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Memorial Day

**Don't forget
to remember**

Some Gone, None Forgotten





In Memory

Bravo Company 3rd Battalion 22nd Infantry



COMBAT CASUALTIES

12/18/66	William J. Madsen	08/19/67	Baxter H. Ellis	05/14/68	Edward D. Crow
	Scott S. Webber	09/26/67	James R. Watanabe		George L. Mundy, Jr.
12/21/66	Edward L. Brock	10/22/67	Larry R. McDuffie	09/11/68	Eldon D. Coldren, Jr.
	Marvin T. Hughes	11/01/67	Louis E. Armstead		Lonnie E. Lundy
	William D. Mullins		Bertmann E. Miller	09/20/68	Daniel B. Persons
	Norman Toennies	11/28/67	Darrell H. Morey	01/16/69	Roger A. Dixon
	Vincente Zuniga	12/02/67	George L. Duplessis		Giuseppe Magri
01/21/67	Louis J. Wandler	01/02/68	Odell Stokes, Jr.		Randall J. Wicklace
03/19/67	Marlin C. Eversgerd	01/15/68	Kenneth R. Howell	02/23/69	Scott M. Sibson
	Jack M. Gosnell		Ernest T. Martin	03/12/69	Franklin M. Lanier
	Robert L. Linn, Jr.		Thomas R. Watts	04/13/69	Louis Castro
	Paul J. McGowan		Charles W. Irby		Roger W. Hood
	Louis Sas		Richard H. Walker		Michael D. Howard
	Donald L. Schroeder	01/31/68	Luey V. Holland	05/11/69	David A. Trinkala
	Donald W. Walters	02/10/68	Robert R. Gray	06/06/69	William M. Crusie, Jr.
	Rodney R. Weed	02/19/68	Donald P. Roemer	08/08/69	Bruce A. Eamick
	Thomas J. Dando		Bobbie E. Sikes	10/05/69	Walter J. Hogans
	Fred H. Patterson		John E. Milanowski		Elvis E. Mullen
03/21/67	Herman E. Anders, Jr.	02/23/68	Louis A. Martinez	10/25/69	Florencio Q. Marquez
	Matthew D. Atkins III	04/12/68	Edward C. Beckwith	01/30/70	Luis A. LeBron
	Kenneth G. Blanton		Alan P. Butkus	02/16/70	George O. Boatwright
	James R. Hintz		John E. Cunningham, Jr.	03/28/70	Bobby G. Swanson
	Brian F. Gibbons		Robert W. Ellsworth	08/31/70	Gary R. Metz
	Charles R. Goodwin		William E. Maxwell		James E. Duckworth
	Charles R. Greer		Robert L. Melton, Jr.	10/02/70	William I. Allsbrook, Jr.
	Virgil M. Ledford		Glenn L. Moller, Jr.		Bruce J. Stickel
	Edward J. Muller		Reynaldo N. Orozco		David F. Tinsey
	Larry L. Warnock		David Strupp		Jimmy W. Westbrook
04/01/67	Allen S. Mican		Donny G. Tidwell		Kit Carson Scout Bui V.T.
04/08/67	Jimmy C. Harper		Douglas R. Weiher	11/02/70	Stephen J. Kaster
04/10/67	Salvadore M. Nava		Billy J. Brown	11/13/70	Robert H. Gumm
06/02/67	Albert Graham, Jr.	05/14/68	Richard G. Beck, Jr.		
07/06/67	Jerry R. Beebe				

POST-COMBAT PASSINGS

1970	Joe Rennison	Ernest Menchaca	2007	George Hicks	2015	Traczyk Williams
	Charles W. Long	James R. Rhone		Roger Beegle		Frederick Barlow
	David Reyes	Charles Dearden	2008	Charles Rock		Ernest Williams
	David R. Stalker	Franklin Benhart	2009	Larry Thomas		Frederick Gray
2003	Tex Richards	John Medicineto		Gary Tetting		Charles Ellis
	Roscoe Greene Jr.	Roy Davidson		Robert Duncan		Gerald DePhilip
	James Clark	Robert Gregory	2010	Steve March		Donny Tew
	Tom Vargo	Nolan Adams		Charles Putman		Richard Wiltshire
	William Mosley	James Genoff		Richard Wood		Allen Haskins
	Gary Patton	Cornell Brown		Ernie Rice		Kurley Dorthard
	Anthony Giavonni	John J. Roche		Allen Bateman	2016	Lester Lemon
	Hector Rosado	Gerald Lyda		Alvin Bess		Richard Geib
	John Ellison	Warner Surphin		Marion Hiers		Richard Ward
	Lawrence Baughman	Larry Eason		Tommy McKamey		Perry Sheridan
	Charles Sheldon	Allen Lavigan		John Blockman		Patrick Hoffman
	Robert S. Schlegel	Frank Roberts		Richard Prairie		Dennis Earwood
	Larry Augsburger	James L. Roedel	2012	Robert Hemphill	2017	Mark DeLong
	David Blanton	Michael Nordstrom		Terry Shipley		
	Wade McGowan	John A. Bender		Jose Cosme-Rivera		
	Mark Rowan	Edward Nidy		Robert Ryan		
	Douglas Wartella	Frank Blue		Darryle Funk		
	Dwight Jessup	William Madsen		Pete Heald		
	Herbert Pruitt	2004 James Jones	2013	Curtis Daniels, Jr.		
	Joe Lappie	Louis Phillips		Albert Comeaux		
	Jim Bakke	Randy Schick		Joseph Mafort		
	Charles Burns	2005 Gary Reynolds		Nolan Price		
	Tommy Harris	John Howe	2014	Allen Peteet		
	Peter McKenney	William Samson		Peter Trapino		
	John Glass	2006 Jack Gainey		Norm Bergsma		
	Larry Jenkins	2007 Ted Davis		Roger Clements		
	Leroy Gregerson	Alfred Warmesley				



President's Message

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It has been a very unpredictable spring, weather wise. Severe storms across the country with flooding and tornado damage. I hope none of my Bravo Brothers have been affected by any of these storms.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to participate in Armed Forces Day ceremonies at The Wall That Heals on the grounds of the James E. Van Zandt Medical Center. As part of the event, I placed a wreath at the panel that Sgt. James Watanabe's name was etched, I was on the perimeter the night when James was tragically killed by friendly fire.

As many of you know, The Wall That Heals is a replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Veterans in our community led a fundraising campaign when they heard that a visiting Wall was going to be retired. The Wall was purchased and the VA allowed it to be placed on their grounds.

Memorial Day weekend was very busy with so many services to attend. Notably Monday was our Memorial Day parade in downtown Altoona. My VFW Post #3 led the first division of the parade as one of the three oldest posts in the world. Altoona is where the VFW was organized in 1904 at the East Side Theater.

After the parade, members of the Post and Donna and I traveled to the grave sites to do the honors for James L. Noble, for whom our Post is named, who was killed in action 1898 in the Philippines. James was killed when he was trying to pull a wounded comrade to safety. We then gave honors at the grave site of Herbert O. Kelley, one of the founders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America.

We are looking forward to the reunion in Branson, MO. Jim Adams is planning the reunion for next year so please help him out and register early when the time comes.

I hope to see all of you there.

John



Vice President's Column

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Greetings Bravo Brothers,

Summer is fast approaching and time is really moving! Hope all is well with you and your family as we get closer to our next reunion. Branson has a lot of military history to show us; so start making your plans now to be there!

It's a good thing when you can share your Vietnam experiences and war stories with others, especially with younger vets. It's taken me a long time to be able to do this but it's better late than never! I found out that we have a lot in common. I love talking to vets because we understand each other better than people who have not served. Let us all remember that the time that we served was not in vain. We did our job and we did it well!

God bless every one of you—enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Charlie



Artwork courtesy
of John Kapor



Reunion Update

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Jim and I are excited about everyone coming to Missouri June 20 to 24, 2018. As I understand many of you have been to Branson, so will be familiar with the area.

The registration fee will remain \$145.00 per couple and \$75.00 per person. There will be shirts and hats to order.

We are ones for a little change to help make everything fun. So, we would like to have each state that is represented, put together a small basket for the raffle with items that represent your state, to share with all. We will have other items for the raffle but thought this would be exciting to see what arrives.

If there is something special anyone would like to see besides what we have been working on, please let Jim know at jamesk923@msn.com and we will try to make that happen.

We will have information for all as well as coupons and shopping available for ladies and gentlemen.

Looking forward to seeing you June 2018.

Jim and Pam

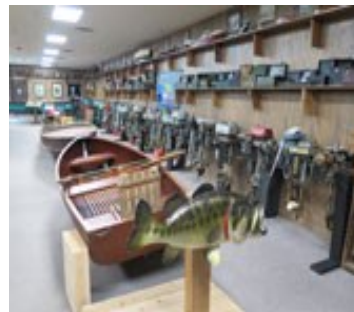
More Things To Do In Branson, Missouri



Caves



Ferris Wheel



Fishing



Main Street Marina

Association Business



Regimental Reunion



I recently returned from Las Vegas where I attended the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion. Ted and Judi Silberies met us in Vegas along with Bill and Patty Schwindt. We all had a great time.

The Regimental Society had previously reached out to me to inform me that I had been submitted and approved for selection as a "Distinguished Member of the Regiment" due to my efforts in locating our Bravo 3/22 veterans. There were only two members chosen for this award at this reunion, which was presented at the banquet.

The best part of the affair was the opportunity to see old friends such as Mike Toyer, former Bravo Regulars President, as well as many more new friends. It also gave me a great opportunity to observe the workings of a hotel reunion. I prefer our Bravo type reunions, but it is a lot of work for a host and we may have to go to this type of reunion in the future.

See you at the next reunion.

John

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Financial Report Income and Expense

Mar. 1, 2017 Balance		\$15,348.21
<u>Income</u>		
Dues	\$335.00	
Donations		
Total Income	\$335.00	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Newsletter	\$446.35	
Webpage Expenses	46.16	
Hosting Service	59.85	
Bank Service Fees	15.00	
Total Expense	\$567.36	
May 31, 2017 Balance		
Total Expenses		\$15,115.85



Editor's Notes

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Welcome back Bravo Brothers! Hope this finds all of you well. My PTSD always flairs up on the Memorial holiday and yours probably does too. I try to focus on respecting memories, rather than being bitter about them.

Dee and I made it to the LZ Gold/Suoi Tre Memorial, at Colorado Springs/Fort Carson, home of the 4th Infantry Division. I've posted a report on the Bulletin Board. This was my first trip away from home in almost three years (since Salt Lake City). I'm happy to say it went well with no serious meltdowns or arguments. I slept well and Dee's planning ahead met all my dietary needs. Everything looks good for our traveling to Branson next year. Thanks to Hinton Whitehead and Jim Slinkard for attending and special thanks to Bill King (C/2/22) for hosting the event.

A question arose as to the platoon assignments of the fallen from these two events. I have remembered or found as many as I can and I'm hoping you guys can fill in the rest. The name Dando has come up before with no information. At the ceremony he was referred to as Sergeant. Please correct or add any that you can.

3/19/67

Marlin C. Evergerd	2nd Platoon
Jack M. Gosnell	2nd Platoon
Robert L. Linn, Jr.	2nd Platoon
Paul J. McGowan	4th Platoon
Louis Sas	4th Platoon
Donald L. Schroeder	2nd Platoon
Donald W. Walters	4th Platoon
Rodney R. Weed	4th Platoon
Thomas J. Dando	?
Fred H. Patterson	?

3/21/67

Herman C. Anders, Jr.	1st Platoon
Mathew D. Atkins III	?
Kenneth G. Blanton	4th Platoon
James R. Hintz	?
Brian F. Gibbons	3rd Platoon
Charles R. Goodwin	3rd Platoon
Charles R. Greer	3rd Platoon
Virgil M. Ledford	3rd Platoon
Edward J. Muller	3rd Platoon
Larry L. Warnock	1st Platoon

At the reunion, Jim Slinkard asked how to get better connected with Bravo Members on Facebook. It's all a mystery to me, but hopefully posting the instructions again will suffice. If not, try contacting Ron with specific questions, or perhaps ask a grand kid (LOL). Following our members on Facebook has been very enjoyable for me. Details are on the Bulletin Board.

Thank you, John Kapor (3rd Platoon—Basic Only) for sharing with us the website <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>. It allows you to check 'the wall' for names by city and school, and includes bio information. To use, first click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city where you went to high school and look at the names. Click on the name and it will give you details of the person's death, a picture 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.

Editor's Notes (continued)

Several years ago we had several items set aside for our next raffle, so I started what we call our "Bravo Box." It currently has 16 items, mostly high end charity gifts and other such freebies. I bought a 22nd Infantry Regiment pin on the trip which came in pairs and put the other in the box. Donations for the raffle just magically appear over time.

Congratulations to John Otte, who was honored at the recent 22nd Infantry Regiment Society reunion in Las Vegas by being designated as a "Distinguished Member of Regiment." The award was given for John's past work in locating veterans.

Also, congratulations to John Kapor (3rd Platoon—Basic Only), a frequent contributor to our newsletter, for his instillation as Sgt.-At-Arms for the Department of Illinois Military Order of the Purple Heart for the 2017-2018 year.



Regretfully I must report that we received belated notices of the passing of two of our members; Traczyk Williams (69/70) in January, 2015 and Kurley Dorthard (2nd Platoon—1-69/70) in August, 2015. We also must sadly report the passing of Mark DeLong (3rd Platoon—3-67/68). Available information is on the Bulletin Board and Bravo sympathy cards were sent on behalf of the association.

Also, the contact information for Bill White (2nd Platoon—Original) become invalid and he has been moved to the inactive list.

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of our newsletter. Our next issue will be out in September and will include our annual dues request. We will be accepting input through the end of August. Until then may peace be with you.

Dave out

Submissions may appear disjointed at times but are often edited for space, content and/or excerpted from larger personal communications between members. Submissions can be sent to either my email or home address (880 N. Solar Drive, Vail, AZ 85641) or to any Officer. Any photos submitted by mail will be scanned and returned.



BULLETIN BOARD

Submitted by Editor—LZ Gold/Suoi Tre Memorial

March 20—The first day of the reunion included a morning trip to Ft. Carson to watch 141 Cav troops doing actual training exercises on simulators. Dee and I elected to skip this trip and drive up to Pikes Peak. If you have never taken this drive, you need to put it on your to-do list. It is a fabulous mountain drive. That evening there was a social (no dinner) at the Elegante Hotel. There were three speakers from the WWII era, a slide presentation by Bill Comeau A/2/12 and another put together by our own Walt Shugart, who did not attend. Unfortunately, when it came time for Jim Slinkard to make his presentation, everything he was planning to say had already been covered, so he gave just a short talk. As one of the few people present who was at the battle for the duration, we thought he should have had an earlier placement and more prominent role.



**L-R Jim Slinkard, Dave Lowell,
Hinton Whitehead**

The most moving part of the evening was lighting a candle for each LZ Gold/Suoi Tre casualty. After randomly getting in line, it just happened that as I approached the front of the line, the names of Marlin Eversgerd and Jack Gosnell came up, followed by Bob Linn for my lighting. All three were from my squad and Linn literally fell beside me. A chill came over me (and still does when I think about it) and I felt as if I was where I should be! Turns out they just happened to line up alphabetically and it was just by chance their names came up for me, or was it?. Don Schroeder's name came up later which is appropriate. He was an RA and a bit older so didn't hang tight with us kids. There were 51 KIA in total for the two events. Twenty were at LZ Gold including 10 from Bravo and 10 others, presumably from the aviation group, and 31 at Suoi Tre including another 10 from Bravo.

March 21—The second day began with a memorial ceremony at Ft. Carson. Walt Shugart mentioned in his article about the 48th reunion that the troops were very professional and I can attest to that. We had a couple of speeches, a biography of John Vessey and the names of the fallen were read. When they did the cannon salute, it set off all the car alarms in the area. This is the only time the vets who were present for the whole battle were honored as a group. We had three from B/3/22, eight from A/3/22 and eleven from 2/77. After the memorial, we visited the main mess hall, which looked much like a shopping mall food court. We then visited the base PX. I found a 25th I.D. pin with a wreath around it, signifying the wearer saw combat with the unit. They did not make one for 4th I.D., but do for the airborne units. Hinton Whitehead and Jim Slinkard departed in the afternoon, leaving Dee and I to attend the evening banquet. Among the speakers was the C.O. of C/2/22. Questions have arisen in the past about their response time. From his talk and conversations with several 2/22 EM's, I learned that they got the call at daybreak and promptly departed toward us traveling as quickly as possible ... BUT ... the C.O. "was given" the wrong azimuth going NW instead of N. They arrived at the charted Suoi Samat River (not an "uncharted stream" as stated in reports) and began searching for a crossing. The river was seasonally dry, but the soft muck bottom was impassable. A crossing was found by the tail element and the column reversed in place and began crossing with the tail now in the lead. No mention or knowledge of sinking a track as a bridge, as has also been reported.

Back in our Sept. 2015 issue, I published a fake magazine article authored by Capt. Randall T. Elliot, and speculated that he probably wasn't even there. According to a biography of the event, LTC Joe Elliot was in command of 2/12 Infantry to the west of us and was wounded in a mortar barrage intended to delay them. There were about 10 members present from 2/12, but I chose not to question them. I regarded this as stolen valor and the discussions could get heated quickly with my PTSD. There was no "Elliot" in attendance. I picked up several new biographies of the event which we will be putting in our "Combat Reports" binder which are available for reading at our reunions.

BULLETIN BOARD

Originally Submitted by Ron Wamsley—4th Platoon Original

I have started two Facebook sharing sites. **Facebook "Group" Bravo Regulars:** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/245454475577610/> (click at left) and **Facebook "Community Page" bravo Regulars:** <http://www.facebook.com/BravoRegulars> (click at left). I don't know which of these is more appropriate and, at present, these are public and not restricted in any way except by Facebook rules. Courtesy and respect are always appropriate. There are no fees for this and Facebook is the controlling agency; however, as the Administrator, I do have some controls including membership and visibility. Hopefully we will have success with sharing here and this will give us a better understanding of what might help keep us in touch throughout each year, perhaps, like a constant reunion. PLEASE PASS THESE LINKS TO OTHER BRAVO REGULARS as my email list is woefully short. Be well my Brothers and Sisters, it is a distinct pleasure having each of you in my life. RG Wamsley: <http://rgwamsley.biospot.com/> or <http://picasaweb.google.com/rgwamsley> or email: rgwamsley@gmail.com

Obituaries

Traczyk L. 'Sarge' Williams, Sr. (69/70), 74, of Wallaceton died Jan. 28, 2015 at his home. He was born Jan. 27, 1941 in Clearfield, a son of the late David and Cathryn (Hitchings) Williams. Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Army for 20 years. After his service, he was employed on the railroad until his retirement in 1995. He was a member of Summit Hill United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the DuBois VFW. He is



survived by three children and many grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sarajane Williams, on Dec. 5, 2012. Military Honors were accorded by the members of the DuBois VFW Honor Guard

Kurley Dorthard (2nd Platoon—1-69/70). Funeral services were held on August 10, 2015. Burial was at the Hobson City Cemetery with Military Honors. He is survived by his wife, Anise Dorthard, and four children. He is also survived by ten siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Mark G. DeLong (3rd Platoon—3-67/68), 73, of Sheboygan, went to his heavenly home on April 20, 2017 at Rocky Knoll where he had been residing. Born July 11, 1943 in Two Rivers, Mark was a son of the late Earl and Velva O'Leary DeLong. He attended Humbird area schools and graduated from Humbird High School in 1961. He continued his education at the U.W. Eau Claire until he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1968. He was united in marriage to Judith D. Roberts in Hopkinsville, KY. Mark was a foreman at the Kohler Co. for 34 years, retiring on December 10, 2003. He



was a member of Church of Christ in Sheboygan, the Kohler Quarter Century Club and the V.F.W. Post 9156. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and sport hunting. He was an avid Green Bay Packers, badger and Brewers fan. His greatest job was spending time with his sweetheart, Judi, his children and grandchildren. Another was having breakfast every Tuesday with his best friend, Eddie. He will be remembered for his heart of gold. He is survived by his wife and sweetheart, Judi, three children, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.