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President's Column

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Bravo Brothers,

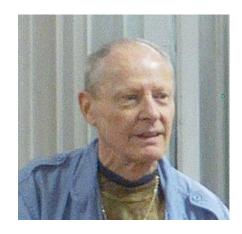
I am sure we all have something to be grateful for this Thanksgiving. Illinois had a great harvest with little rain and bountiful crops. As the years go by, our health seems to be a frequent topic. I had my share of heart problems the last three months with an ablation and a pacemaker. However, I am thankful to be on the mend and getting back to my normal routine.

Our request for a new Treasurer has fallen on deaf ears. Please, the job is not hard. We need to have a new Treasurer to set up a checking account somewhere. We need more officers than a President and a Vice-President. I am thankful for Mike and Marge Detmer's and my wife, Helen's, help this year. We cannot move forward with the 2024 reunion until the Treasurer problem is resolved.

There will be no dues collected for the 2023 year.

I would like to challenge everyone to take the new few days between now and Christmas to be kind to just one person each day. Helen and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy new year. God's blessing to all of you.

Carl



Editor's Notes

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Welcome back Bravo Brothers! I hope this finds all of you well.

Many of you probably noticed that we did not hold a dues drive in September, as usual. With John Otte's passing and our business account in limbo, the Board elected not to run a dues drive this year. Our business account is at an historic high leaving us in good shape. We will revisit the issue next September.

As we have previously mentioned, we are in dire need of a volunteer for the Treasurer's job. I have outlined the job requirements from our bylaws for those who are considering volunteering. It is on the Bulletin Board. The job requires only that you can communicate by email and telephone, and that you can balance a checkbook. It does not require that you attend reunions!

With sadness, I must report that Jim Grace (1st and 4th Platoons—9-68/69) passed away unexpectedly November 15th because of surgery complications. Available information is on the Bulletin Board. Included is a note from his family requesting any memories or photos from those serving with him.

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. Our next issue will be out in March and we will be accepting submissions through the end of February. Until then, may peace be with you.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submitted by Editor—Duties of Treasurer as detailed in By-Laws.

- 1. Collect and safeguard all funds of the Association.
- 2. Maintain true and accurate records of all financial matters affecting the Association.
- 3. Render to the membership periodic statements of account.
- 4. Establish and maintain ledgers, files, receipts and other documentation as necessary to verify collections and disbursements.
- 5. File federal, state, and local Tax and other legal forms, pertaining to the Association finances, as required.

Submitted by Editor—Obituary

James 'Jim' Grace (1st and 4th Platoons—9-68/69) passed away unexpectedly on November 15, 2022 at the age of 76. He as born on May 12, 1946. Jim was a graduate of Albany High School and served in the Army from April 11, 1968 to March 4, 1970 and with Bravo Company, 3/22 Infantry, 25th Division in Vietnam from September, 1968 to September, 1969. Upon his return from the war, Jim went to work on the family farm with his father, Kenneth, eventually taking over the farm when Kenny retired. Jim ran the family farm until 2011 when he and his wife, Sharon, sold the family farm and moved to town. Jim continued to drive for the school district until he retired after 37 years of service in 2017. Jim and Sharon celebrated 35 years of marriage on October 23, 2022. He enjoyed playing cards, which he did at the Bus Barn and later at the Albany Senior Center. He was a 66-year member of the Albany United Methodist Church and an active 53-year member of the VFW chapter. He will be sadly missed by his wife, children and their families.

Submitted by Mike Kreppert (krepperts@comcast.net) - Friend of Jim Grace's daughter

I am writing for my girlfriend who just lost her father, Jim Grace, yesterday. He served in the Army from April 11, 1968 until March 4, 1970 and in Vietnam from September, 1968 to September, 1969. I believe he was with Bravo Co 3/22 Infantry, 4th and 25th Divisions. I found his information on your website for roll call on October 31, 1968. He just passed away unexpectedly due to surgery complications. He never spoke about his service to her, but he was proud of his service. I was just reaching out for the obscure chance that someone out there might have a picture of him or a story to tell. Thank you for any help or information you might be able to provide and thanks to each of you for your service.

Dave, thank you! I know it is an extreme long shot for getting a response for a story or photo but you never know! Here is a link to his obit as well: https:// robersonpolleychapel.\com/obituary/james-jim-grac. Again, thank you are for your service. I love your website. I have been going through every newsletter. The more I read about what the 3/22 went through in Vietnam, the more in awe that I am!