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HOTEL CLASS 22

I am honored to be here, with my lovely wife, Jeannie, to celebrate this Hotel, Class 22

50th reunion.

When I first arrived at OCS, December of 1967, I was assigned to the “5 Star”

Hotel Company. My first OCS 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 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 still willing to take on that position—not that he

had a choice then.

Also, want to thank Jim, Jeff, Gary, Glenn and Joe 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 month in Vietnam (they ended the war

because you did 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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