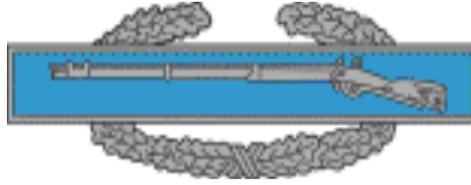


# Bravo Regulars



*B Company 3/22 Infantry*

April 2010



Your Editor and Dr. Barton Dick Planting a Laurel Tree at the Cu Chi Tunnels in Memory of Bravo Regulars Fallen

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# *President's Message*

*by*

*Bob Hemphill*

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Well, it is only two months or so until our Missouri reunion. I really hope all of you are planning to attend. This is the year that we hold the reunion in the middle of the country, which should permit more of our members to attend. When we meet on either coast, most attendees are from that part of the country. When we hold every third reunion in the center of the country, we hope to attract those from the center, as well as from both coasts. So -- if you

have ever wanted to attend a Bravo reunion, this is the one you should not miss. This is the one that should have one of our largest turn-outs. That means that you have a better chance to find old friends and comrades.

To prepare for this reunion, Larry and Lis' Young have been working hard for the last two years to bring you one of the best times imaginable around Mark Twain Lake, and in and around the city of Paris (Missouri). The fun all starts on 7 July with a bus trip to Hannibal, Mark Twain's birth place. Hopefully, you will all be able to be there by then, so that we can all have a good day exploring the haunts of Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer. Then we will spend the remainder of the week renewing old acquaintances and experiencing all that the Youngs have planned for us. There should be a more detailed agenda elsewhere in this newsletter.

The reunion will also mark the end of my term as your President. It has been a great privilege for me to serve this organization for the past two years. The President's principal job is to oversee the preparations for the next reunion, preside at the reunion, and write these newsletter pieces. It is not a hard job, but as far as I am concerned, it is a very important job. There is nothing more personally rewarding to me, than to know that I had some small role in bringing the men of Bravo Company together one more time. There are those who are no longer with us to be able to attend this reunion, and there will be those at this reunion who will not be around for the next one in another two years. It is important that we get together whenever we can, to make the best of the years we have left. So, please plan to attend this reunion -- we would hate to have to say we missed you.

The one bright spot to giving up this job is to be able to pass it on to Dennis Amily. I understand that Dennis is doing well enough to be able to attend the reunion, and, I hope, to take the reins of the Bravo Regulars for the next two years. Dennis (and Dee) have been through an awful lot since we last saw them in Altoona. It is very good to hear that he is up and about -- even shooting pool. Dennis -- have a good trip to Paris, and take it easy.

Take care --

**Bob**



## Editor's Notes

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As I told you, Shirley and I made a three week trip to Vietnam with 17 others of the Alumni College of Washington & Lee University during February and March. The journey began in Hanoi where we visited Ho Chi Minh's tomb (I'm pleased to report he's dead) and continuing to Danang, Hue, Can Tho, Ho Chi Minh City, (or as the locals call it, Saigon) and concluded with Shirley and me travelling with a local guide to Dau Tieng, Tay Ninh City, and the base of Nui Ba Den where B Company secured a rock crusher operated by the Phillipine Civic Action Group Vietnam for a week in early 1967. Journeying from Dau Tieng to Tay Ninh, we passed south by about three kilometers the Soui Tre battlefield almost 43 years to the date. The site of the battle is now beneath a reservoir. It was most encouraging to see the Vietnamese prospering and rushing toward complete freedom through a capitalist system run almost unobstructed by a communist government. As the professor who traveled with us said, "**We won the peace!**"

The last stop the tour before the others departed for home was the Cu Chi Tunnels which the regime touts as the southern terminus of the Ho Chi Minh trail. It's a national park complete with uniformed guides who demonstrate spiderholes, punji pits, arms manufacture, and VC aid stations. Visitors have the opportunity to crawl through a tunnel which for us westerners is a tight fit. On the way to the park, our guide, Thanh, whose mother was a secretary for Ho Chi Minh, stopped at a nursery, and from his pocket purchased a laurel tree, a symbol for peace, which we planted near the park exit. First, Dr. Barton Dick, who served as a surgeon for the marines in Vietnam, and I dedicated it to the memory of the 17 Washington & Lee alumni killed during the war. Then Shirley prepared a sign for the fallen Bravo Regulars which we buried at the base of the tree. Finally, Thanh joined us to symbolize the tree standing as a reminder for all the fallen on both sides. Barton and I were the only two Vietnam veterans on the tour although most of the men had served in the military at one time or another.

The country is as beautiful as it was when we were there at government expense. The people, food, and accommodations were all most wonderful. Parents encouraged their children to wave to us and relished that we enjoyed their company. We would encourage anyone having the opportunity to make a return visit. (Though beautiful, it's still **Hot!**)

I received an e-mail the other day from John Kapior providing the web site posted by Bob Babcock giving an account of the battle at Soui Tre. It can be found at [www.americansremembered.org](http://www.americansremembered.org). I would also commend for your reading, Phillip Jennings' *The Politically Incorrect Guide to The Vietnam War*. Washington, DC., 2010. A refreshing look at what we accomplished there.

On page 6, Lis' and Larry mentioned an article regarding Hannibal Days. This year Hannibal, Missouri is remembering the hundredth anniversary of Mark Twain's death. The article can be found at [www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/travel/national/article/S-MARK14\\_20100210-183210/323408/](http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/travel/national/article/S-MARK14_20100210-183210/323408/). If your travel plans aren't set, Lis' has discovered that flights are available to Columbia, Missouri. The airport code is COU and it is closer by half in distance to Paris, than either Kansas City or St. Louis. Flying to Columbia makes for less time on the road and more time swapping lies with other Bravo Regulars.

Having organized a reunion, the money situation is always critical. If you haven't sent your registration money to Larry and Lis', please do so. And, if you haven't registered, it's not too late the registration form is on page 7, so act now!

Jack Zuverink, who'll be attending the reunion to pass out Silver Rose awards to those of us who have suffered from the effects of Agent Orange. If you fall in that category and wish to receive the award send a copy of your DD214 and a VA letter reflecting your illness as a result of herbicide or related to Agent Orange to Jack at 410 Cherry St., Seneca, South Carolina 29678.

**Till we meet in Paris!**

*Walt*



Larry & Lis' Young  
Reunion Host

## From Your Reunion Host

First we would like to thank all of you for giving us such support and great ideas for the coming reunion. And please keep them coming.

We received an e-mail from Walt Shugart the other day informing us that his local paper the Richmond Times-Dispatch had a lengthy article about Hannibal, MO. Well this may be a small town area but you will not be disappointed when you arrive. The fact that it is news worthy half way across the country should tell you something. We have many enjoyable activities here to do as well. So if you are looking for a vacation consider coming early or staying late and soak up some of the country's charm.

As a foot note of what an appropriate place to hold the Bravo Reunion, is that Missouri is one of the leading states for the Bald Eagle. We have a pair living just down the black top from us. So bring you cameras and you might get that majestic picture for your album, our National Bird.

The attendance for the reunion has grown considerably. We have a dozen or more of your comrades that have told me that this is going to be their first time attending. As Jim Grace (1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> platoon) asked me, will I feel out of place, are there going to be other "newbies"? First of all I don't consider any of you newbies. That went out the window some forty years ago. But, if that was ever your excuse not to attend, you no longer have one. That is one of the best parts of the reunions is to see new faces and reacquaint. And that can only happen if you attend. We get many calls with you guys asking if we have heard from one or another vet, and that means you. So if you are able to be a first timer please try to make the reunion you will not be disappointed.

An idea that has been submitted is that a challenge has gone out to see which platoon will have the most members attend. Alvin Bess who is attending has requested the 4<sup>th</sup> platoon members to out do the others. So if you want to be in the top platoon give your buddies a call and urge them to attend. And we will see what happens in July.

There is still plenty of time to make your plans to attend and the Hannibal day trip has a few more slots. It will not be too late to be at this reunion until July 11<sup>th</sup>. So please pack your packs and head to the country.

Hope to see you in July,

Larry and Lis' Young

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1. The community Center will be open on Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> for decorating and check ins. Hats and shirts will be available for purchase if you wish to wear them to Hannibal.

2. The bus will be leaving the Community Center at 7:30 a.m. so everyone going should please meet at 7:00 a.m. July 7<sup>th</sup>. The bus will return to the center by 5:30 p.m. and dinner will then be served with both groups. (The ones going and not going)

3. Cindy Court my personal friend will be at the Center as stand in hostess for all not going. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. She is a great lady and will be able to take care of all your needs or requests till we return at dinner time.

The current count is approximately 60 going and 60 staying so which ever group you picked you will have plenty of company.

4. Anyone needing assistance with room reservations please give me a call. There are still rooms left, but you will want to move quickly since this is a lake area and the reunion is during season.

5. I am still missing some of the registrations sheets. So if you could please forward those at your earliest convenience I would appreciate it. At this time the menu choice winning (for Hannibal) is ham with roast beef a close second, so be sure to include your vote.

6. Most importantly come prepared to have a great time. We have many new attendee's coming so who knows who you will run into.

Larry and I have had a wonderful time putting this together and we hope you will enjoy our arrangements. We thank you all for giving us this wonderful honor to be your host and hostess.

Thank you,  
Larry and Lis' Young

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**"Deeds Not Words"**



**2010 Reunion**  
**Paris, Missouri**

**Registration for Bravo Company Reunion**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Paris, Missouri**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending the reunion. Registration fee is 65.00 Per person

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending Day Trip to Hannibal on Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is 50.00 per person.

The required number for the bus to be covered is 40 persons. If not enough people are interested in this trip the 50.00 will be refunded.

Get a free Mark Twain Lake Map: The Mark Twain Project Office has a brochure available with lake information and a map of the entire Mark Twin Lake area. To receive a copy of the free brochure, or for more information, call (573) 735-4097, or write: Mark Twain Lake Project Office, 20642 Highway J, Monroe City, MO 63456; or email [marktwainlakeinfo@mvs02.usace.army.mil](mailto:marktwainlakeinfo@mvs02.usace.army.mil)

You may also request a Mark Twain Lake Vacation Guide at [visitmarktwainlake.org](http://visitmarktwainlake.org) or call (573) 565-2228.

To submit this information please use the addresses above. And we can't wait to see you all again in 2010!

Please include the following

Names of all attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have email mark none and I will mail you

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone going to Hannibal gets a vote so make the same number votes as attending One entree for the entire group.

\_\_\_\_\_ Baked Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey and Dressing \_\_\_\_\_ Spaghetti



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## *Chaplain's*

## *Spring Message*

Since Vietnam, the month of March has been a nemesis for me. This March was no different, as not only for me, but B Co, as we lost a great comrade in an officer of WWII, Norbert Zeier, the man who had donated the hand made quilts to B Co, for quite a few reunions. On March 22, Norb lost his battle with cancer, at age 90. He and Marge, his wife of 64 years, touched so many lives with their generosity and love. B Co sent a beautiful arrangement of flowers and I read a beautiful graveside prayer, Irish, German, given to me by the wife of Capt John Roche, the man who trained us originally at Ft. Lewis, Washington for nine months before we went to Viet Nam.

I went to visit Norb a week before he died and he called us his boys, much like Capt John Roche and Walt Shugart. Norb as an officer, had some big responsibilities too - feeling the pain of losing men, but knowing he must complete the mission he was given. He was a man of great faith in God, and was very humble, never bragging about his accomplishments, which were many, like St Vincent De Paul of Madison. St Vincent De Paul, helps many people who are less fortunate, provide jobs for others, and is a big part of the community in this area. People donate things to St Vincent that they do not need or use anymore, and it is about people helping people, much as we did in Viet Nam.

Norb was a carpenter by trade, much like Jesus Christ, but he was also a great teacher like Jesus Christ. He taught me how to deal with people, especially when things were not going well. He was a member of the Foresters, a Catholic group much like the Knights of Columbus.

I sent a branch of the hemlock, from northern Wisconsin along with Norb. The hemlock is also found in eastern Asia. It is an evergreen tree of short needles and very strong wood. It is said a fallen hemlock will take 100 years to return to the earth.

In north central Wisconsin, we have a place called Manitowish Waters, which means, land of the Great Spirit, a beautiful place to spend time. I am sure Norb's spirit will visit there, for it is a place of great peace and serenity. He will be rewarded in heaven for the great services he provided here on earth to so many. In a very humble way, he led by example, he cut a path so that all may follow in his foot prints to a place called Manitowish, home of the Great Spirit.

Norb was truly a soldier of God. As Easter has passed and He has risen, spring is here. It is a time of renewal. Let us pray the Our Father together again as we did in a fox hole at the Battle of Soui Tre, 43 years ago, for we have a lot to be thankful for. We have one another, my fellow comrades.

Amen

Love you guys, hope to see you at the reunion in July at Paris, MO.

Your Chaplain,

*Ted*

*Bravo Regulars***TAPS**

Larry Thomas  
Company Commander

1/69 - 9/69

December 7, 2009

Gary Tetting

1st Platoon

68 -69

November 22, 2009

Ernie Rice

2nd Plat. - HQ

3/67-68

January 19, 2010

Robert Duncan

3rd Platoon

6/69 - 70

August 5, 2009

**Financial Report April 2010**

JANUARY BEGINNING BALANCE	\$6,591.78
INCOME	0
EXPENSES	1,207.48
JANUARY ENDING BALANCE	\$5,384.30
FEBRUARY BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5,384.20
INCOME	10.00
EXPENSES	0
FEBRUARY ENDING BALANCE	\$5,394.30
MARCH BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5,394.30
INCOME	0
EXPENSES	0
MARCH ENDING BALANCE	\$5,394.30
APRIL BEGINNING BALANCE	\$5,394.30
INCOME	0
EXPENSE	199.50
APRIL CUTOFF	\$5,194.80

**Dues Invoice**

It's that time of the year again when the association asks for financial support in the form of dues from the membership. Remember that dues are completely voluntary, and no member will ever be denied full membership status due to non-payment of dues. All monies collected on behalf of the association shall be used solely for the expenses of the association. Please cut-out the invoice form, or make a copy and return with your dues to the address indicated on the form. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

**Rest In Peace****Bravo 3/22 Dues Invoice**

Dues Period Sept. 2010 thru Aug. 2011  
Annual Dues \$30.00



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PLATOON /ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ TOUR DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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All dues are completely voluntary and are used only to support the activities of the group.