



Bravo Regulars

2012 Reunion Update

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After returning home from the 2010 Reunion in Paris, Missouri having volunteered to host the 2012 edition, I looked first at the calendar.

The Pismo Beach - San Luis Obispo Bay area is jam packed with tourists

during the summer months making the usual July reunion time frame both expensive and impractical. So, after checking with the Pismo Beach Visitors' Bureau, the reunion will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building Auditorium from September 19 - 22, 2012 in Pismo Beach, California. Not only will the tourists be gone but also the high tourist season prices should be reduced as well.

The City of Pismo Beach is working with me to insure our reunion will be a success helping to arrange local accommodations and visits to local attractions as well as visits by local dignitaries. Although planning is truly in the initial stage, entertainment by a variety of musicians including a military band and a mariachi band as well as side trips to the Hearst Castle, Chumash Casino, the Solvang Danish Village, La Purisima Mission State Park, or shopping at the Pismo Beach Outlet are included as options available for activities develop as the planning process continues. In future updates, attendees will be offered choices which will help decide which options are developed.

While the plans are still sketchy, reunion lodging, travel, and other activities will be more fully developed in future editions of the newsletter. In the mean time, look at the beautiful scenery you will encounter when you attend the 2012 Reunion. Mark your calendars now!

Max



Edna Valley



Pismo Beach



Shell Beach



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Bravo Company Reunion 2010 Wrap-Up

First and foremost, Larry and I would like to thank everyone for the honor of hosting the reunion. We really had a great time making plans and hope they were all satisfactory. Our only regret is that we didn't get to visit with you all as much as we would have liked. This truly was a fantastic group from Bravo Company with their families.

We have already spoken to Rosemary and Max Torres, and

they are excited about the next reunion and already have some wonderful ideas. Not to give any of their secrets away, we can tell from their excitement, it's going to be a reunion we will all want to make. Hope to see you all there!!

We wish all Bravo Regulars whether they attended the reunion or not who would like a reunion Shirt or Hat, since there are some left, to order these items. The Shirts are \$25 and the Hats are \$10. Please include \$3 for shipping and handling with the order. The shirts are infantry Blue polos with the reunion crest and the hats are camo also with the reunion crest. If you would like to see a picture, e-mail us at bravo2010reunion@yahoo.com. To order, send checks to:

Bravo Reunion 2010
 29442 Route P
 Paris, MO 65275

In passing, the Bravo Quilt which was raffled and won by Francisco and Ann Vega, was entered in the Monroe County fair and took 1st Place, Best in Show, and the People's Choice Award - the top three awards, so not a bad showing. It's now entered in the Missouri State Fair. We'll keep you posted on the outcome. The exhibitors were surprised by the many young people who asked questions and milled around to get a good look at the pictures. They also said that many other Vietnam as well as other vets were impressed with the presentation of the military. My friend, Verna Spangler, whose ideas made the quilt, has agreed to make more queen sized for anyone who wants one for \$300. For more information, contact us.

Although at some point, everyone present at the reunion jumped in to help, a special thanks goes to Sharon Grace, Jack and Judi Zuverink and their family, Ted and Judi Silberies, Jim and Pam Adams, Charlie and Dottie Weems, and Bob Hemphill for his added attraction. (Ed. note: Bob had a heart attack followed by a stint implant, but still was present as the reunion was completed.) And from Paris, another special thanks to Ron and Karen Greenup, Cindy Court, Verna Spangler, Andy Culbertson, and Angie Fields for the Old Threshers for inviting the Bravo Regulars to join their parade.

So now it's California or Bust in 2012!!!

Lis' & Larry



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A Chaplain's

Salute

On the way to the Paris, Missouri reunion, we stopped in Springfield, Illinois at the Oak Ridge Cemetery to pay tribute to Don Schroeder who lies a few hundred yards from Lincoln's tomb. Along with two of Don's brothers and their wives, we placed a presidential Unit Citation which I had made from railroad spikes and ree rod at his resting place.

Don's family were iron workers. The spikes came from the Manitowish area, home of the Great Spirit. Nothing but the best for my comrades for they are all special.

It was a great reunion in Paris. A lot of hard work was given by Larry and Lis' Young and their family and friends. Bravo Company marched in a great parade down main street of that little town. People hollered at me, "We're from Canada!" as I carried the Canadian flag in honor of Ed Watson, a Canadian who served with our 3d Platoon and was on listening post at Soui Tre. He was wounded as he helped drag his wounded comrade away from the VC, but was eventually overrun. Wounded, he played dead under the body of Ledford in the bottom of a foxhole. Ed lived long enough to tell the story, but died about a year later in a car wreck in the mountains of Oregon.

We were blessed to be with such great friends that showed up at the reunion from all parts of our country, John Bender, Jr., the son of our battalion commander, John Bender, came from the state of Washington to represent his dad. (Please note, I said the state of Washington, not Washington, D.C.) It was an honor to share things about his dad with John. I never saluted his dad at Soui Tre, but as dazed as I was I almost did as he walked up behind me with the press. I believe it took great courage for John, Jr. to attend the reunion since he didn't know how we felt about his father. But he was there to honor his father and he honored us with his presence as well. Thanks, John, for attending. It was great to share with you.

The picture below of the Saluting Soldier, I received from my friends, John and Gale Werth from Boulder Junction, WI. I worked for John before Vietnam on his mink ranch. He taught me to be quick with my hands handling mink so as not to

be bitten - like handling Viet Cong grenades. Barb and I and the Werths have spent quality time together fishing, kayaking, treasure hunting with metal detectors, and exploring new roads. We found Strebe Road in the Manitowish Waters area, land of the Great Spirit. John and Gale have that great spirit in their hearts as they have thanked me for my service in Vietnam. They are special people just like all of you at the Paris reunion. Back to the statue of the Saluting Soldier. It's a work of art made of concrete painted like bronze. Through that work of art, I salute you, everyone, for we can all be soldiers of Christ.

Love, your chaplain,

Ted



A Soldier's Salute



Don Schroeder's Grave w/PUC

Financial Report

Aug. 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009

		8048.50	
<u>Income</u>			
Member Dues	2085.00		
Corp. Donations	0.00		
Reunion Surplus-	553.44		
Donations	680.00		
Miscellaneous Inc.	86.23		
	3404.67	11453.17	
<u>Expense</u>			
Newsletter	3169.57		
Webpage	607.95		
Reunion	3500.00		
Miscellaneous Exp.	41.63		
	(7319.15)	4134.02	

Aug.1, 2009 - July 31, 2010

<u>Income</u>			
Member Dues	3265.00		
Corp. Donations	3500.00		
Reunion Surplus-	0.00		
Donations	1294.95		
Miscellaneous Inc.	64.12		
	8124.07	12258.09	
<u>Expense</u>			
Newsletter	3592.24		
Webpage	199.50		
Reunion	0.00		
Miscellaneous Exp.	156.69		
	(3948.43)	8309.66	

Bi-Annual Membership Meeting July 12, 2010

Due to the absence of Bob Hemphill with a health issue, Dennis Amily our New President conducted the meeting.

Dennis asked our reunion hosts, Larry and Lis' Young, step forward and receive the thanks of all our members in attendance along with a set of tumblers and cups by Ted Silberies on behalf of the Bravo Regulars Association.

Election of Officers:

President - Dennis Amily (by Succession)
Max Torres - Vice President
Treasurer - John Otte
Newsletter Editor - David Lowell
Chaplain - Ted Rowley

Financial Report

A brief financial report was given by John Otte.

Walt Shugart asked that an appeal be made to the members to sign-up to receive their newsletter by e-mail. If every member who has a computer received the newsletter by e-mail, an annual cost savings to the association would be significant. Send your e-mail address bravo6xray@aol.com.

2012 Reunion

The 2012 Bravo Regulars Reunion will be held in Pismo Beach, California and will be hosted by Max Torres.

Special Projects

By John Otte

We are looking for a few good men or women to take charge of some projects for our association.

The Virtual Wall website - At this site you can leave Memorials for anyone killed in Vietnam. We would like to have memorials for all those killed from Bravo Company. A computer is necessary. If you are interested please contact any of our officers for more information.

We would like to start a program to provide pictures of all our guys in Vietnam. The object would be to have an album identifying all of those with whom we've served.

I can be of help in this area since I have hundreds photo's I have collected over the years.

These two projects if successful could add a great deal to our reunions.



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