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Presidents Message

Hello Bravo,

Well, it is Friday, February 24, 2012, as I write this. Wow! We have had the mildest weather this past winter that I can ever remember having before. Of course, winter is not quite over, so we still have to follow the Boy Scout Motto, "Be Prepared."

If it is the year 2012, that means that our B-Company reunion cannot be far off. I guess the motto for B-Company is, "Get Prepared." Send in your money, make your hotel reservations and airline connections. The most important part is that you come.

I am turning 66 years young tomorrow. My memory is not the greatest, but I will be in sunny California this year. I have added a few more things to the War Wagon! You say, "What's the War Wagon?" Well, get off your butts and show up for the 2012 reunion and you will find out! I know that Max, Rosemary, Richard and others are working very hard to show you and your families a great time. They are looking forward to making this one of the best. The only way it can really be memorable is to have you and your family show up and join in on the fun.

We are seeing the beginning of a new year. I hope and pray that this country's economy somehow becomes stable. Right now we're facing disaster. I know it is going to take prayer, better government and a lot of work for a revival of the nation.

I am reading a book called "Patriots," written by Christian G. Appy. It is about the Vietnam War remembered from all sides. It is a very interesting read. There is a fellow named Larry Heinemann who was with a mech unit at L.X. Burt. He also wrote Paco's Story. Oliver Stone also has a very interesting article.

I'm going to sign off now. I want to see all of you vets in California.

Love You Guys,

Dennis J. Amily



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EDITOR'S NOTES

In his President's Message, Dennis Amily mentioned his War Wagon. The cover photo was taken by me at the Paris, Missouri reunion as we participated in a parade. The trailer is a mini museum of Vietnam war history. There is a display of the weapons used by both sides, to which Dennis is adding a 60 mm mortar and an XM-147 grenade launcher for this reunion. Most memorable for me was a painting on display depicting Soui Tre. I was amazed at how effectively a large scale, wide-spread 5-1/2 hour battle was captured in a single frame.

I want to caution everyone about the accommodations for the reunion. We had a problem with the Quality Inn and thought you should be aware of it. We made our reservations late last year and were assured we would receive the reunion discount rate. When we did not receive written confirmation, we called them and asked for an email confirmation. When that arrived, it showed that our rate would be \$89 for three nights and \$160 for two nights. When we called to challenge the rate, we were informed that the manager of the hotel had cancelled our reservation that day without notifying us. We decided to rebook at the Oxford Suites and received a prompt email confirmation with the discount rate noted. I would encourage everyone who has booked at the Quality Inn to ask for a written confirmation and check the rate that you are quoted.

One additional comment—we have been showing the Oxford Suites phone number as 1-800-773-3773. If you call that number, they tell you to call 1-800-210-LIVE which is a talk show. The correct number for Oxford Suites is 1-805-773-3773.

Dee and I are looking forward to the California reunion and hope to see you there.

Dave

BULLETIN BOARD

Submitted By John Kapor

First and foremost, I just read the Bravo Regular newsletter and was surprised to see a name that I remembered well, namely Carrol Lejeune. He, as well as I, were in the 3rd. platoon. Ironically, while in Nam, I met another original 3rd platoon trooper, namely Jerome Lee. He was with D Troop 1/10 Cav Air Rifle Squad and was wounded on the same day I was on 6/14/67. I was with the 1st Brigade and was up north near Tuy Hoa, then in March sent to Pleiku. I also knew Gibbons, Greer, Ledford and Muller. Also through the years have been in contact with Paul Kruk and Phil Kubajak. Remember also Barry Atkinson, Eugene Van Dorn, Prosser, Van Meter and Jeff Turner. Proud to be a member of your OUTSTANDING group of heroes, if only for basic training.

Editor—John may be contacted at jskapor@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by Cliff Weese—3rd Platoon(67/68)

The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that timeframe, or perhaps lost friends or family, can look them up on this site. Pass the link on to others as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

[HTTP://WWW.VIRTUALWALL.ORG/ISTATES.HTM](http://WWW.VIRTUALWALL.ORG/ISTATES.HTM)

This is really sobering. First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals. This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it. I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country.

Editor—Thank you, John Kapor and Cliff Weese for contributing to our Bulletin Board.



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REUNION UPDATE

Brothers and Sisters, it's getting closer to our reunion. Richard and I are working hard toward having a fun, relaxing, entertaining and, of course, food-filled five days!

We've received registration forms from these folks: Young, Lowell, Dell, Trame, Lammers, Peteet, Turnpaugh, Anderson, Costello, Amily, Shipley, Wallace, Mondt, Schulte, Detmer, Rasmussen, Dingle, Perkins, Earp, Shugart, Manus, Gormley, Trotter, Silbereis, Simonis, White, Velis, Gority, Thompson, Cosme Rivera, Otte, Garland, Ward, Caperelli, Weese, Slinkard, McRickard, Hughes and Ash.

I will continue to call and invite the rest of our brothers sisters. I'm hoping that **each of you will contact a friend or two and encourage them to attend.**

It seems a lot of you are registering to stay at the Oxford Suites. It's a nice place to stay and the staff is very professional.

I wrote a letter to Oliver Stone inviting him to our reunion. I'm hoping he will respond and attend. It would be great to greet and welcome him with open arms. He was one of us.

If you go to our Bravo Regulars website and click on Reunion News, there's a map of Pismo Beach; you'll see that everything is within 2 or 3 miles of the Veteran's Building. And ladies, there's an outlet just a couple of miles from the Veteran's Building.

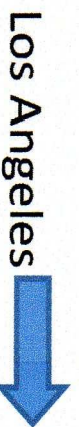
Bravo Reunion Agenda—9/19/12 to 9/23/12

Wed., (9/19)	Continental Breakfast Hearst Castle Trip Registration Sandwiches and Snacks Entertainment	8 am 9 am Noon to 6 pm All Day 7 pm	Sat. (9/22)	Breakfast Memorial Service Lunch Dinner: Mexican Food Entertainment	8 am 10-12 pm 1 pm 6 pm 7 pm
Thurs. (9/20)	Breakfast Registration Lunch Dinner: BBQ Chicken Entertainment	9 pm 9 am to 6 pm 1 pm 6 pm 7 pm	Sun. (9/23)	Continental Breakfast and Good Byes	9 am
Fri. (9/21)	Breakfast Registration Lunch Business Meeting Dinner: Tri-Tip BBQ Casino Night Entertainment	9 am 9 am to 6 pm 1 pm 2:30 pm 6 pm 7 pm 8 pm			

Max

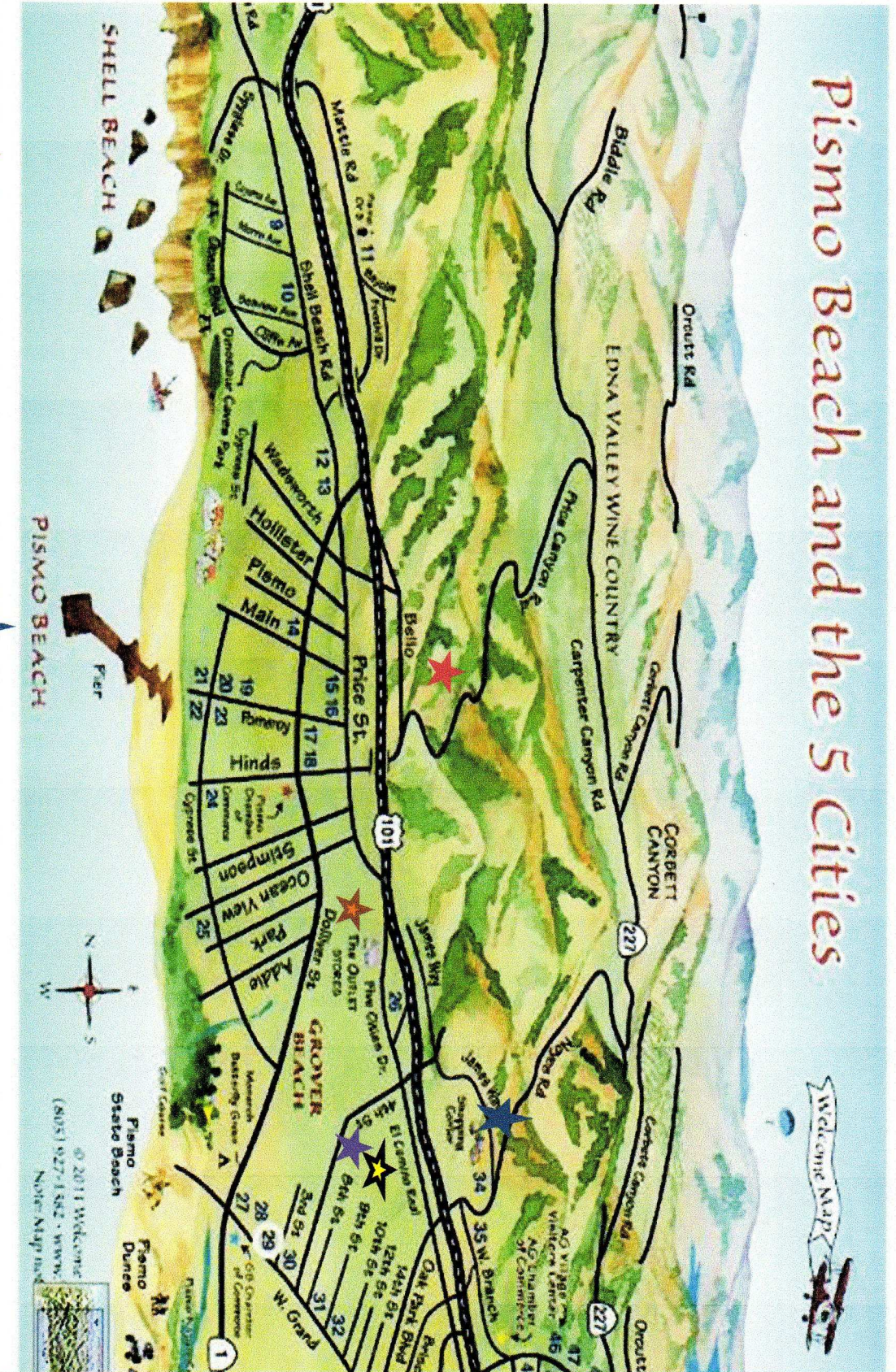


San Francisco



Los Angeles

Pismo Beach and the 5 Cities



Reunion Site: Veterans' Memorial Building



Quality Inn



New Life Church



Motel 6



Oxford Suites

Registration Form
Bravo Regulars 2010 Reunion
September 19-23, 2012—Pismo Beach, CA

Registration Fee—\$75.00 Per Person

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Bravo Company, Vietnam Unit and dates of service: _____

There will be (number) _____ in my party.

Names of those accompany you: _____

I plan to arrive on (date) _____. I will depart on (date) _____.

I will travel by (means of travel) _____.

I will be lodged at:

___ **Oxford Suites**

___ **Pismo Coast Village**

___ **Quality Inn**

___ **Holiday R.V. Park**

___ **Motel 6**

___ **Pismo State Beach North Campground**

___ **Number attending trip to Hearst Castle @ \$50 per person**

___ **Number of Polo Shirts wanted** ___ **XXXL** ___ **XXL** ___ **XL** ___ **L** ___ **M** ___ **S**

Please register so we can make plans that accurately reflect the number of people attending. Please send in your registration form and fee to: Max Torres, 251 Anita Ave., Grover Beach, CA 93433. The checks can be made out to Bravo Regulars Association or Max Torres. If you have questions, you can call me at 1-805-481-5554 or 1-805-459-3468. The email is bravoreunion2012@hotmail.com.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenses

December 1, 2011 Balance	\$7,179.78
<u>Income</u>	
Dues	\$975.00
Dividend	\$3.39
Total Income	\$978.39
<u>Expenses</u>	
Newsletter	\$978.97
Miscellaneous Expense	\$51.75
Webpage	\$240.00
Total Expenses	\$1,270.72
April 30, 2012 Balance	\$6,887.45

Clarence "Sonny" Szejbach to Receive the DSC

The presentation of the DSC for Clarence (Sonny) Szejbach will be June 9th 2012 at 4:00 at the Amvets Post in Elk Rapids Michigan.

It was discovered that Sonny was given this citation in June of 1969 and never informed of the award. We found out out in November of 2011 (mentioned in your December newsletter) 43 years later all of his medical records, updated DD214, and service information has been delivered. It is not surprising that all of this has taken so long as we have found his service number different in several places, the social security wrong in addition to the spelling of his last name on the DSC citation. With a name like Szejbach, we are not surprised with the spelling errors.

Bob Hemphill Loses Life In House Fire

Former Company Commander and Bravo Regulars Association President Robert (Bull) Hemphill died April 22nd in a house fire at his home, the house was reportedly burned to the ground. Bob Hemphill was 69 years of age. He died from carbon monoxide poisoning due to smoke inhalation. Bob's wife Carole was not home at the time of the fire, she was reportedly on a humanitarian trip with the Rotary Club.

Mass will be celebrated Friday, May 11, at 5:00 p.m. in St. Lulalia's Church, 214 Shutters Road, Roaring Brook, Visitation, Friday May 11, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., at St. Lulalia's Church. Military honors immediately following the Mass.

Rest in Peace

Bob