

AFTER ACTION REPORT
328th Radio Research Reunion 2005
San Antonio TX June 2 – 5, 2005

ROLL CALL

Gilbert and Rose Arias (**Hosts**)
Jerry Cooper
Paul Craig
BJ Crawford
Jacques and Peggy Dickerson (**Hosts**)
Norman & Marta Gail
Tony Guion
Ron and Evelyn Hall (**Hosts**)
Steve and Kathy Henley
Tom and Sue Heiser
Robert Hobson
Bill and Sharon Martindale
Bruce, Jeanne and Kevin Miner
Keith and Bitzey Mosier
Paul and DK Nett
Jeff Peterson
Steven Summers
William and Elvia Tarn
Herbert and Joanne Tuttle
Hank Valla
Dallas and Ann Vibbert
Jarrett and Gail Watts
Norman, Karen, Casey Waterman and Samantha Muertz

REPORTING DATE: **Thursday, June 2, 2005**

Members of the 328th Radio Research Company began reporting to their “LZ”, Drury Inn and Suites Hotel, San Antonio, final destination, room 146. Refreshments in the room went over well, a large thank you go out to all these people for their “above and beyond the call of duty actions” for procuring or attempting to procure more refreshments when they were needed. From 1730 to 1930 there was a mustering of the troops for a manager’s reception in the hotel where free refreshments and food were provided by the hotel (3 punches per ration card!). After the reception, members returned to room 146 to continue reminiscing, greeting new attendees and destruction of the refreshments.

Day 2 **Friday, June 3, 2005**

The hotel provided a free, breakfast to start the day and many members were seen together again enjoying good fellowship. The day consisted of “recon missions” of the Alamo, River Walk, and downtown areas. Members went to various stores in the area

and some also took a “trolley” ride through the downtown area. The Arias’, and Halls, provided van transportation for the trips. Other 328th vets also provided cars for assisting in transportation, again thank you. After lunch and shopping in San Antonio, the group returned to our hotel to prepare for a trip to the Fiesta Noche Del Rio which is a musical of songs and dances of Mexico and Texas that is the oldest outdoor performance in the U.S. and was held on the River Walk. Many feet were seen “bouncing to the music”. Prior to going to the Fiesta Noche Del Rio we took time to stop at the San Antonio Viet Nam Veterans Memorial. This was a very solemn time where several of our group was observed with their heads down in honor of our fallen comrades. After the show we returned to the hotel for fellowship and reminiscing.

DAY 3 Saturday, June 4, 2005

After the great breakfast at the hotel, this day also consisted of touring the San Antonio area. The group went to Mission San Jose which was one of the first settlements in the San Antonio area. The afternoon consisted of a trip to Market Square for souvenirs and again several vets were seen shopping and visiting together again. This evening was the banquet meal, which was a Tex/Mex style meal. Unbeknown by the majority of the group, we were advised that an anonymous person had paid for the entire meal and drinks. To that person, THANK YOU from all of us that attended. I did not hear of anybody that left hungry. A moment of silence was held and a roll call read by Sue Heiser of the 328th vets that have passed on (this list grows longer at each reunion). A pass-the-hat was proposed to assist with the costs of the vans for the reunion. All proceeds were given to Gilbert and Ron with thanks from the group. An Appreciation Award plaque was presented to Tom & Sue Heiser by Bruce Miner for their work on the reunions. Paul Craig and Dallas Vibbert spoke on the importance of contacting your County Veterans Service Officer on programs that are available including the Agent Orange physical. Regulations have been made that state we were all in contact with Agent Orange and thus we are all qualified to have the free Agent Orange physical as well as an annual follow-up free physical. Vets **PLEASE** get this free physical for your family if not yourself. It was discussed having the 2007 reunion in Washington DC so that we can take in “The Wall” as well as other sites in the area. Joanne Tuttle did volunteer her and her husband’s assistance in helping with that reunion. It was nice to see an officer get volunteered. We will be working out dates in the future and hope to get them out so that vacations or time off can be scheduled in an appropriate time frame. Photographs were the order of the day after the meal. Cards were passed around to be signed that will be sent to service personnel stationed in Iraq. After returning to the hotel again, group photographs were taken in room 146 of the hotel. There were pictures of the guys as well as the family members that attended. Once I figure out how to send pictures that are not many Megs in size, I will send some out or forward any requests that I receive. I am also requesting any copies of records that you may have from your time with the 328th as this is where I get the names from that help “find” other 328th vets. If you need the form to request your records this can be done via this web site,

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/standard_form_180.pdf

DAY 4 Sunday, June 5, 2005

This is departure day. Many members were seen having breakfast together again and good-byes were commonplace. It was good to see the many new faces at this reunion

as well as the people that have been at one or more of the previous reunions. It was also great to see the increased number of the many family members that attended.

- ❖ Susan and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody that participated in the reunion in one-way or another. It was interesting to see how people have changed since our time with the 328th but yet they remained the same. When assistance was needed for anything at the reunion, people stepped up; when transportation was needed, people stepped up. Even the vets who could not make it to this reunion sent emails encouraging the reunions to continue and these are appreciated. This was a unique reunion where we had the first commanding officer of the 328th in Viet Nam and the commanding officer when the unit was deactivated in 1972. It was hoped that at a future reunion all the commanding officers of the 328th from Viet Nam would attend. This would be something that would be extremely memorable. So from Susan and I, a heartfelt thank you and hope to see you in Washington DC in 2007.

Tom and Susan Heiser

(Reunion Co-Chairs)