

**A Great Tale
Art White
and
Price Bingham**

The great thing about this e-mail is reading the voices of classmates from long past. It was great to hear from Price. Price, I apologize for this story but I think it reeks of a former jet pilot and Col. (retired).

Price and I both received orders for Viet Nam. Price contacted me at Fort Dix, N.J. and informed me that his sister was in a nursing program in New York City. We were invited to a party in a Dorm full of (you guessed it) nurses. Did I want to attend? After much deliberation I agreed to go.

I found a parking space in the city across the street from the party and walked away from my new 67 (1800 dollars)Volkswagen beetle.

Price and I talked through the night. Our short hair and the knowledge that we were the only males there that were not going to be doctors insured that the nurses, with the exception of Price's sister, had nothing to do with us. I remember it as a great time of sharing childhood memories, staring at attractive women, a few drinks (not to many!) and a sense of calm talking to someone else headed into a place of uncertainty.

It was late when Price and I left and cars had parked bumper to bumper against my beloved beetle. Price, always the smartest of the two of us, figured out we could bounce the front end of the car around enough that it would allow me to drive off.

We began bouncing at around 2am when I heard a voice giving some very scary commands. Price and I were both 2nd Lieutenants at the time. None of the commands were those that we were used to hearing. A New York City cop had caught us in the act. I think time and age has dimmed some of my memory, it could not have been the alcohol.

I think he had us up against a wall at first, I remember begging profusely (Army habit) while Price took command and informed the cop that we were officers in the military and on our way to Viet Nam. The cop bought the story and helped us bump the car out far enough to drive away.

Several have asked what has happened to our country, I am sure that today we would have been tasered and sitting in jail with DUI'S.

Price my apology again, the story might be slightly embellished or maybe it was even more the real Price that few others got to know.