

# ***Bravo Regulars***

**B Company 3/22**



***Vietnam Service***

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## President's Message

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It sure was great seeing everyone who could make it to our reunion this summer. I'm honored to be serving as your President. I believe we have a great team for the next two years: John Gority is our Vice-President, John Otte is our Treasurer/Locator, Dave Lowell our Secretary/Newsletter Editor/Publisher, and Richard Ward our 2016 Reunion Host.

I'd like to thank Tony and Roxanne Togisala for all the hard work they and their family did for our Salt Lake City reunion. I've heard nothing but positive comments. Organizing such an event is not an easy task and actually pulling it off has to be even harder.

Many thanks also to Sandy Perkins for selling our 50/50 raffle tickets and to Lisa Young for, once again, coming up with a unique quilt and handling the quilt raffle. We had donations for the general raffle from many of our members, in addition to the great collection of raffle items Roxanne had assembled. Thanks to Dave and Dee Lowell for putting together the updated rosters they brought for everyone and to Steve Earp, who provided custom imprinted mini flashlights for all the attendees. All of your help and donations made for a great time and if I didn't list you by name, please accept my apologies. WELL DONE EVERYONE, and congratulations to all of our raffle winners.

Richard Ward has graciously offered to host our next reunion in Naples, FL in April of 2016. Naples is perfectly located on the Gulf Coast, just 2 hours west of Miami and 2-1/2 hours south of Tampa. If you've never been on an airboat ride through the Everglades, experienced a tour of Shark Valley, or spent some time in the company of dozens of alligators, this may be your chance, so mark your calendars.

On a sad note, when we returned home from Salt Lake City, I had a call from Norm Bergsma's wife, Kathy, telling me Norm had suffered a heart attack and died Sunday morning July 27th. Norm had planned to attend the SLC reunion. When he hadn't shown up by Friday, I called him. He said he just wasn't feeling right so decided not to make the trip. I had the honor of serving along side Norm during my tour in Nam. He was a great artist and had a remarkable gift for helping veterans with PTSD through his artwork and prayer ministry. For several years, he and his wife, Kathy, toured the US with his art and the Traveling Wall. On August 26th, Steve Earp, my wife Judi, and I attended the memorial service for Norm in Burlington, WA and visited with Kathy and the family back at their house following the service.

I don't know about you, but I'm not going to pass up a chance to get together, to make a phone call or drop a postcard in the mail to keep those contacts open, to let our buddies know Bravo is out there and that we care about each other.

*Ted*





## Vice President's Column

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First, I'd like to say what an honor it was for me to be elected at our Salt Lake City reunion, to serve you as Vice President for the next two years. Thank you for placing your confidence in me.

It was decided that we will be having our next reunion in Naples, Florida in two years. I hope to see all of you there with Richard 'Crazy' Ward as our host. My wife, Donna, and I are looking forward to traveling to another part of our great country where we have not been before.

At our last reunion, I was talking to several of you about a military resort called Shades of Green at Walt Disney World. Donna and I stayed there this past March when we visited the resort with nine other members of our family. We had a great experience and wanted to share the information with you. The resort is available to all active and retired military personnel and honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability (check their website for specific qualifications and eligibility). To make reservations or if you have questions, call 1-888-593-2242. Also, see their website at <http://www.shadesofgreen.org/>. You will find great prices for rooms and discounted Disney park tickets. Disney transportation is available onsite and if you need to rent a scooter, that can easily be done through approved private vendors. Check the website for more information.

Yours in Service,

*John*

**Day is Done**  
Painting by Norm Bergsma





## Editor's Notes

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Welcome back, Bravo Brothers! Another reunion has come and gone and it was the best one ever, as they all are. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done to the Togisala family. Special thanks to Roxanne whom I worked closely with over the last two years to keep everyone informed. The smiling faces in the picture of the attendees on the cover is your reward. Your early start on Wednesday was a huge success and will likely be the standard for the future.

As usual, elections were held and the new slate of officers is on our Bulletin Board. Welcome to the Board, John Gority, new Vice President and host of our 2008 reunion in Altoona, PA and Richard 'Crazy' Ward, coordinator of our 2016 reunion in Naples, Florida. We have a great group for the next two years and I look forward to working with all. Thank you and you're welcome for the kind words and thanks Dee and I received for all we do on the newsletter. We continue to enjoy serving.

Several members asked about our 'inactive members' list, which includes those for whom we do not have valid information as well as some who have asked to not be contacted. Accordingly, I have posted the names from the list on our Bulletin Board. All known members should be on one of our lists: Combat Casualties, Post Combat Passings, Active Members and Inactive Members. If you spot something that is missing or inaccurate, let me know.

John Murphy notified me of a YouTube posting honoring Vietnam veterans. "The Promise" by Jack Murphy is a song set to still photos from in country. Worth a look! We have Joseph and James Murphy's as members, but it's unknown if they are connected. Confusing!

Dee has put together a collage of photos of reunion attendees, with apologies to the few she missed getting a photo of. Hope you enjoy seeing what your brothers look like lately.

John Otte has included a request for our annual dues, to help keep our organization running strong. Many round off their contributions upward. For those who want the pride of paying your own way but can't afford more, e-mail accounts are free and snail mail accounts cost about \$10 annually. A self-addressed return envelope has been provided for snail mail recipients. All contributions are kept confidential by John.

Sadly, I must report the loss of brother Norm Bergsma. Available details are in Ted Silberies' column as well as on the Bulletin Board. A name search on the internet found several websites with his artwork and other information about him. On behalf of Bravo Regulars, we extend our condolences to Kathy and family. We share your loss.

Our next newsletter will be published in December and we will be accepting input through November 30th. Until then, may peace be with you.

### *Dave out*

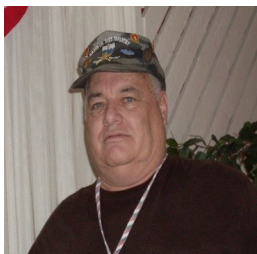
Submissions may appear disjointed at times but are often edited for space, content and/or excerpted from larger personal communications between members. Submissions can be sent to either my email or home address (880 N. Solar Drive, Vail, AZ 85641) or to any Officer. Any photos submitted by mail will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

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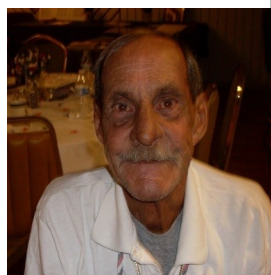
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Shown below is a list of all members  
 currently on the inactive list

Allen, Jim	Martineau, Willard
Andrews, John	Martino, John
Beckman, Joseph	McCormack, Daniel
Blocker, Stonewall	McCormick, Ricky
Brower, Stephen	McDonald, George
Bryant, Phil	Menchaca, Ernest
Burdette, Dennis	Milford, Larry
Carlisle, Rick	Munce, David
Carr, Sherman	Nesbitt, Tom
Cibulski, Ed	Newcombe, Monte
Cook, Arthur	Ponn, Roger
Crne, Allen	Rathgaber, Ron
Davis, Ted	Restelle, Mike
Detra, Dick	Roseberry, Clinton
Dias, Barry	Rowley, Ron
Drayer, Douwe	Schinkey, Russ
Ebanez, Thomas	Schrum, Carl
Fisher, Tony	Seering, Randall
Gardner, Larry	Smith, Terry
Geib, Richard	Somers, Gary
German, Darwin	Steele, Joseph
Gianetti, Mike	Steininger, Kevin
Gilmer, Ron	Strauch, Paul
Good, Francis	Street, Steven
Gorski, Chester	Takacs, Jerry
Haith, Hubert	Tekus, Michael
Hobbs, Charles	Theobald, Robert
Hood, Willie	Tunnelle, Joseph
Hoy, Patrick	Villanueva, Carlos
Hughes, Doyle	Ware, Dick
Hunt, Terry	Weable, Charles
Hunter, Ronnie	Weckworth, Gary
Interiano, Arnold	Whaley, Roger
Izzo, David	Whitley, Harold
Kelly, Troy	Williams, Ernest
Knott, Jim	Williams, Ralph
Lamontagne, Francis	Williamson, Jesse
Laperle, Reginald	Wiltshire, Rick
Lindsey, Bill	Winkler, Roger
Livingston, Craig	Wright, Mitchell
Malone, Jerry	Zuke, Lee
Marsh, Kenneth	Zuverink, Jack

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Submitted by Editor— Posting by the Patriot Guard honoring Norm Bergsma

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Patriot Guard: Our presence is requested to show honors to SPC 4 Norm Bergsma. Norm Bergsma, - co-owner of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall/Artist/Vietnam Combat Vet, passed away July 27, 2014 of a massive heart attack. Norm flew in over 122 Air Missions in Vietnam, gave many years of his life, sold all of his belongings to take the Traveling Wall around the United States to honor his fellow Veterans and was a huge part of Pointman Ministries for over 25 years. He believed that in Battle, Brothers are born of adversity. Let us stand together and honor this HERO.

### Submitted by Ted Silberies—web posting by Kathy Bergsma to honor her husband, Norm

It came full circle for Norm. We both experienced a deep healing. It was complete and he had come to peace with his past. The Friday night before Norm died, his 25th Infantry Division from Vietnam had called him from their reunion in Utah. These were the very men he fought with in Vietnam. The last tribute Norm did was for a family in New York, a journalist from the university there, who was the cousin of a young soldier that had died in Norm's arms in Vietnam. This was the source of Norm's pain and trauma that caused him to paint his war experiences. And because of this event, we ministered all over this country to veterans and their friends and families for 25 years. Sunday, July 27, Norm went home to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This year and our summer were filled with amazing blessings. A new grandbaby (Joseph), family missions and reunion sendoff, a family wedding, camping with Abigail who loved her Papa, art classes with beloved friends, His Place church family, Norm's great men's Bible study group, his love of the mountains and friends. He was on the church prayer team and literally every week went to the mountains to pray for this valley and as far as he could see—the San Juans, Seattle, Whidbey Island, ... The last day we had together was the most perfect day. Glory!

### Submitted by Nick Carey—Journalist for Thomson Reuters

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks to Bravo Company, for allowing me to attend the reunion in Salt Lake City in July. Having attended the reunions of a sister company of yours (C Co 3/22) and the 22nd Infantry Regiment, I have come to understand not merely the healing quality that reunions possess, but also that these are private affairs. To allow a stranger like myself to attend your reunion shows great generosity as well as patience. After working on my book on the units that were at both Suoi Tre and Suoi Cut (FSB Burt) for the past year and a half, it was great to be able to put faces to names, as was the case with Dave Lowell (& Dee!), Walt Shugart, Art Gormley and Larry Robinson. I also had the privilege to make many new acquaintances, including Carl & Helen Lammers, Larry & Lisa Young, John Gority, Max Torres, Patrick Toyama, Rich Ward, John Dingle, Guy Archambault, Jim Adams, Jim Howton, Hinton Whitehead, Bob Garland and Mark DeLong. I have spoken to most of them and plan to speak to the rest soon, plus some others whom they have recommended I speak to. A special thanks also to Bobby Killough, who cannot make it to reunions because of his disabilities (though says he would love to attend) for spending two hours on the phone patiently fielding my questions prior to the reunion. I owe a great deal to all of those who have consented to share their stories with me. Thank you for trusting me to put your deeds into words. And, of course, if anyone else is interested in talking to me, please let me know. Everyone's story is important; all of you have something to add to what I am doing. Right now the biggest gap I have is information from 1st Platoon, B Co, 3/22, at Suoi Tre. My picture of that day is coming together, especially as I had the honor in August to interview Jack Vessey, who commanded at Suoi Tre and went on to become the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Sharp as a tack at 92 years old and with a wonderful memory. If anyone would be willing to enlighten me further, I would be delighted to hear more. I can be reached at [nick.carey@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:nick.carey@thomsonreuters.com) or 312-636-8837. A big thank you once again and I hope I will be welcome at the 2016 reunion down at Rich Ward's place in Florida.

### Submitted by Walt Shugart—C.O.—1/67-4/67

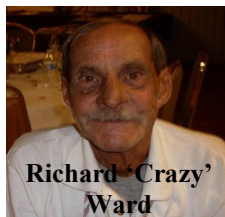
E-mail to Roxanne and Tony Togisala—Roxanne and Tony: Just a note to let you know how much we appreciate your efforts at staging a very successful reunion for the Bravo Regulars. Your hard work and devotion to ensure our time was well spent and filled with good memories was fully paid off by our experience. From lodging, through programs, meals, clothing, mementoes and entertainment, we don't think you could have done better. We're sorry to have missed the parade, but there's no doubt that those Regulars who rode in it enjoyed a well deserved welcome home after so many years. Please let all who helped you know how much we appreciated their efforts as well. Your reunion made sure that our association will grow stronger and will bolster attendance at the Naples, Florida reunion in 2016. Shirley & Walt Shugart — Reply from the Togisala's: Thank you so much! Tony and I were proud to do this reunion. It was a lot of work, but worth every moment to honor all of our Bravo Brothers. Thank you for coming and our family was honored as well. God Bless and see you at our next reunion in Florida. Tony and Roxanne.



**REUNION PHOTOS**



**Carl Lammers**



**Richard 'Crazy'  
Ward**



**Curtis McFarland**



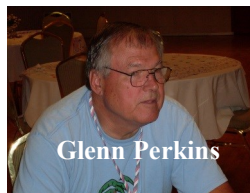
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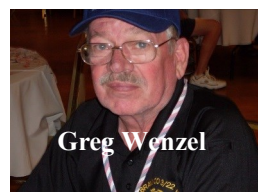
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**Glenn Perkins**



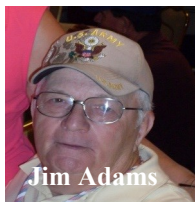
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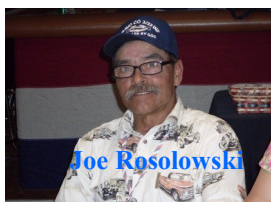
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**Max Torres**



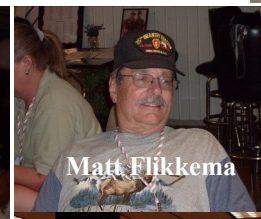
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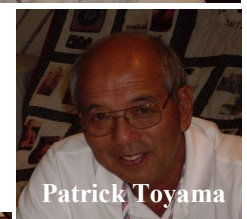
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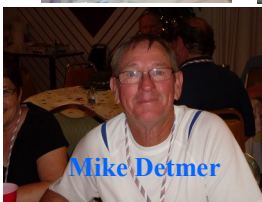
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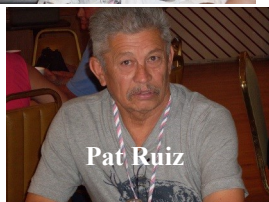
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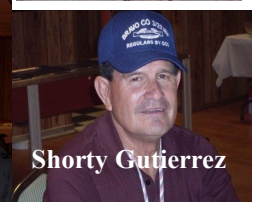
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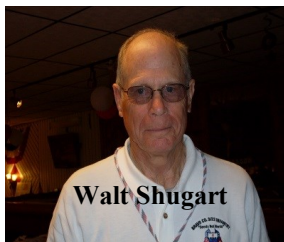
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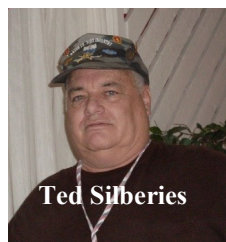
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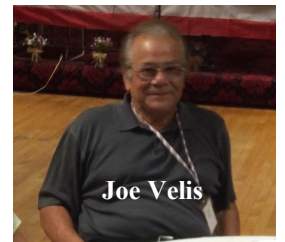
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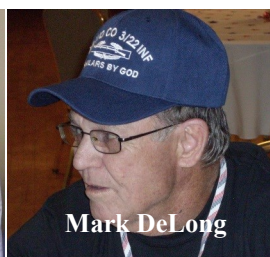
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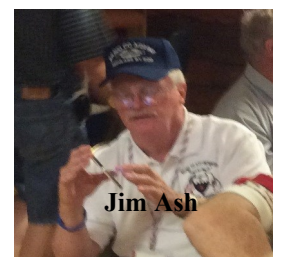
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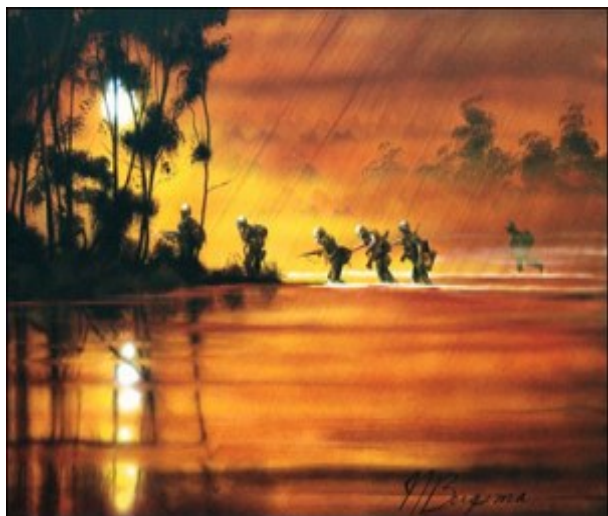


## Association Business

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### Financial Report Income and Expense

June 1,, 2014 Balance	\$9,101.94
<u>Income</u>	
Dues	\$260.00
Donations	
Total Income	\$260.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Newsletter	\$641.40
Webpage	\$59.85
Total Expenses	\$701.25
Aug. 31, 2014 Balance	\$8,660.69



### Ambush

Painting By Norm Bergsma



## Bravo 3/22 Dues Invoice

Dues Period Sept. 2014 thru Aug. 2015  
Annual Dues \$35.00



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