

# Bravo Regulars



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Vietnam Service

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To all Bravoregulars and  
To all those currently serving our country

Freedom  
Will Prevail



**It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,  
who has given us freedom of religion.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us freedom to assemble.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the politician,  
Who has given us the right to vote.**

**It is the VETERAN,  
who salutes the Flag,  
  
who serves under the Flag,**

*The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their Nation.*

--George Washington

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**2004 Reunion  
Fort Lee, Virginia**

# Reunion Message

Hey guys, are you going to make it to the 2004 reunion at Fort Lee, Virginia?

The dates are set for July 23-25 and it's only six and a half months away. The place is set for the Pavilion and Log Cabin on Fort Lee. Even the menus for the evening meals are all planned as well as the serving arrangements. The additional food, drink, reunion activities, and entertainment are set as listed in the September newsletter. Registration, travel information, lodging arrangements were also contained in the September newsletter. Registration, lodging choices,

personal activity preferences, and reunion caps and shirts for those of you who are technologically proficient can all be obtained from our web site at [www.bravoregulars.com](http://www.bravoregulars.com). If you are technologically challenged, mail the completed registration form contained within the pages of this newsletter as well as checks for clothing you may wish to order designating size and style to Bravo Regulars Reunion, 5712 Promontory Place, Midlothian, VA 23112.

By the way, most public libraries offer internet access at no charge and a friendly librarian could be found to help you navigate the net as well as complete your registration. In short, all that is needed for the reunion to be a success is your attendance with anyone else you would like to bring along. Make your lodging reservations early since you'll both have a place to stay and get the Bravo Regulars Reunion rate. Also, be sure to register for the other activities available. These will be conducted only if enough folks want to do them. If you have already registered and did not indicate an entertainment preference for Friday or Saturday activities, just register again indicating your desires and the desires of those in your party.

Speaking of the internet and attendees, the initial web master and creative talent for our web site, Joe Nylese, has made a commitment to attend the reunion this summer with Richard Ward. All of us will have a chance to thank Joe for the fantastic job he did both in establishing and maintaining the website in an exemplary manner for the past two years as a volunteer. Joe's commitment, imagination, and dedication enabled the reunion news to be on the internet in a timely fashion and keep us all up to speed. Joe's personal responsibilities required that he cut back on his volunteer commitments. Personally, I'll miss both telephone and e-mail exchanges with him which were marked by his infectious enthusiasm for all of us Bravo Regulars.

The Regulars were fortunate to find quickly a replacement for Joe. George S. Williams, a life-long Virginia resident is the owner and sole employee of Sterling Web Services (<http://www.websterling.com>), a small company dedicated to providing personal, professional service on all things Web related. Although Sterling Web Services has only been "official" for a year and a half, George has been learning and honing his skill since discovering the Web in 1996. The company, which specializes in personal and small business sites, also provides a range of digital imaging services. George lives and works in Surry County, VA, not far from the reunion site, having moved there when he married in 1999. He lives with his wife, Meta, their son Lewis and their six cats and two dogs. The family lives on fifty acres (more or less) bordering the Great Terrapin Swamp. He and his wife are both practicing artists- he currently works primarily in computer art and digital photography.

Walt



# Reunion Registration

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

There will be (number) \_\_\_\_\_ in my party.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Bravo Company, Vietnam unit and dates of service \_\_\_\_\_

Names those accompanying me \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to arrive on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ I will depart on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

I will travel by: (Means of travel) \_\_\_\_\_

I will be lodged at: (When making reservations mention Bravo Regulars Reunion)

\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Inn Express (800)458-3297 or [www.hiexpress.com/hopewellva](http://www.hiexpress.com/hopewellva)

\_\_\_\_\_ EconoLodge (804)451-4849 or [www.econolodge-ftlee.com](http://www.econolodge-ftlee.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pocohuntas State Park for Camping 1(800)933-7275 [www.dcr.state.va.us](http://www.dcr.state.va.us)  
(A discounted rate for camping is not available)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

I am interested in the activities checked.

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf Outing at Fort Lee Golf Course

\_\_\_\_\_ Tour Petersburg Battlefield

\_\_\_\_\_ Tour QM & WAC Museums on Fort Lee

\_\_\_\_\_ James River Cruise aboard the Annabel Lee Riverboat

\_\_\_\_\_ Tour Historic Richmond, Virginia

\_\_\_\_\_ Shopping Trip to Williamsburg, Virginia

\_\_\_\_\_ Tour Millennium Movie Studios, Petersburg, VA

\_\_\_\_\_ Tour Pamplin Battlefield, Virginia



## *Chaplains Corner*

*Ted Rowley*

### *C Stands for Christmas*

At this special Christmas time of year my thoughts go back to when we all walked that common ground so long ago and so many miles away. And now today most of us live so far apart, but yet our spirits share that common ground of comrades. Christmas comrades if you will. .

Recently I returned from a trip to the North woods. A friend needed some wiring on a cabin. It also gave me the opportunity to do a little deer hunting for the last three days of the season. I spent about six hours in the woods and never saw a deer, only tracks and sounds and smells, it was a great time. With two inches of fresh snow I did see fresh wolf tracks, he crossed my tracks. I've only seen a wild wolf once in my life, they are coming back in Wisconsin and their

howl is enough to make the hairs stand up on the back of ones neck. Among the pointed pines in the skyline and the smell of the flat needled balsam, I realized why the native Americans have the word WoKaKaDa, (respect) in their language. We belong to Mother Earth, she doesn't belong to us, we must respect her.

As I gazed into the dark midnight sky full of stars, I felt like a grain of sand in comparison as to how big and great the Holy Spirit really is. His creation is so vast, we can't even begin to comprehend His greatness and power and love. The love he gave us when he gave us his only Son to be on earth for such a short time in comparison to the earths age.

It's a special happy time of year, so do your best to treat it that way. I know that is not always easy to do, with sickness, family problems, money problems, etc. the list goes on. But, faith in the Holy Spirit is like the wolf track in the snow, you didn't see the wolf, but you know he was close. Hope! You hope when you meet the wolf you are ready. And Love! The love of the Holy Spirit upon us is like the smell of the balsam tree. For only God can make a tree, he died on one for you and me. The smell of Christmas is in the air, so praise the Lord and don't despair. Faith, Hope and Christmas Love, let God into your heart, and see what great things happen, it's a brand new way to start. All you people of Bravoregulars, pay attention to Mother Earth. The light, the darkness, the sounds and smells, there is going to be a brand new birth. Give praise to Him, Emmanuel, that is His name, give praise to Him and you will see you'll never be the same!

I send my Christmas wish to you.

My Love,

**Ted**

On November 16, 2003 we lost Frank Blue, an original from the first Platoon. Six guys that were with him at Soui Tre attended the funeral and two of the vets wives also attended. Franks wife Pam, sons Frank Jr. and David, and Daughter Laurie will always be a big part of our Bravoregulars family. Frank and the late Mark Rowan were the two guys responsible for getting our reunions started in 1988. They will always hold a special place in our hearts.

# James Franklin Jones

## "Top"

In the dark of the night, as the wind blew through the ol Willow tree  
my thoughts drifted back in time for a moment  
to Top, you guys and me  
The wind blew the wooden gate against the fence,  
reminded me of Top he had such great common sense.  
A tough and stern guy, his command in the air,  
but one thing about Top, he was always so fair.  
His toughness readied us for what we would go through,  
for I'm sure he learned that in World War two.  
What about Korea we say to one another?  
For Top it was tough, for it was there he lost a brother.  
On a hill Top was wounded on the very day before,  
his brother gave his life so freedom could be more.  
In Vietnam he was out there with us, as we lit on LZ Gold,  
the true story of that is yet to be told.  
A brave man among men, answering only to Thee,  
he stood in the midst like a giant Oak tree.  
At the reunion's he was so Heavenly touched,  
with tears in his eyes he loved us so much.  
For he found the Holy Spirit. late in his life don't you see,  
for he found real love in both you and in me.  
His Spirit will live on with us forever,  
at our reunion's, today, or whatever our endeavor.  
Our intercessor to God now don't you see,  
for him being part of our lives was meant to be.  
I'm a better person for knowing our Top,  
for to me he'll always be the cream of the crop.  
I know he will always be there for you and for me,  
all I have to do is go stand under,  
The Ol Willow Tree!!

**Ted**



**"I am the president of Iraq and I want to negotiate."  
U.S. soldiers replied: "Regards from President Bush."**

The 4th Infantry Division nickname, the "Ivy Division," comes from the design of its shoulder patch: four green ivy leaves joined at the stem and opening at the four corners. The word "Ivy" is a play on the roman numeral four, IV. Ivy leaves are symbolic of tenacity and fidelity, the basis of the Division's motto, "Steadfast and Loyal".

The 4th Infantry Division has a long and distinguished history that includes combat in four wars. Twenty Ivy Division soldiers have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and 21 campaign streamers adorn its colors.

The Division was formed in December 1917 and was commanded by Major General George H. Cameron. Following the United States' entry into World War I, the Division embarked for Europe as part of the American Expeditionary Force.

The 4th Infantry Division went into action in the Aisne-Marne campaign in July 1918, at which time its units were piecemealed and attached to several French infantry divisions. Almost a month later, the Division was reunited for the final days of the campaign.

During the next four months, the 4th Infantry Division saw action on the front lines and as reserves. Suffering over 11,500 casualties in the final drive for the Allied victory, the 4th Infantry Division was the only division to serve in both the French and British sectors of the front.

The American people once again called upon the 4th Infantry Division to serve in World War II. From staging areas in England, the Division trained for its major role in Operation Overlord (D-Day), the amphibious invasion of Europe on June 6th, 1944.

The Division's 8th Infantry Regiment was the first Allied unit to assault German forces on the Normandy Coast. It went ashore on Utah Beach and, for 26 days, pushed forward until reaching its objective and being relieved by the 101st Airborne Division. During this month long operation, the 4th Infantry Division sustained over 5000 casualties.

Breaking out of the beachhead and expanding operations well into France, the Division was given the honor of being the first American unit to participate in the liberation of Paris. The Division quickly moved into the Hurtgen Forest and fought what was to be its fiercest battle. The 4th Infantry Division held its ground during the Battle of the Bulge; crossed the Rhine, then the Danube, and finally ceased its advance at the Isar River in southern Germany.

Two decades passed before the Division would again see combat. When the 4th Infantry Division arrived in Vietnam in September 1966, its brigades were deployed to different locations. With the 1st Brigade near the South China Sea, 2nd Brigade in the central highlands, and the 3rd Brigade in the Mekong Delta, the 4th Infantry Division took part in 11 major campaigns during its five years in Vietnam.

The 4th Infantry Division returned from Vietnam in December of 1970 and settled at Fort Carson, Colorado, where it reorganized as a mechanized unit and remained for 25 years. It was during the Division's time at Fort Carson that its nickname transitioned from the "Ivy" Division to the "Ironhorse" Division. The nickname, "Ironhorse," remains today in recognition of the Division's readiness for contingency deployment worldwide. The 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) moved its colors to Fort Hood, Texas, in December 1995 to become the Army's first Force XXI division.

The 4th Infantry Division arrived in Iraq in May 2003

**BRAVO REGULARS**

Hope all of you have a great Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Bill