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Hey Larry,

Last weekend was the 50th anniversary of the March 2, 1968 Vietnam Ambush of my Co C at Hoc Mon, where 49 men were killed, 27 wounded, and Nickie Cutinha was killed but saved the lives of 9 of his fellow Mannchus and was given the Medal of Honor for his sacrifice. I think you know his MOH is on display a the American Legion Post there in LaBelle.

The event took place at Nickie's gravesite at Fort Denaud Cemetery. The event was supported by the American Legion Post 130 in LaBelle, FL, and the Commander Matt Kinderman. There was 18 Manchus that attended the ceremony, and 3 of us participated in the ceremony. Larry James reviewed the event from the book he wrote about it (Unfortunate Sons), and Sal Carnizzaro read the names of the 49 men KIA'd, and I read Nickie's MOH Certificate. There was almost 200 Hendry County Veterans and people that attend the ceremony.

A couple of weeks prior to the event the Hendry County Commissioners present me a proclamation that made March 2nd of each year "Manchu Warrior Day". So I've attached a pdf of the the proclamation if you want to add it to our website. I also attached a copy of the article that was in the local newspaper about the proclamation presentation. And I attached 2 pictures during the ceremony, one of Larry James speaking and one of me at Nickie's gravesite after I read his MOH certificate.



It was a really honorable event and it was so good of the citizens of Hendry County Fla to commemorate the March 2 event and to thank our Manchus for their service to our Country. Let me know if you need any other info, and if you can post the event on our 9th Inf Reg website.

Thanks Bro and KUTF,
Ron Price

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Manchu "KEEP UP THE FIRE"
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