

Photo by Mike Hastie
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Washington, D.C. 2008

Padded Cell


By Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam

A Vietnam vet stretches to touch a name on the Wall.
As an infant child reaches out to touch its mother's breast,
I just want to touch the Wall.
For a chosen few, the Wall will become flesh.
Fast forward 40 years since the end of the Vietnam War,
and there are fewer Vietnam vets touching the Wall.
Why?
Because Vietnam vets are being pushed to extinction.
The lies of that war are being reinvented to make it appear
as if it were a noble cause.
I once saw the Moving Wall in a small town in Idaho.
On the moving monument was written:
The Cost of Freedom is Written on the Wall.
I had a PTSD reaction that ambushed me right there.
I had a flash back to when I was in a padded cell in 1980.
I was raging against everything America stood for.
Now it is time for Iraq and Afghanistan vets to hear the screams of
Vietnam Vets.
The rage of rape makes us soul brothers.
We are next of kin through betrayal.
Lying is the most powerful weapon in war.

Charlottesville

By Jay Thiemeyer

sleeping or passed out
beneath the statue in the park
of George Rogers Clark, the misspent
'hero of the northwest'
his NC Wyeth profile defying
all but age and booze with its granite angle,
I woke to two comrades
from Monticello-Albemarle corrections,
bosom buddies, 'hope to die'
who, steadfast to purpose, tenex propositi,
brought me to
with the odor of a new bottle, spirited
at closing time from the nearby store,
'the neighborhood taverna', I called it-
one distracting the counter man, a dirty joke,
the other sliding the gold into his coat
its spring water
metallic, sour, wonderful to wake to
'the sun's over the yardarm', I said,
mechanically echoing my father,
still not awake, my mind in a muffle from the summer's heat,
and we went to drink and throw the knife
at the poster of something no longer recognizable,
in the lightless hourless caboose
where they lived
these days on a side spur,
just past the statue's park
where the pines were straight as needles
before canopying in a dark jumble overhead
concealing sky and stars, the caboose sat long idle
away from everything
but the medical school, the emergency room,
my taverna, my home away from home,
and dark enough,
we could carry on unseen,
unheard except to ourselves
the thudding of the heavy knife slicing the disabled door
splinters dangling from its frame
we spent those hours
drinking our death and solitude
god only knows where they are now

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