

# Bravo Regulars

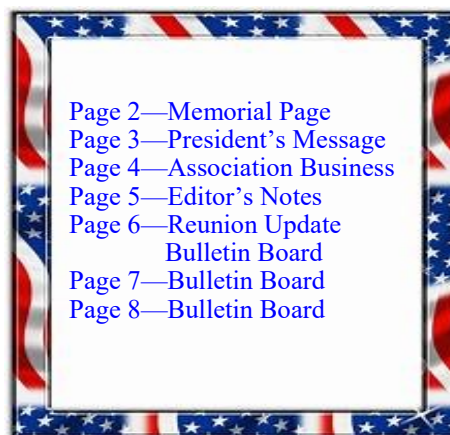
B Company 3/22



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Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.



# In Memory

## Bravo Company 3rd Battalion 22nd Infantry



### COMBAT CASUALTIES

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

### POST-COMBAT PASSINGS

#### 1970—2003

Joe Rennison  
Charles W. Long  
David Reyes  
David R. Stalker  
Tex Richards  
Roscoe Greene Jr.  
James Clark  
Tom Vargo  
William Mosley  
Gary Patton  
Anthony Giavonni  
Hector Rosado  
John Ellison  
Lawrence Baughman  
Charles Sheldon  
Robert S. Schlegel  
Larry Augsburg  
David Blanton  
Wade McGowan  
Mark Rowan  
Douglas Watella  
Dwight Jessup  
Herbert Pruitt  
Joe Lappie  
Jim Bakke  
Charles Burns  
Tommy Harris  
Peter McKenney  
John Glass  
Larry Jenkins  
Leroy Gregerson  
Ernest Mencchaca  
James R. Rhone

#### 1970—2003

Charles Dearden  
Franklin Benhart  
John Medicinetop  
Roy Davidson  
Robert Gregory  
Nolan Adams  
James Genoff  
Cornell Brown  
John J. Roche  
Gerald Lyda  
Warner Surphin  
Larry Eason  
Allen Lavigan  
Frank Roberts  
James L. Roedel  
Michael Nordstrom  
John A. Bender  
Edward Nidy  
Frank Blue  
William Madsen

#### 2004

James Jones  
Louis Phillips  
Randy Schick

#### 2005

Gary Reynolds  
John Howe  
William Samson

#### 2006

Jack Gainey  
Gary P. Brown  
Michael Nordstrom

#### 2007

Alfred Warmsley  
George Hicks  
Roger Beegle  
Ted Davis

#### 2008

Charles Rock

#### 2009

Larry Thomas  
Gary Tetting  
Robert Duncan  
Louis Biengiel

#### 2010

Steve Marcy  
Charles Putman  
Richard Wood  
Ernie Rice

#### 2012

Allen Bateman  
Alvin Bess  
Marion Hiers

Tommy McKamey  
John Brockman  
Richard Prairie  
Robert Hemphill  
Terry Shipley

Jose Cosme-Rivera  
Robert Ryan  
Darryle Funk

#### 2013

Curtis Daniels, Jr.  
Albert Comeaux  
Joseph Mafort  
Nolan Price

#### 2014

Allen Peteet  
Peter Trappino  
Norm Bergsma  
Peter Heald  
Roger Clements  
Tom Ragazzine

#### 2015

Traczyk Williams  
Frederick Barlow  
Frederick Gray  
Ernest Williams  
Charles Ellis  
Gerald DePhilip  
Donny Tew  
Richard Wiltshire  
Kurley Dorthard

#### 2016

Allen Haskin  
Lester Lemon  
Richard Geib  
Richard Ward  
Perry Sheridan  
Patrick Hoffman  
Dennis Earwood  
Johnny Larry

#### 2017

Mark DeLong  
Benito Luna  
Lane Sterling  
Bruce Brinkman  
Mario Reyes  
Walt Shugart  
James Murphy

#### 2018

David Van Johnson  
Holger Graser  
John Kapor  
Bill Meachum  
Thomas Schenk

#### 2019

Richard Blanchart  
Larry Young  
James Thyne, Jr.  
Jack Wood  
Joel Shepitka  
Fred Michael, Jr.  
Ronny Dyer  
Steve Wilder

#### 2020

John R. Bode  
Jack Zuerink  
Joe Stein  
Steve Orders

#### 2021

Charles Archer  
John Gority





## President's Message

Art Gormley  
President  
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Greetings Bravo Brothers,

Call me an optimist but it looks like we are emerging from the pandemic as the number of vaccinated Americans has passed the 100 million mark. While state-by-state masking rules remain a hodgepodge, life is slowly returning to a semi-recognizable normal.

Some politicians still cling to their newfound power to dictate our daily lives. But most Americans have had their fill of CDC scare tactics. Even the news media's endless droning on about deadly surges around the globe and mysterious new strains has failed to stem our yearning to meet and mingle again with family and friends.

Unfortunately, the slow but steady lifting of restrictions came too late to save our June 2020-21 Goldsboro reunion. The Bravo Board is deeply indebted to host Bob Best for his hard work and patience.

How was your Memorial Day? Our local Veteran's Day parade permit was finally reinstated. An email I received from the VA announced with some fanfare that veterans' cemeteries are open this year. That was not the case last year. I hope your remembrance of this important day was closer to what you experienced pre-pandemic.

As we always do with the June newsletter, the names of our Bravo Brothers lost in Vietnam are prominently displayed up front. Please reflect on the sacrifice of all those men, particularly those you knew well. Think too about the even longer list that follows. Those many Brothers we have lost through the passage of time.

Our numbers are thinning and the way of life they and we fought to preserve is under daily assault by the media and others. The only way traditional American values will survive our lifetimes is by each of us sharing our values and beliefs, and why they are important, with those who will follow us. It's in our hands.

The Board of the Bravo Regulars has thought long and hard about how best to organize and plan future reunions. None of us is getting any younger and putting together a reunion is hard work and stressful, even with family, friends and neighbors pitching in. One path many organizations like ours have taken is to use a hotel with concierge facilities to provide accommodations, needed meeting space and other services as required. Please see Dave Lowell's column for where things stand in considering this very practical option for 2022. Naturally, we welcome your thoughts.

Enjoy the nice weather with family and friends, along with your new-found freedom.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AG' or 'Art Gormley', written in a cursive style.



## Association Business

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### Financial Report Income and Expense

March 1, 2021 Balance \$11,871.36

**Income**

Dues	\$ 120.00	
Registrations Refund	5,015.00	
Reunion Seed Money	2,972.60	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,107.60</b>	<b>\$19,978.96</b>

**Expenses**

Refund Checks	\$2,360.00	
Newsletter	373.65	
Postage to Australia	9.29	
Web Site Update	35.00	
Domain Registration	11.16	
Domain Monthly Fee	63.21	
Bank Service Charge	15.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,867.31</b>	<b>\$17,111.65</b>

Refund Checks Not  
Cashed \$2,655.00

MAY 31, 2021 Balance \$14,456.65

John



## Editor's Notes

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Welcome back Bravo Brothers! Hope this finds all of you well. John Otte and I are both improving from last year's health problems, while Art and Carl have had no complaints other than getting old.

The Board has begun work on planning our next reunion in 2022. A report with our basic plans follows this column. Anyone wishing to comment should contact Art or myself. We will continue to keep you advised through our Reunion Update column.

Don Schulte (1st Platoon—9-66/67Original) and Carl Lammers (2nd Platoon— 9-66/67Original) traveled with a group to Missouri to visit the Missouri National Veterans Memorial. Carl's report is on the Bulletin Board.

As usual, this June/Memorial Day issue has our Memorial Page inside the cover to help with your memory. Also, Art Gormley has posted information about the Virtual Vietnam Memorial where tributes to nine of our fallen can be found. It is on the Bulletin Board.

I have had two attempts at hacking this quarter involving Bravo members. I have posted them on the Bulletin Board with my comments. Be careful who you reply to. Anyone wanting to contact me should state what you want in the email. I will not reply to a request for a reply.

Bill King (C2/22) and Paige Lanier (FO 2/77) have announced that they are planning a reunion for the 55th anniversary of the Battle of Suoi Tre. It will be held the week of March 17 to 22, 2022 at Fort Carson, Colorado. They are asking for interested vets to contact them, so they can gauge support for planning. They can be reached at: Bill King—719-794-3590 or billking-souitre@aol.com and Paige Lanier—719-330-6638 or paigermm@msn.com.

The 22nd Infantry Regiment Society is continuing with plans for their reunion in Dallas, Texas from Sept.30 to Oct.3,2021. Please contact them directly if you are interested in attending.

Sadly, I must report the passing of John Gority (4th Platoon—9/67-10/67) and Steve Wilder (2nd Platoon Leader—9-67/68). Available information is on the Bulletin Board.

James Hammer (Cook—9-67/68) has been moved from Active to Inactive due to his address no longer being current.

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

*Dave out*

## REUNION UPDATE by Dave Lowell

In our last issue we announced that the 2020/2021 reunion had been cancelled and we opened bidding for a new reunion plan for summer 2022. We also mentioned that the Board of Directors would have a plan if no bids were received. None have been received, so the Board has proceeded with its own plans.

The Reunion Committee is made up of President Art Gormley, who will handle business matters; myself, who will handle all communications including this column; and Pam Adams, wife of Jim Adams, who is our onsite coordinator.

The committee has chosen Branson, Missouri for our 2022 Reunion, at the same location as our well-attended 2018 Reunion. This location was endorsed by about a half dozen of our most involved members. The tentative date is for June 8 to 12, 2022. We have that reserved, but not confirmed. Also discussed was making this location permanent, which would increase our bargaining position for rates and perks. The permanent location was well supported by the full Board and other members we consulted. Recognizing we are all in our 'golden years', holding reunions every year was also discussed and remains under discussion.

The committee already has many ideas for the details, but we wanted to present the basic plan to our members for comment. You may direct your comments to either myself or Art Gormley. We will continue the planning process, and provide you with a more detailed report in our September newsletter.

## BULLETIN BOARD

**Submitted by Carl Lammers (2nd Platoon– 9-66/67 Original)**

On March 25, 2021 about 31 veterans with our wives, including Don Schulte and myself, traveled to the Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville, Missouri. We were served a buffet dinner at the American Legion before visiting the memorial. This is a permanent full size replica of the wall in Washington, D.C. It was the dream of Jim Eddleman who fought valiantly in the Tet Offensive. Jim made a promise to himself in 1968 that he would one day honor his comrades if he made it out alive. He eventually donated 47 acres of his family's farm to found the memorial in 2017. There are plans to build a reflecting pool, walking trails, playground, statues, seating areas and memorials to veterans of all wars. To date, the memorial contains a Welcome Center, Guardians of Freedom Monument, Military Museum and Honor Flag Memorial.



## BULLETIN BOARD

**Submitted by Art Gormley (3rd Plt Ldr-C.O.—66/67) Virtual Vietnam Memorial**

In preparation for Memorial Day, I revisited the Virtual Vietnam Memorial site hosted by the students and faculty of Westlake High School, outside of Austin, Texas. Here I discovered that the electronic links I supplied previously had been updated. Below are the updated links to the video tributes to nine fallen Bravo brothers prepared by the students of Westlake High:

1. Rodney R. Weed (KIA 03/19/67)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 bnfy8or/81478061>
2. Kenneth G. Blanton (KIA 03/21/67)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 in1tvmmk/81478061>
3. Virgil M. Ledford (KIA 03/21/67)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 2h9yfs2v/81478061>
4. James R. Watanabe (KIA 09/26/67)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 dsyada45/81478061>
5. Darrell H. Morey (KIA 11/28/67)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 fns3th89/81478061>
6. Lonnie Lundy (KIA 09/11/68)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 vxfvgwyy/81478061>
7. Randall J. Wicklace (KIA 01/16/69)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 6lvqcx2b/81478061>
8. Walter Hogans (KIA 10/05/69)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 kz4zfpf5/81478061>
9. David F. Tinsey (KIA 10/02/70)  
<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1 kjzgvuxy/81478061>

These fallen brothers are among the nearly 5,300 video tributes that are part of the school's Virtual Vietnam Memorial. More tributes are added at the end of every school year. It is comforting to know at least some young people are being taught to respect and remember the ultimate sacrifice made by so many of our generation. If you lost friends in Vietnam who were part of other units, here is a search link to the Westlake site if you would like to see if any of them are among those honored.

<https://2105401.mediaspace.kaltura.com/category/Virtual+Vietnam+Memorial/>

**Submitted by Editor—Hacking Attempts**

*First Attempt*—Supposedly from Larry Robinson at irobii94107@gmail.com.

*Hello, Hope you and the family are all fine. I need a little favour from you. Larry Robinson.*

I replied to Larry at his email listed on the roster which is Irobi94107@aol.com.

*Hi Larry, is this from you? The address is slightly different from what we have on file for you. If so, what can I do for you? If not, someone is trying to scam me with your info.*

Reply from Larry

*This is a scam, Dave. Sorry. John McLean called today with the same email. What can I do?*

In the first case, the word "favour" caught my attention. Also, since Larry and I are well acquainted, I would expect him to say what he wants instead of asking for me to contact him. I then compared the email address with the roster and found the differences.

## BULLETIN BOARD

**Hacking Attempts (cont'd)**

*Second Attempt*—Email from Randy Keck at rckcbs@comcast.net.

*Hope all is well. Please get back to me, need some assistance. Thanks. Randy.*

A half-hour later I received another email from Randy.

*I was hacked and did not send an email.*

In this second case, which, from the wording is likely from the same source, I was again asked to contact the member instead of him stating what he wants. The address is correct according to the roster. In this case, the hacker was in Randy's computer and a reply to him would likely go to the hacker. Fortunately Randy caught it and put out a notice to his contact list.

**Submitted by Blair Moran—Co RTO—  
69/70 from the Memorial Day Service  
at the Sikeston Veterans Park**

**The Bivouac of the Dead—Written by  
poet Theodore O'Hara (1820-1867)**

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo;  
No more on life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.

On fame's eternal camping-ground  
Their silent tents are spread;  
And glory guards, with solemn round,  
The bivouac of the dead.

No rumor of the foe's advance  
Now swells upon the wind;  
No troubled thought at midnight haunts  
Of loved ones left behind.

No vision of the morrow's strife  
The warrior's dream alarms;  
No braying horn nor screaming fife  
At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shivered swords are red with rust,  
Their plumed heads are bowed;  
Their haughty banner, trailed with dust,  
Is now their martial shroud.

And plenteous funeral tears have washed  
The red stains from each brow;  
And the proud forms, by battle gashed,  
Are free from anguish now.

'Twas in that hour his stern command  
Called to many a martyr's grave;  
The flower of his beloved land,  
The nation's flag to save.

**Submitted by Editor—Obituaries**

**Steve Wilder—2nd Platoon Leader—9-67/68**

Steve passed away on October 19, 2019. We have no further information. A Bravo sympathy card was sent to his widow, Kathleen.

**John Francis Gority—4th Platoon—9/67-  
10/67**

John Gority, 74, passed away April 12, 2021 at UPMC Pinnacle in Harrisburg. He was born in Altoona, son of the late Cecil Hugh and Anna Marie (Kuhn) Gority. John married Donna Lee Dicker on August 25, 1973, in Naples, NY and is survived by his devoted wife and daughters, Shannon Gority and Bridget (Tracy) Peters. John was a 1965 graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle High School. He later received a degree in business administration from Penn State University. He was a disabled Army veteran of the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart. John was the owner of Broadway Sharpening and Gority Cabinetry for over 35 years. He was Post Commander of VFW Post #3, a member of Catholic War Veterans, American Legion-Gallitzin, Disabled American Veterans, Open Doors for the Handicapped, and served as treasurer for the Blair County Historical Society. John also belonged to the Eastern Amputee Golf Association, Fire Base Eagle and Bravo Company. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, traveling and woodworking; but especially loved to spend time with his large extended family. A Bravo condolence letter and sympathy card was sent to Donna.