



**328<sup>th</sup> Radio Research Company/Detachment  
AFTER ACTION REPORT SEPTEMBER 26-28 2013**

**ROLL CALL:**

Paul Amati	Gilbert Arias	Ralph & Mary Benjamin
Mike & Denise Clynes	Robert & Cindy Drake	Howard & Regina Edwards
Richard Engler	Gerald & Karlie Everett	Tom & Susan Heiser
Steve & Kathy Henley	John & Amy Hickey	Robert & Patricia Howell
Randy & Linda Huckins	Dennis & Barbara Huffman	Van & Lou Johnson
Alan & JoAnn Kershner	Dale & Linda Lawrence	Bill & Dixie Light
Mike & Carmen Low	Ken & Deborah Matta	Chuck & Karen Mettille
Bruce & Jeanne Miner	Anthony Miranda	John Morris
Danny & Sharon Moss	Ronald Myers & Laverna DeLeon	
George & Janet Natt	Chuck & Jo Patzer	Jeff Peterson
Richard & Nancy Redding	Michael & Celeste Schmidt	Ken & Diana Smitheman
Ed Stermer & Barb Koernig	Bill & Elvia Tarn	Lauren & Mary Ann Taylor
Barclay & Jan Tucker	Herb & Joanne Tuttle	Dallas & Ann Vibbert
Jim & Sharon Wark	Norm Waterman	John & Bonne Williams
Skip Williams		

**DAY ONE:**

**Thursday, 26 September, 2013**

This was the reporting date to all members of the reunion to our Base Camp of Comfort Suites, Rapid City. Attendees who came in early or today to Base Camp, Comfort Suites were seen sharing memories and pictures from years gone by. It was also interesting seeing friends reuniting for the first time after 40 years or more.

**DAY TWO:**

**Friday, 27 September 2013**

The day started out with many of our members even from different eras seen together again enjoying good fellowship and companionship at the breakfast tables. The day started out with a "briefing" by Herb and Joanne Tuttle on their participation as "Ground Crew" for the Honor Flight and the importance of this flight for World War II vets to see their memorial before the vets are all gone. There is a movie in the theatres describing the program and how the veterans are honored for their service <http://www.honorflightthemovie.com/>. There was not a dry eye in the group. We then had an "Opening Ceremony" where Rapid City Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 463 presented the flag and read the names of the veterans of our units who have passed away. Again no dry eyes were seen in the group. We then had lunch and it was off to tour Crazy Horse and Mt Rushmore. As with the 2011 reunion, moisture was present with some fog and drizzle, but this did not stop us from having a good time and fellowship. During the "Lighting Ceremony" at Mt Rushmore the majority of

the vets on stage helping with lowering the flag and participating in the ceremony were from the 328<sup>th</sup> Reunion. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFbJU3fXmNA>

### **DAY THREE:**

**Saturday, 28 September 2013**

After breakfast at the hotel, attendees were seen getting into their vehicles with other vets and heading out to tour the area. Those that were not out traveling, got on a double-decker British bus to go downtown and tour, shop, have lunch together. The downtown area had life-sized statues of all the prior presidents. After this tour it was back to the hotel to freshen up for the banquet. Robert and Cindy Drake were gracious enough to provide their expertise and took great pictures of the men, women and a group picture.

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A short business meeting was held where we thanked those that helped with the reunion, discussed locations for future reunion, being primarily in the Midwest for shorter travel times for many. After the banquet meal George Natt had copies of the of the book "The Most Secret War, Army Signals Intelligence in Vietnam" signed by 4 of the units Commanding Officers, Dennis Huffman, Herb Tuttle, John Williams, and Dallas Vibbert. All attendees signed a poster brought by Dallas and Ann Vibbert and presented it to Tom & Sue Heiser. We will try to bring this to future reunions. Sue Heiser was recognized for her dedication to the reunion and received a standing ovation for her work. Paul Amati designed a T-shirt that was well received by the attendees and is taking orders from any veteran of the units; here is his email if you are interested in purchasing [paa912@yahoo.com](mailto:paa912@yahoo.com). The banquet ended with a presentation by Major Jason Osleson who is the Chief of the 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Intelligence support group at Ellsworth Air Force Base. His is Senior Intelligence Officer to the 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Commander and is the Intelligence Functional Manager to more than 100 Intelligence Personnel assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base. His job was similar to what we did a few years ago. After this presentation he did answer many questions and spoke to some of the vets for at least an hour longer. It was then time to say goodbye to old friends and new friends until the next reunion. Many new friendships were made and old ones started anew. An interesting thing is that even though almost 40 years have gone by many conversations started where they left off when we left Vietnam.

Hope you will be able to attend any and all future reunions.

Many attendees came in early or stayed a few days later to tour the area and we did tour Ellsworth Air Force Base on Wednesday, September 25, 2013; we toured: Radar Approach, a "briefing" of the past activities of the 37<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron in the Middle East, the Weather Squadron and the Air Traffic Control Tower.

*Tom & Sue Heiser*

328<sup>th</sup> Radio Research Reunion Co-Chairs

**WE DID AVOID THE SNOW STORM THAT CAME THE WEEKEND AFTER THE REUNION**