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HOTEL CLASS 22---1st & 2nd Platoon, Alpha company

I am honored to be here, with my lovely wife, to celebrate this Hotel, Class 22
50th reunion. 10 BRAVO, ALPHA

When I first arrived at OCS, December of 1967, I was assigned to the "5 Star"
Hotel company. My first OCS training class, as a TAC, was also Hotel company.
Then came my next class-- 22 Hotel—what a bunch of misfits. All of these
classes were in the 1st platoon. A place fond to my heart.

You know: Cleanliness is next to Godliness!!

So-- when you arrived at the 5 Star Hotel I thought it was time for cleanliness.

I bet that none of you had ever had a formation like this shower formation.

I was reminded that I made Kit the platoon leader that day and it seems that
was a great idea. With this reunion he is still willing to take on that
position—not that he had a choice then.

Also want to thank Jim, Jeff, Gary, Glenn, *JOR* for their help in carrying out
this mission.

Although I was only with you a short time, I hope I did have an impact on your
lives.

You did well, as many of you only served 7-8 months in Vietnam (they ended the
war because you did so well) and for many of you your time in the service.

OCS is like a wheel!!!

The hub is Hotel 22.

As the spokes go out in different directions, they still have that
connection (bond) to the hub. Everyone is important in OCS.

The outer part of the wheel, that holds the wheel together, are memories that were made 50 years ago. It is a special bond that many people never experience.

Once again, thank you for including Jeannie in this reunion.

As the 588th Engineer motto, my company in Vietnam, says:

Forward Ever, Backwards Never !!!

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