

# Bravo Regulars



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## President's Message

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Greetings Bravo Brothers,

Our twice postponed Bravo Reunion remains firmly on track for June 1-5, 2022, in Branson, Missouri. Call me an optimist, but it looks like the pandemic is winding down just in time. Missouri Governor Mike Parson has eliminated Covid-19 vaccine mandates statewide, and the Radisson Hotel in Branson does not require guests to wear face coverings. Doing so, of course, remains a personal decision.

I want to say thanks once again to Jim Adams' wife, Pam, for taking the lead in pulling together all the many details involved in planning and arranging such an event. Pam and Jim organized our highly successful 2018 Branson reunion. Pam worked closely with the folks at the Branson Tourism Bureau, the Radisson Hotel, and all the various suppliers and vendors supporting the event. Know that we are in very capable hands.

The included Reunion Update contains all the basic information that you'll need to make hotel reservations and register for the reunion. Please be mindful of any reservation deadlines. There is also a day-by-day Schedule of Activities for the reunion. We have programmed in time for you to explore Branson's many attractions, go shopping or just relax in our Hospitality Room to talk, reminisce and catch up with old friends and new.

Finally, there is the required Registration Form for the event. Please register as soon as possible. It's helpful to know the number of attendees for planning purposes. We have also included a list of 'Early Bird' registrations received to date. Don't hesitate to call or email anyone you'd like to see in Branson. Since this will be the final newsletter before the reunion, we will plan to email the updated list of attendees to those registered for the reunion about a week before the actual event.

If you have never been to Branson before, know that it is a very veteran friendly town. There is also plenty to do there. We have lined up two optional musical entertainment venues for your consideration. The first is a musical revue at one of Branson's many theaters, and second, a dinner cruise out on nearby Table Rock Lake aboard the Showboat Branson Belle. You can register for one or both events as part of the registration process.

We had a great turnout for our 2018 reunion in Branson, and we are hoping to see even more of our Bravo brothers in 2022. If you enjoyed yourself in 2018, reach out to a Bravo brother who didn't attend our last reunion. Share your positive experience and encourage them to register for Branson 2022. We are all still young enough to enjoy a good time with old friends. See you all there!

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

## Reunion Update

The countdown to our 2022 Bravo Regulars Reunion in Branson, Missouri, is in high gear. Final details are coming together to ensure we and the staff at Radisson Branson are ready to greet our Bravo Brothers and their guests on June 1, 2022.

This newsletter contains the Registration Form everyone needs to complete to register, purchase reunion shirts and hats, and sign up for one or both optional entertainment events we have on the schedule. Checks this year must be made out to **Bravo Reunions**.

Please mail the completed Registration Form and your check to Pam Adams, 17278 Highway HH, Mexico, Missouri 65265. The basic Reunion Registration Fee is \$100 per person. See the Registration Form for additional reunion purchases. Do not hesitate to contact Pam (1-573-253-5974) should you have questions or need help with anything. Also, if there is a particular place, show or attraction in Branson that you would like to see, please let Pam know.

We have also included the current agenda to let you know there should be ample free time for fishing, shopping or visiting other Branson attractions.

**Raffle Baskets:** Time to think about putting together the contents of your State Basket for the Raffle. There will be a 50/50 and a quilt raffle as well. Remember that the additional dollars collected here help pay for this reunion.

**Our Hospitality Room:** This will be the place within the Radisson Hotel for all to meet, greet, tell stories, share memories as well as scrap books and other memorabilia brought for Show and Tell. The room will be open and available until the last Bravo Brother goes to bed.

**Radisson Hotel Reservation Deadline is APRIL 20, 2022.** Reservations made after the deadline will be accepted based on availability and cannot be guaranteed. The nightly room rate for the Reunion will be \$120.60, tax included, for single or double occupancy.

You can make reservations online at [www.mybrnasoneventplanner.com](http://www.mybrnasoneventplanner.com) by entering **Tour #28270, Key Phrase: BRAVO**. You can also phone in your hotel reservation by calling 1-800-268-4014, Monday thru Friday, 9am to 5pm. When you use your credit card to make your hotel reservation, please be aware your card will be charged in full within 72 business hours of making your reservation.

**Campground Reservations:** Branson Tourism (1-800-268-4014) will also be able to help those who need campground reservations.

**Getting to Branson by air:** The closest airport is in Springfield, Missouri, which is about one hour from Branson. Uber service is available if needed. There are also airports in St. Louis and Kansas City. These are further away from Branson, and you would need to rent a car.

Here is a list of 'Early Bird' registrations as of February 25, 2022:

Jim and Pam Adams—Missouri  
 Carl and Helen Lammers—Illinois  
 Curtis and Wanda McFarland—Texas  
 Dwayne and Cheryl Davis—Florida  
 Dee and Cheryl Anderson—Texas  
 James and Thelma Howton—Kentucky  
 John M. Turco—New York  
 Ted and Judy Silbereis—California

Art and Denise Gormley—New York  
 John and Bennie Otte—California  
 Kenneth and Sue Neveaux—Louisiana  
 Robert and Joanne Rasmussen—Wisconsin  
 Robert (Bob) Garland—Illinois  
 Eugene (Slim) and Tess Trame—Illinois  
 William Walton—Washington

(Others have reached out to Pam Adams. In total, she believes there are more than 30 members and guests committed to attend thus far.)

**We look forward to seeing you in Branson, June 1-5, 2022.**

## 2022 Bravo Reunion Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, June 1, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens—all day check-in and placement of raffle baskets and other items
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 5:30 p.m. Welcome by Bravo Reunion Committee with reception (food), fellowship and friends

### Thursday, June 2, 2022

- 6:30 a.m. Hotel complimentary breakfast until 11:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens for the day
- 8:30 a.m. Free time and fellowship, shopping
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Music Show (\$35.00 per person, group rate pending). **Show is in downtown Branson. Transportation not provided.**
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and fellowship

### Friday, June 3, 2022

- 6:30 a.m. Hotel complimentary breakfast until 11:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens for the day
- 9:00 a.m. Free time for friendship and shopping
- 2:30 p.m. Board bus for Dinner Cruise. Bus will transport you back to the hotel after the cruise (the cost of this is \$50 per person, which includes R/T transportation, entertainment, and dinner)

### Saturday, June 4, 2018

- 6:30 a.m. Hotel complimentary breakfast until 11:00 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens for the day
- 10:00 a.m. Board and Membership Meetings (followed by photo opportunities)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Provided
- 1:45 p.m. Memorial Service
- 2:45 p.m. Raffle drawing and time to be with friends
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and entertainment

The hotel room rate will be from Wednesday night to Saturday night with check-out by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

**BRAVO REGULARS 2022 REUNION****JUNE 1-5, 2022****BRANSON, MISSOURI****REGISTRATION FORM AND NEEDED INFORMATION**

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per Person

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vietnam Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Battle(s) Participated In: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date Reunion: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart Reunion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Afternoon Music Show: (\$35.00/person group rate pending) Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_****Show is in downtown Branson. Transportation not provided.****Friday Evening Dinner Cruise with entertainment and transportation included: (\$50.00/person)****Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_**

REUNION Shirts: \$30.00 each SIZE: S M L XL XXL XXXL (Circle Size) Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION Hats: \$20.00 Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging information: Radisson Hotel: \$120.60 per/room/per/night, Single or Double: reservation can be made by calling Branson Tourism Bureau at 1-800-268-4014 or 1-417-334-8325. Mention Bravo Reunion for group rate. Branson Tourism Bureau will also help with camping area needs as well as air travel to Reunion. Room Reservations need to be made by April 20, 2022 to ensure you receive the Bravo Reunion Room Rate.**

Reservations can also be made online at [www.mybransoneventplanner.com](http://www.mybransoneventplanner.com): **Tour #28270. Key Phrase: BRAVO**

Please complete this form, make checks payable to **Bravo Reunions** and mail to: **Pam Adams 17278 HWY HH, Mexico, Missouri 65265. By May 1, 2022.**

Information can also be emailed to [pammyanny@msn.com](mailto:pammyanny@msn.com). Pam's cell phone: 573-253-5974Other Questions please contact: President Art Gormley at: [ag31782@aol.com](mailto:ag31782@aol.com)



## Association Business

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Financial Report Income and Expense		
December 1, 2021 Balance		
<u>Income</u>		
Dues	\$ 295.00	\$16,587.55
Total Income	\$ 295.00	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank Fees	\$ 15.00	
Newsletter	352.45	
Domine Registration	63.21	
Website Update	35.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 465.66	
Feb. 28, 2022 Balance		\$16,416.89

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Day Is Done

Painting by  
Norm Bergsma



## Editor's Notes

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

This will be our last newsletter before our reunion in Branson. Anyone planning to attend will need to act on the information provided in this issue.

M C Toyer (C.O. - 3/70-8/70) has shared with us his recollections of the operation into Cambodia in May, 1970. It is on the top of our Bulletin Board.

Suoi Tre vets take note! The memorial/reunion is on for March 17-22, 2022 at Fort Carson, Colorado. There have been a few changes in the plans, so anyone planning to attend should take note. Details concerning the reunion are on the Bulletin Board.

With sadness I must report that four of our brothers have passed since our last newsletter. They are Doyle Glenn Poe (1970), Jerry Frank Hadley (Co. Clerk—3-69/70), Douglas Richard Schellinkhout (1st Platoon 9-66/67 Original) and Kenneth E. Kent (1970). Available information is on the Bulletin Board. Bravo sympathy cards were sent to the families of Jerry Hadley, Richard Schellinkhout and Kenneth Kent. Condolence letters were sent to the families of Richard Schellinkhout and Kenneth Kent.

Lupe Trevino (FO 4-66/67) has been moved from Active to Inactive due to his contact information no longer being valid.

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

*Dave out*



Helicopter

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Norm Bergsma

**BULLETIN BOARD****Submitted by M C Toyer (C.O. - 3/70-8/70) - Bravo 3/22 Leads the 25th Division into Cambodia, May 6, 1970**

The 3/22nd infantry moved from Tay Ninh up to Thien Ngon en masse the day before the 25th Division operations began. Bravo Company was in the field west of old Crook earlier that day and had to be picked up on short notice and pass through an area salted with CS crystals to reach the Hueys. Thien Ngon, aka old French Fort, had a good runway and we were flown from Tay Ninh in C-130s. FSB Wood was just outside Thien Ngon but had been abandoned for some time. We moved past the perimeter and into the triple canopy to set up our NDP. There were fresh trenches and several dead NVA so it may have been prepped immediately beforehand. I went back to the Battalion Command Post and met with the CO and staff. I was told to have Bravo ready at 6am and the entire company would go in a single lift of 16 Hueys. I'm not clear if Charlie Company left right before or right after but they were inserted just across the river border to secure that bank for the Mechanized Battalions, Artillery Batteries, and Engineer Bridge Company who were coming overland from Wood.

On May 6th, the 1st Brigade led the 25th Division, the 3/22nd led the Brigade, and Bravo Company led the 3/22nd six clicks into Cambodia at dawn. Our mission was to secure the LZ for Alpha Company, Delta Company, and Echo Company's Recon, Snipers and Mortars, and the Battalion Aid Station. The Battalion Commander and staff were airborne in the C&C. We landed in a clearing just outside the Village of Tasuos and set up a large perimeter spread thin with at least 15 meters between positions. There was not any cover other than a few anthills. My guys were reporting seeing men in black pajamas on bicycles with weapons but we were told to hold our position and not engage. Alpha and Delta passed through our lines and immediately took casualties so pulled back. We would not have artillery support until later that day so called for gunship support then airstrikes with napalm on the village. Bravo Company did not enter the village but worked back to the border the next day to clear the way for the Mech Battalions. They passed through and went elsewhere and I never saw them again. For the next three weeks we constantly searched and patrolled. FSB Mini had been established on the VN side of the river crossing with Self Propelled 155mm Howitzers and the Engineers. We rotated back there at night for resupply and got mortared but no casualties in Bravo.

That operation was a great success and Bravo Company recovered large caches of weapons and ammunition and supplies of rice and other equipment. A small NVA hospital and two small farming villages were destroyed. A big surprise was finding several sampans on the river, some submerged, and motors on the bank. After our earlier experience in having to evacuate all the enemy material we had recovered, I chose to destroy the boats and motors in place with C-4.

The second phase of Cambodia was to the north in the Fishhook region and the 3/22nd relieved a battalion of the 1st Cav at FSB X-Ray. We continued the search and recover operations for another three weeks. Afterwards the Battalion moved to FSB Kien south of Dau Tieng on the Saigon River.

**BULLETIN BOARD****Submitted by Bill King (C/2/22 1967) - Battle of Suoi Tre Reunion**

Hello to all! Hope this finds you in good health. It's been a rough go for many of us for quite a while. The reunion planning has been difficult with so many uncertainties, Covid, plane travels, etc. Even the Elegante Hotel we were to stay at sold to an investor a couple of weeks ago without notice! We have found another hotel that can accommodate us and at the best reasonable rates. The reunion is still on for March 17-22, 2022. Hotel reservations can now be called in to the Radisson Hotel, 1645 North Newport Road, Colorado Springs, CO, 719-597-7000, code name Battle of Suoi Tre. The room cost will be \$147.67 per night, which includes tax. This price includes a complimentary continental breakfast 6-9am and use of their hospitality and banquet rooms. They have a restaurant which serves appetizers and drinks from 4-10pm. They're working on getting the restaurant to open those hours with a full menu. The hotel shares the parking lot with The Airplane restaurant (a fully intact 1953 Boeing KC-97 tanker plane). It has a full lunch and dinner menu, open 11am-9pm, 7 days a week. The hotel has a 24 hour free shuttle to and from the Colorado Springs Airport, just call the front desk with your needs.

The reunion registration fee is \$80.00 per person, which pays for the banquet dinner, cost for tour and transportation to the WWII airplane museum guided tour, snacks and incidentals.

There will be 55th anniversary commemorative t-shirts, polo shirts and zip up hooded sweat-shirts available on a pre order, pre paid basis. We need to know what and how many you want and sizes as the supply chain is questionable. We need to prepay the order. Need to know and pay ASAP! Tees \$20, polos \$25, zip up hooded sweatshirts \$45.

Who would like to take the evening out to Cripple Creek (a historic gold mining town, now gambling casino town. It is still one of the world's leading gold producing mines!) Need to know how many would like to go so I can arrange transportation. Approximate times, leave town 5pm, return 11:30 ish. It's about an hour ride from Colorado Springs through beautiful scenery.

Ft. Carson will have activities for us including the ceremony on the morning of the 21st to honor our fallen brothers. We'll tour their remodeled museum, visit the PX for pins, etc. and have lunch with the troops. We have several speakers at our evening events including past war vets, several of our own men from the different units on the ground at the battle, a couple of our commanders, a couple 911 first responders (as 911 is a parallel to the Pearl Harbor attack on America and what took our current soldiers to the middle east to fight the war on Global Terrorism).

As a special addition, we have a couple of family members of the men who got killed at the Battle and some wives of the recently deceased Suoi Tre vets that will attend also. We want to honor them and let them know they will always be a part of us.

This should be an enriching reunion to all.

Again, wives are encouraged to attend (you have been our support through our dark moments). All activities are geared to be interesting to husbands, wives and family you are invited to bring along.

Payments can be made and sent to Bill King (Treasurer). Hotel reservations to be done direct to the hotel. Bill King can be contacted at 719-748-8219 (home) or 719-494-3590 (cell). Bill's email is [billkingsouitre@aol.com](mailto:billkingsouitre@aol.com).

**BULLETIN BOARD****Submitted by Bill King (C/2/22 1967) - Addendum to Battle of Suoi Tre Reunion**

The Department of the Army in Washington, DC has told the Commanders at Fort Carson that they have to change our Ceremony that was planned for Monday the 21st to Friday the 18th due to special training that has already been preplanned and can't be re-scheduled. We are very disappointed but it is out of our control. Our veterans' speeches will still be on the evening of the 20th and the banquet will still be on the evening of the 21st. What days we'll go to the base for any activities, museum tour, view the current weapons, have the troops explain their equipment and lunch with the troops in their mess hall is still being decided. We apologize for any inconvenience! We are doing the best we can!

Another note/request. If anyone knows any family members of the men who were killed at the battle, please let them know we would love to have them attend the entire event with us or whatever days they wish. We will honor and grieve with them for their loss.

**Submitted by Editor—Obituaries**

**Doyle Glenn Poe (1970)** - Doyle Poe (71) passed away on March 20, 2019 in San Antonio, TX. Doyle was born March 11, 1948 in Newport, TN. He is survived by his wife, Annette Poe of San Antonio, TX. Doyle Poe was retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service and served three tours in Vietnam, as a volunteer each time. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Heroism in October 1970. He is also retired from the U.S. Postal Service in San Antonio, TX.

**Jerry Frank Hadley (Co. Clerk—3-69/70)** - Jerry Frank Hadley (72), husband, father and grandfather, passed away on November 24, 2020. He was born August 18, 1948, the son of Frank Gerald Hadley and Cecil Mae House in Water Valley, MS. He attended secondary school in Water Valley, MS and later in Memphis, TN. After graduating high school, Jerry joined the U.S. Army and was later honorably discharged. He was employed by Greyhound as a bus driver for many years, until retirement. Jerry met Barbara Fisk in March of 1996 and they united in marriage in September of 1999. Jerry was a great man who loved to spend time with family and friends. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Barbara of Kalamazoo, MI.

**Douglas Richard Schellinkhout (1st Platoon 9-66/67 Original)** - Douglas Schellinkhout (74) of Oregon City, Oregon passed away on December 13, 2021. Douglas was born September 10, 1947. No further information was available.

**Kenneth E. Kent (1970)** - Kenneth E. Kent (75) of Pine Valley, NY was born April 2, 1946, the son of the late Ronald K. and Eleanor (Forrest) Kent. Ken passed away February 18, 2022 surrounded by his family. Ken is survived by his wife, Jean. Ken was a life-long dairy farmer who owned and operated Willowglade Farm in Pine Valley with his father where they bred and developed their beloved registered Red & White Holstein herd. He retired from the U.S. Army, after 29 years of service, as Command Sergeant Major of the 98th Division Army Reserve and is a Vietnam War veteran. Ken was an avid ham radio operator ('KA2LIM') and was caretaker of the Pine Valley Cemetery.