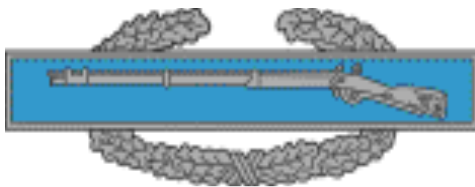


# Bravo Regulars



*B Company 3/22 Infantry*

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## *President's Message*

*by Bob*

*Hemphill*

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Eid, or Happy whatever else applies. Or, if you're an atheist, I hope you enjoyed your day off.

Well, we are only a little over a half year away from our reunion in Missouri. Larry and Lis' are doing a great job planning for you to have a fun and fulfilling get-together with your Bravo Company buddies. It's not too early to send in your registration forms, reserve your accommodations, and start planning your trip. Several different hotels/lodges have offered to put us up. If you have a particular place you would like to stay, it is advisable to reserve

early to be assured of getting a room there. If you have my luck, waiting until the last minute generally means finding the place already fully booked.

I mentioned last time about bringing your motorcycles to Missouri, if you have one. I have expanded my personal expectations a bit. "If the Good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise," I hope to make my trip to Missouri phase 1 and 2 of a 4-phase cross-country trip. I have long wanted to do Route 66 from Chicago to L.A. So, says I, since I am already half way across the country in Missouri, why not finish the job? At my age, I may not get another chance to do it. As I now envision the trip, phase 1 is to Chicago, phase 2 is to Missouri for the reunion, phase 3 is to L.A., and phase 4 (the *long* one) is back to Pennsylvania. I'll see if it happens that way.

I want to let you know what another service organization is doing in case you run into some of those people, or can, in some way, assist them. How many remember polio? Back in the days when we were kids, it was called infantile paralysis. We read a lot about iron lungs, and we saw people using those short, metal crutches with the arm cuffs and wearing leg braces. I remember how relieved we were when the Salk vaccine and, later, the Sabin vaccine were developed. (Remember those sugar cubes with the pink stuff on them?) How long has it been since you heard of someone in this country having polio? It has been quite a while. However, polio continues to exist and cripple kids in other countries to this day.

In 1985, Rotary International (you know, the Rotary Clubs?) undertook the cause of eradicating polio from the face of the earth by vaccinating all the world's children. To date, Rotary has vaccinated over 2 *billion* (that's with a "b") children. As a result, only 4 countries in the world still suffer from endemic polio - - India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria. India should soon be off the list, and Pakistan and Afghanistan are conducting joint vaccination efforts with Rotary to reach the remaining unvaccinated children, mostly in the Pakistani tribal areas and that part of Afghanistan controlled by the Taliban. The most serious remaining problem is in Nigeria. The Gates Foundation recently gave Rotary a \$200 million challenge grant to help finally to wipe out polio.

What a challenge grant means is that Rotary must match that figure within three years. All Rotary Clubs are working hard to raise money to meet that challenge. Any help you can give to your local Rotary Club towards meeting their portion of the challenge would be appreciated by them.

I thought you might want to know about this.

See you in Missouri!

*Bob*



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## Editor's Notes

Although the April newsletter will be published before the 2010 Reunion in Paris, Missouri July 7-11, Lis' and Larry Young have worked hard to make this one as memorable as any of the previous ones, so mark your calendars, make your reservations, and plan to attend.

Lis' has provided more details listing multiple activities on page six and the registration form is on page seven so you won't need to search through your files to find the August edition. Additionally, Lis' informed me that for the hotels recommended, prices range from \$49 to \$59. With prices like that, how can you afford not to come?

If you haven't attended a reunion, reconnecting with your brothers-in-arms has proved to be a healing process not only for the

individual veteran but also for his family members. As a confession, I reluctantly attended a mini-reunion in DC only after my wife's encouragement. I thought no one wished to see me, but, to my surprise, I found that the only thing that exceeded my comrades love for me was mine for them. Take it from a former skeptic, you owe it to yourself to attend to renew acquaintances and enjoy the fellowship, food, and entertainment.

Regarding Bob's plea for help with the polio campaign, check out <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Timeline/Pages/ridefault.aspx> for a full picture of what Rotary International has accomplished thus far.

All of us have been concerned about our vice-president, Denny Amily's health. I spoke with Denny's wife, Dee, as this was being written a week before Christmas. She said that despite a recent rally during which he walked every day, took health meals, and attended church, his recovery has slowed once more with less physical activity. Denny himself seemed fine when I spoke with him assuring me that he was looking forward to seeing each of us in Paris this summer.

Dee went on to say that the gathering of his Bravo Regular brothers last summer gave him much encouragement, so, if you have a chance, send Denny a card or drop him a line or send him an e-mail. He'll enjoy hearing from each of you. His address is:

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On the following page find a few pictures of Denny's trailer, a display of memorabilia of our Vietnam experience.

Shirley joins me in wishing all of you and yours a

*Happy  
New year,*

and to see all of you in Paris in July!

*Walt*



## Denny's Vietnam Project



Denny Giving a Guided Tour  
to George Baxter & Bob Hemphill



External View



Denny's Combat & Dress Uniforms



Max Torres Examines Denny's Documentation  
Before Evacuation on the Display's Litter



## Chaplain's Message

Once In A Blue Moon Christmas 2009

Yes, you've heard that old line, once in a blue moon, well this December on the 2nd and 31st there are two full moons in the same month. The second full moon is the blue one.

Wisconsin, being a small state compared to many, is or has been diverse. Yes, it is known for milk, cows, cheese, beer, cranberries, and north woods beauty, but in Milwaukee, Allis Chalmers Co once was a vital part of this country employing over 35,000 workers. Its factory covered over three million square feet of floor space. During war time, it produced many vehicles, tractors, and equipment.

It also built turbines like the ones for the Hoover Dam - big stuff. Its downfall was when it sold out to Siemens Co of Germany. And, not much later, the plant was closed. It was all about money and control.

Our country has lost many private companies both big and small. Those working for the state or government have good salaries with retirement and have no worries about having to pay for equipment nor dealing with John Q. Public. While the private guy has to deal with that as well as to pay the taxes to provide those government salaries and retirements.

As far as I'm concerned, government has gotten too big and has too much control. Government ownership and control amounts to communism. With increasing taxation, we, our children, and grandchildren may not be able to own a home. One fellow Bravo Regular, Oliver Stone, brought that out in his movie *Platoon*. The rich have always screwed over the poor - always have and always will. I guess we as VN vets should get used to it although we aren't the only ones it's happened to. Most of us as US draftees, didn't want to go to VN or do some of the things we had to do to stay alive, but we did, and we did it together. I know a lot of you guys didn't get the medals you deserved, but your comrades know what you did and so does the good Lord.

One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. This nation's history is based on the Christian belief in God. If others don't like it and can't tolerate our ways, they should go to some foreign land and stay there. Most of them have not served this country with their sweat and blood as we vets have.

I want to thank all of you who have replied with cards, letters, pencils, arrowheads, money, pictures, etc. to the children of Todd Elementary School. My daughter, Michelle, now has not only the third grade but has also the fourth and fifth grades involved also. You guys are making this project a big success and making these kids aware of the wonderful people who make this country great.

With Christmas approaching, kids need something positive to look forward to. Christ gives that to all of us at this special time of year. Like the spring, it is a time of renewal - a renewal of our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus says at Matthew 19:14, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." After over two thousand years, children are still drawn to Him. Remember, Christmas is about a tree, Jesus is the tree of life in you and me.

So I offer this thought on this cold Wisconsin night, may His light shine in our hearts and let it shine so bright. 2 Cor 4:6. Thanks Steve and Peggy Scrugs for that Christmas message.

Merry Christmas and you know,

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## *Bravo Reunion*

### *2010*

### *UpDate*

Here's the latest for the coming reunion. First and foremost, we've heard from several Bravo Regulars who plan to attend this one who have never attended before. We've also heard from others who have attended before, so please be sure to make this one since there promises to be a bumper crop of veterans.

There has been a great response for the Hannibal trip, so it appears to be a go. You may still sign up for the trip. We can always order another bus. For clarification, each person on the excursion has a vote on the meal. Although only one entree selection will be made for the entire group, each attendee has a vote to determine what the entree will be.

Just to be sure, everyone should know that the \$65 per person registration fee includes all the food from Wednesday's lunch through Sunday's breakfast as well as the snacks and beverages in between and all the entertainment as well. So, after you pay for travel and lodging, any other spending you might do for souvenir hats, tee shirts, or raffle tickets is entirely up to you.

If you would like to attend but are experiencing financial hardship, please let us know and we'll work with you to see what arrangements might be made to help you attend.

For those of you who would like to spend your vacation here, bring your golf clubs and fishing and hunting equipment. For those who might wish to shop, there are a lot of antique shops in the area as well. And, of course, for boaters Mark Twain Lake has 18,600 acres.

Anyone wanting additional information, please call (573)721-2331 or e-mail [bravoreunion2010@yahoo.com](mailto:bravoreunion2010@yahoo.com).

## Reservation Information

<u>Lake Village</u>	<u>(660)327-5151</u>	<u><a href="mailto:lakevillage@parismo.net">lakevillage@parismo.net</a></u>
South Fork Resort	(573)565-3500	<u><a href="mailto:reservations@southforkresort.net">reservations@southforkresort.net</a></u>
	Toll Free (866)382-0033	
Dry Dock Resort	(573)565-3584	(573)560-0084
America's Value Inn	(573)588-0020	<u><a href="http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com">www.americasbestvalueinn.com</a></u> (ZIP 63568)
The Junction	(573)565-2665	<u><a href="http://www.thejunctionrestaurant-lounge.com">www.thejunctionrestaurant-lounge.com</a></u>

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**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 Twain 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

## Bravo Financial Report

AUGUST BEGINNING BALANCE	4,134.02
INCOME	51.02
EXPENSES	0
AUGUST ENDING BALANCE	4,185.04
SEPTEMBER BEGINNING BALANCE	4,185.04
INCOME	3,580.88
EXPENSES	611.13
SEPTEMBER ENDING BALANCE	7,154.79
OCTOBER BEGINNING BALANCE	7,154.79
INCOME	1.18
EXPENSES	566.99
OCTOBER ENDING BALANCE	6,588.98
NOVEMBER BEGINNING BALANCE	6,588.98
INCOME	1.45
EXPENSES	0
NOVEMBER ENDING BALANCE	6,590.43
DECEMBER BEGINNING BALANCE	6,590.43
INCOME	1.35
EXPENSES	0
DECEMBER ENDING BALANCE	6,591.78

## Not guilty plea in phony medals case

A Palm Springs, CA man charged with the unauthorized wearing of the Navy's highest honor and other medals including the Purple Heart has pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors say that 39-year old Steven Burton, who has NEVER served in the United States Military, was photographed wearing a Marine Corps uniform displaying the Navy Cross, along with a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and other medals.

A Navy Commander attending her high school reunion noticed Burton in full uniform and with the medals and became suspicious and contacted the FBI.

Burton pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor charge on November 12th, in Riverside federal court. He was released on \$10,000 bail and ordered to return to court for a December 21, 2009 hearing.

## Short Timer

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*By John Otte*

I remember some forty odd years ago starting my short timers calendar. Most guys would not start a short timers calendar until they had at least six months in Vietnam under their belts. Finally you would become super short (around one month to go), and then you would get on that big iron bird taking us back to the world.

I am now working on my second short timers calendar, this one ends with my retirement. As I write this column I have two days of work left. Now Bennie and I will be able to do all the things we wanted to do, but couldn't because of work commitments and family obligations. I'm pretty happy about my retirement, I'm not to sure about Bennie. When I first mentioned retirement, she said "more husband and less money, doesn't make sense to me". I'm looking around for something to get me out of the house for at least 10 hours per day, Bennie is looking too.

Hope to see you all in Missouri 2010.

*Happy*

*New*

*Year*

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