropriately! After the game souvenirs were purchased and it was time to report back to our HQ for some more liquid refreshment destruction and fellowship until the early morning hours. Thank you to Norm and Karen Waterman for getting the extra tickets we needed.

### **Day 3 (Saturday, June 16, 2001) Recon and Banquet**

A large contingent of attendees had breakfast together and began planning their daily activities. Thank you to the individual(s) that picked up the tab for the breakfasts!!! Again it was good to see different attendees form groups to travel together on their activities. After the daily activities or “missions” were completed, the banquet was held at 6:00pm. Before the meal began, a CD (Ride to the Wall) was played that 328<sup>th</sup> veteran Steve Mueller had a large part in developing and marketing. The proceeds from the CD go to the Ride to the Wall Foundation that makes funds available to approved veterans outreach programs. Order forms were passed out, as many attendees were interested in the project. (Check out [www.ridetothewall.org](http://www.ridetothewall.org)). We then had a moment of silence for the 328<sup>th</sup> members that are no longer with us. A sympathy card was passed around to the participants to sign and send to the family of Floyd Hargrove who attended the first reunion, but died about one month prior to this reunion. We discussed future reunions and the group decided that 328<sup>th</sup> reunions would remain to be held **every two (2) years** at various locations. We also discussed time of the year. There is no “perfect” date as every person or family has commitments. The decision was to hold the reunions on **Father’s Day weekend** so as to not conflict with the school year as many members, spouses, or children are involved in the education field. Mike Schmidt, Jarrett and Gail Watts volunteered to assist Sue and I with the **next reunion in Nashville TN**.

Dallas Vibbert told the group that each 328<sup>th</sup> member should contact their local VA Hospital and schedule an Agent Orange physical. Apparently anybody that was in Viet Nam is presumed to have come in contact with Agent Orange. This is only a precautionary measure, but could be of benefit later in life if something does arise. After pictures of attendees and their spouses were taken and more of the refreshments destroyed, it was time for the dreaded good-byes. Again handshakes and hugs were in order as attendees had early flights and travel plans.

### **Day 4 (Sunday, June 17, 2001) Departure Day (ETS, DEROS)**

Handshakes and hugs were again the order of business and “See you in Nashville” was heard from many attendees.

- On a personal note, Sue and I would like to thank each and every attendee for not only attending but helping out. We know many things were done to assist us that we cannot recognize each of you individually for, as we do not want to miss anybody, but we appreciate each and every effort.

**NEXT REUNION: JUNE 12 – 15 2003 NASHVILLE TN**  
**INFORMATION WILL COME OUT VIA EMAILS AND NOTICES**

*Tom and Sue Heiser* (Co-Chairs for life)