

Bravo Regulars



B Company 3/22



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Vietnam Service

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Presidents Message

By
Ted Silberies

Did you know diabetes in a Vietnam Veteran is automatically considered service related? If you have been told by your physician that you are diabetic or pre-diabetic you should go to the VA and start a claim. Not only will they supply you with the medical supplies you need (test strips, alcohol pads, monitor & medications, including insulin and syringes (if necessary) but you may also qualify for a monthly benefit.

Also, many of us have hearing problems which may or may not be considered service related. You may find you qualify for a free hearing aid and free batteries as well as a modest compensation. Although this does take away our "I didn't hear you, Dear." excuse it is still worth pursuing.

As we learned from the VA rep at our last reunion many of us have PTSD issues. We may not even be aware that is what they are but it is certainly something worth looking into. PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) can be diagnosed through the VA. If you have trouble sleeping, smoke or drink too much, take drugs or have gambling issues these could all be signs of PTSD. Have a difficult time with relationships? Have anger issues? Maybe you fly off the handle at a minor provocation... This is not the time to say "Oh, not me, I'm fine." Be honest with yourself. Everything is kept totally confidential and counseling is available. If your PTSD is considered service related you could qualify for substantial additional benefits.

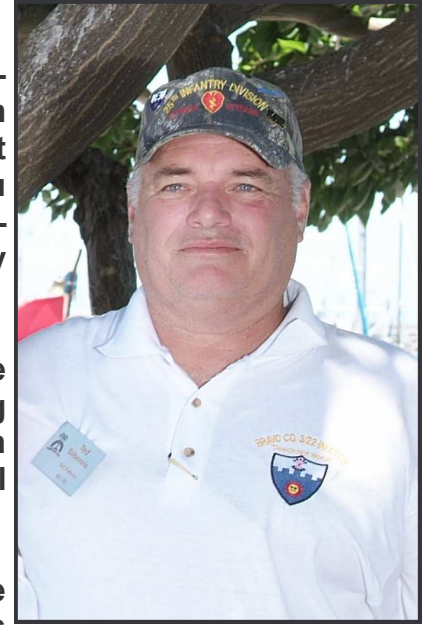
Most counties have a VA Center where you can find answers to your questions and go to file a claim. Look into your local VA hospital and the medical and hospice benefits they have to offer. I can't speak for all VA hospitals, but the care I get at the VA in Palo Alto is better than any private medical care I've ever had.

Find out what your benefits are BEFORE you need them as the process of establishing benefits can sometimes be quite lengthy and you'll need to be persistent. Most of us are retired or nearing retirement. These additional benefits can be quite valuable as we get older and your loved ones will most certainly thank you for being proactive. All you need to take with you is your ID and DD-214.

If you think you might qualify, go to your nearest VA Center. Benefits start from the date the claim is filed so it is in your best interest to start your claim today.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone next year in Pennsylvania. Be sure to make your reservations early and if at all possible, bring the family.

Ted



Doug Smith and Ted Silberies
At Placerville, California Veterans Memorial

Chaplans Message

By Ted Rowley

The summer of 2007 is here, I hope and pray that all is going well for all that read this message. If not try saying a prayer for He is there and will listen. We are only a year away from our next reunion in Pennsylvania, start planning for it now. I recently had the pleasure of spending some time with Norb Zire, the man, along with his wife Marge, who have donated the beautiful quilts for our reunions. Norb, an 88 year old WWII vet along with Marge have touched so many with their generous gifts of love. I think anyone who has won a quilt in the past and not had the opportunity to send their sign of appreciation, it would be much appreciated by many. I know Norb keeps a folder of names and thank yous he has received from, all over the country and out of country as well. I only wish at his age I could be doing something as rewarding as he is doing. Thanks to all!



It is summer and time for fishing and I haven't even got the boat in the water yet. But, today was the maiden voyage for my 87 Lund fishing boat that I got two months ago. We went on the big lake Mendota by Madison, it was green and stinky, but my boat handled the big waves well. I took a picture of a big willow tree I planted in 1968, the summer after I got back from Viet Nam. A massive beauty of Gods creation as it graces the shore of Lake Mendota. Psalm 96:12. The trees in the woods will shout for joy when the Lord comes to rule the earth. He will rule the peoples of the world with justice and fairness for only God can make a tree.

The 4th of July, 40 years ago I was in Hawaii on R &R with my wife, sitting in the back seat of a car driven by Paul Kirk of third platoon, also on R&R. As the fire crackers went off behind the car we were both on the floor of the car. Today 40 years later I'm going to pick some blackberries which Barb and Maria will make into some delicious jelly. I do go and watch the fireworks some times, but it always brings me back to the Battle of Soui Tre, especially the sound. For me it was like a four hour grand finale at the fireworks, along with some big balls of Napalm thrown in. Now 40 years later just a faint memory for some guys, maybe a blessing in disguise for them. For me though, it is like it happened yesterday. As MC, Mike Toyer read at the Doug Smiths reunion some years ago, a paraphrase by Michael Norman, Such Good Men. I struggle with the depth of the emotion of my Vietnam experience. I found for me now to deal with this, I need love, I find that at our reunions. Hope, I hope to see more of you there at the next one. Faith, faith in God and man to find a real Peace in the world we live in. It takes alot of prayer, but only prayer can reach across the boundary of time into eternity. At this time I would like to honor the memory of Alfred Warmesley, a friend to Joe Hughes and our Bravo family. A Vietnam vet who was at the last reunion with us, may he rest in peace.

Lord make me a Makong Delta Channel of your peace,

Your Chaplin,
Ted



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Donation for 2008 Reunion

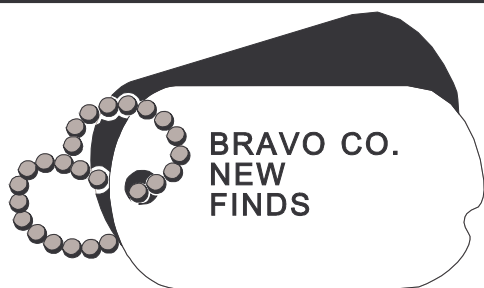
Disabled Veterans Charities has approved a \$3500 grant to assist the 2008 Reunion Committee. The committee will receive the check within the next couple of weeks.

The Bravo Regulars Association Needs Help

The Bravo Regulars are looking for someone to serve as the association Webmaster. This position does not necessarily require any computer expertise. We need someone who can either get into the and change things around and update what needs to be updated. We could also use someone who can co-ordinate and direct our current technical support person. Anyone who might be interested or would like more information please contact John Otte.



In 1997 about 20 of us Bravo 3/22 guys meet in Washington D.C. to attend a Charlie Company Reunion. The above photograph was taken by a member of Charlie Company, you will notice the Bravo Company guide-on in the background



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[Tee It Up for the Troops](#)

Friday September 7, 2007 will be the third year for "Tee It Up for the Troops". Tee It Up is golf tournaments held throughout the country. The Tournament benefits our Wounded Warriors, provides scholarships for returning veterans, and assists programs in support of our Troops. Last year Tee It Up presented the Wounded Warrior Project a check for \$100,000. This year the programs include Wounded Warrior, America Supports You and The Fisher House Foundation.

Golf Courses across the country will be participating, Contact your local Golf Course and ask them to participate.

Reunion 2007 Update

By John Gority



The 2008 Altoona Reunion has been scheduled for July 9, 2008 to July 13, 2008, with Registration beginning July 8, 2008. John Gority and Phil Maceno are Co-chairing the reunion. The site of the reunion will be the PPG employees picnic area about 8 minutes from Altoona. There is plenty of room for RV's and campers. There is a building with a large open pavilion next to it and plenty of picnic areas nearby. The reunion site is within walking distance of the Del Grasso Amusement Park, a family oriented water and amusement park. We are sure to have lots of entertainment by local and national artists. For those interested in vacationing in the historical northeast United States the Reunion Committee is planning to put together information on museums, Civil War battle sites and other interesting travel locations within three hour drive from Altoona. The Committee is in the process of arranging preferred hotel and motel rates in the Altoona area close to two large shopping areas.

As we get nearer the Reunion dates the committee will update you through the association newsletter and the association webpage as further information becomes available. We hope to make this a memorable reunion.

Early Arrival Gettysburg Tour

John Gority is trying to put together a tour of The Gettysburg Battlefield. The tour would consist of bus ride from Reunion site to Gettysburg (2 1/2 hours), a guided bus tour of the battlefield by bus, and bus ride back to the reunion site.

The tour would be Wednesday July 8, 2008, and will be an all day affair. The tour will cost \$40.00 per person. Space is limited to 48 passengers.

We need to know who would be able to take the Gettysburg tour, as soon as possible. Please contact John Gority at (814) 696-9135, or jfgority@aol.com.



Bravo Financial Report

April Beginning Baance.....	\$8391.23
Income.....	51.78
Expenses.....	934.15
April Ending Balance.....	\$7508.86
May Beginning Balance.....	\$7508.86
Income.....	1.63
Expenses.....	0
May Ending Balance.....	\$7510.49
June Beginning Balance.....	\$7510.49
Income.....	31.59
Expenses.....	360.00
June Ending Balance.....	\$7182.08
July Beginning Balance.....	\$7182.08
Income.....	31.54
Expense.....	0
July Ending Balance.....	\$7183.62
August Beginning Balance.....	\$7183.62
Income.....	3501.53
Expense.....	3566.65
August Ending Balance.....	\$7118.50

Association Dues

At the bottom of this page you will find a dues invoice for our association 2007-2008 dues. As you can see from the Financial Report on this page, we are in a good financial position. However, our expenses continue to rise, especially the cost of printing and mailing of our newsletter. Our locating efforts have become more and more expensive. Maintenance of our webpage is also expensive.

Remember, dues are strictly voluntary and know one will ever be excluded from any Association activity or service for failure to pay dues.

Please advise us if you are changing addresses, this will insure that your newsletters will not be interrupted.

**Bravo 3/22 Dues Invoice**

Dues Period June 2007 thru July 2008
Annual Dues \$30.00



NAME: _____

Send dues to:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PLATOON /ASSIGNMENT: _____ TOUR DATES: _____

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All dues are completely voluntary and are used only to support the activities of the group.

TAPS



One of our original Bravo Company men, Roger M. Beegle passed away August 14, 2007. Roger had attended the first Bravo Company Reunion hosted by Mark Rowan. The photo above was taken at the 2000 St. Rose, IL, Reunion. Health issues would not permit Roger to attend any reunions thereafter. Roger had been in failing health for the last seven years.

Roger was much loved by the men who served with him in Bravo Company. Several years ago about twenty of our guys went to Rogers home and held a mini reunion just for Roger.

Upon hearing of Rogers passing seven of our Bravo Brothers traveled to attend Rogers funeral.



L to R Standing:
Ted Rowley, Dennis Amily, Don Schulte, Larry Crouch, Paul Heimann, Carl Lammers
Seated:
Mike Detmer, Sharon Beegle, Al Comeaux



The men of Bravo Company serving as Roger Beegle pall bearers at the cemetery



My first Bravo Company reunion was hosted by Al Comeaux in New Iberia, Louisiana. It was all new and exciting to me. I got to see a bunch of great guys, including my old platoon sergeant, Joe Hughes. Joe was accompanied to the reunion by Alfred Warmesley, his best friend. Alfred was also a Vietnam vet (100%) disabled due to wounds received in Vietnam) who met Joe Hughes in 1967 when he was coming home from Korea and Joe Hughes was coming home from Vietnam. They've been best friends for the last 40 years.

I received a call from Joe Hughes who sadly reported that Alfred passed away from cancer May 27, 2007. Alfred will be missed by all the Bravo vets and family members who had the opportunity to met him.



Lloyd Albers (Maybe)



? - Chip Mills - Roland Broussard - Lee Zuke



Linn Samelson



Jim Bakke



Roland Broussard - Chip Mills



Chip Mills - Sonny Schiebok - Lane Sterling