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President's Message

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Hello Bravo brothers,

Hoping all of you are well, and having an enjoyable summer. Summertime for me seems to go by faster every year. Fall is right around the corner, and I guess that's not a bad thing, as we experienced some crazy hot temperatures this past summer.

The Bravo Reunion plans to be held in St. Rose, Illinois are coming right along. The Committee is made up of seven local Bravo members and their wives, plus the widows of two more local Bravo veterans. We are busy getting plans finalized for our upcoming Bravo Reunion, to be held at the Development Club, 8004 South First Street, St. Rose, Illinois 62230. Dates for this reunion are October 20, 21 and 22. Please mark your calendars.

As of this writing, we have received a combination of approximately 39 reservations from Bravo members/guests. I encourage you to get your reservations in as soon as possible. The cut-off date for registrations is September 15, 2026. Registration forms and information are included with this newsletter. When registering, please make your check payable to "Bravo Reunion/ Mike Detmer." For motel reservations, be sure to ask for the Bravo Company discount at both the Seasons Inn & Suites, Highland, IL, and the Mariners Village at Carlyle, IL. I'm hoping to find lots more registration forms in my mailbox soon.

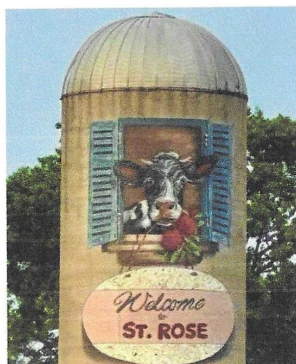
As we mentioned before, we are not getting any younger. If traveling is a challenge for you, we encourage you to please invite a family member, a neighbor, or a friend to travel/assist you on the trip. All are welcome to attend this reunion with you. Think of it as a "road trip" to the country in Southern Illinois.

Activities planned for this reunion are available in this newsletter as "Bravo Reunion Program." These will be full days of visiting and spending time together. To get the fullest benefit of the reunion, we suggest that you be at the reunion on the morning of October 20, and leaving on October 23rd.

The following is the current 2026 Bravo Reunion Sign-Up List: Dave and Dee Lowell, Ken and Sue Neveaux, James and Thelma Howton, Curtis and Wanda McFarland, Vernell and Betty Hemker, Sonny and Joanne Rasmussen and two family members, Ronald and Jean King, Dee and Cheryl Anderson, Glenn and Sandra Perkins, Tess Trame, Don and Mary Schulte, Melvin and Connie Yardley, Ted and Judi Silbereis, Paul Heimann, Mark and Marge Detmer, John Lubniewski and two family members, Jim and Mary Jane Richter, and John and Lynn Dingle.

Hoping to see all of you in St. Rose on October 20, 2026!

Mike



2026 Bravo Reunion

**St. Rose Development Club
8004 S. 4th Street
St. Rose, IL62230**

Preliminary Itinerary

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

9:30 AM – Doors Open at St. Rose Development Club
Veterans and family/friends arrive and get acquainted.

Lunch

Getting acquainted and socializing.

Dinner

Music by “Dale LaRose” – One-man Band who loves veterans!

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

9:30 AM – Doors Open at St. Rose Development Club
Socializing in morning

Lunch

Travel to “Standing Proud Museum” in Bartelso, IL
Visit Whispering Pines of Clinton County (tour)

Dinner

Patriotic Concert by the “Heartland Community Chorus”

Thursday, October 22, 2026

9:30 AM – Doors open at St. Rose Development Club
Organizational Meeting of Bravo Regulars

Lunch

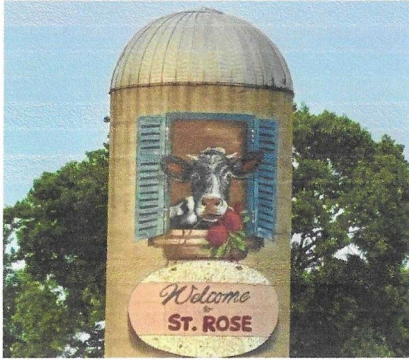
Memorial Service at St. Rose Park, (site of 2000 Reunion)

Dinner

Entertainment by the “Three Strange Chickens” Band

Time for saying Good Bye

Bravo Regulars



Bravo Reunion 2026
St. Rose, Illinois
October 20 – 22, 2026

Registration Form
Deadline September 15, 2026

To reduce costs, this year's reunion will follow a slightly different schedule. It will take place on Tuesday through Thursday. We basically eliminated the two half-days used in past years. Be assured that we will still have three full days of planned activities. You will have:

- Day trip visiting two different locations:
 - **Standin' Proud, a Veterans Tribute** museum representing the different conflicts that have been fought by the military over the years - everything from Iraq and Afghanistan to Vietnam.
 - **Whispering Pines**, a retreat atmosphere whose purpose mission is "Refreshing the soul through nature and conservation" for veterans, military, first responders, special needs groups, and more.
- Two catered meals each day (lunch and dinner)
- Entertainment each day
- Memorial service will be held at the 2000 Reunion Location (weather permitting)

Fee \$150 (per person) – One-Day Fee \$30 (per person)

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Veteran's Name: _____ **Email:** _____
Address: _____ **City State Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Circle Days Attending	Name	Circle Days Attending	Name
Tu W Th		Tu W Th	
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Total # of Attendees: _____ (use back of form for additional attendees)

Reunion Shirts/Hats

Polo Shirt - \$30 each White Polo Shirt With Reunion Logo							Hats \$25 each Navy Blue Embroidered
Size	Small	Medium	Large	X Large	2X Large	3X Large	
Quantity							

Please give us a hand by letting us know you're coming:

1. Fill out the information on this form
2. Detach the bottom portion of this form
3. Mail this form along with payment for:
 - ☒ Registration Fees
 - ☒ Shirt Purchase(s)
 - ☒ Hat Purchase(s)

Mail to: Mike Detmer
 7803 Cemetery Rd. – St. Rose, IL 62230
Contact Info: 618-910-2097
mmdetmer@gmail.com

Please Add Any Special Dietary Needs / Comments / Questions
 on the back of this form

Hotels:

<u>Seasons Inn & Suites</u> 20 Central Blvd, Highland, IL seasonsinnhighland.com (618) 651-1100 (10.8 miles) Queen (VET1020Q) \$112 Queen Hcap \$108 (VET1020HQ) King (VET1020) \$112 King Hcap (VET1020H) \$108	<u>Carlyle – Mariners Village</u> 1 Resort Dr, Carlyle, IL. 62231 marinersvillagecarlylelake.com 618-594-7666 (15.6 miles) Standard Room (Bravo) \$109 Cabin (Bravo) sleeps 6 \$225 Continental Breakfast \$15/person Located on Carlyle Lake
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Campground:

<u>Carlyle Lake Dam West Campground</u> 14498-14510 County Rd 1430 N, Carlyle, IL 62231 recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233483 (618) 594-4410 (16 miles)

Airports

St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) 10701 Lambert International Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63145-0212 314-426-8000 Website: flystl.com Largest airport in the area and hosts all the major carriers. 59 miles to St. Rose	MidAmerica 9656 Air Terminal Dr. Mascoutah, IL 62258 (618) 566-5200 Website: flymidamerica.com Mostly used by commercial carriers, but Allegiant Airlines does offer a very limited number of flights. 25 miles to St. Rose
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Directions from hotels to meeting site

From Seasons Inn & Suites

Start at 20 Central Blvd. Go for 243 ft. Turn left toward Central Blvd. Go for 43 ft. Continue on Central Blvd. Go for 207 ft. Turn left onto State Route 143 (IL-143). Go for 1/10th mile. Continue on IL-143. Go for 210 ft. Turn left onto State Route 143 (US-40). Go for 5/10 mile. Take the 1st exit from roundabout onto Poplar Street. Go for 7/10 mile. Keep left toward Poplar St./IL-160S. Take the 3rd exit from roundabout onto Broadway. Go for one mile. Take the 2nd exit from roundabout onto St. Rose Road. Go for 5.2 miles. Keep right onto St. Rose Road (CR-14). Go for 3.4 miles. Turn left onto So. 4th Street. Go for 52 ft. End at 8004 S. 4th Street.

From Carlyle—Mariners Village

Start at 1 Resort Drive. Head northeast. Go for 72 ft. Turn right toward Resort Dr. Go for 89 ft. Turn right onto Resort Dr. Go for 407 ft. Turn right onto William Road (CR-20). Go for 5/10 mile. Turn left onto 12th St. (IL-127). Go for 2/10 mile. Turn right onto US-50. Go for 10 miles. Turn left toward St. Rose Rd/CR-14. Go for 2/10 mile. Turn left onto St. Rose Rd/CR-14. Turn right onto S. 4th St. Go for 52 ft. End at 8004 S. 4th Street.





Vice President's Message

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Hello to everyone,
I hope that this article finds everyone well. The weather here in Louisiana has been very hot and dry. It was 99 degrees yesterday and expected to be the same today, no rain. The reunion will be here before we know it. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in October. Please try to attend. The local American Legion Post here had a fundraiser for the baseball team that they have been sponsoring for years. They sold plate lunches of boiled shrimp, potatoes, etc. It was delicious. Be safe,

Ken

Association Business



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Financial Report Income and Expenses

June 1, 2026 Balance		\$7,280.94
<u>Income</u>		
Dues	\$.00	
Total Income		\$.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
Newsletter	\$381.31	
Website Update	\$ 55.00	
Total Expenses		\$416.31
May 31, 2025 Balance		\$6,864.63



Editor's Notes

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

Larry Reems (Co. CO—8/67-9/67) sent us an article about Veterans Day. We actually received it a year ago but there wasn't room for it in that issue, so I'm printing it now on the Bulletin Board.

We received information about Pat Boudro (4th Platoon—9-68/8-69) being honored with a Quilt of Valor". Information is on the Bulletin Board.

We have a request for information regarding the service of George Boatright (3rd Platoon—died in 1970). M.C. Toyer (C.O.—3/70-8/70) referred him to us. His brother, Tommy, has been connected with Jerry Lewis (3rd Platoon—7-69/70) and is looking for anyone else who may remember serving with George. Additional information is on the Bulletin Board.

You will find all the reunion information in this issue. I have been contacted by several members expressing a desire to attend, but cannot travel due to age related ailments. This is probably our last reunion, so please attend if you can.

Three members have been moved to the Inactive List due to their contact information no longer being valid. They are Jimmy Ellis (1970/1971), John Kyzar (1969), and Perry Lansdale (3rd Platoon—9-66/67 Original).

Ted Silbereis, (3rd Platoon—1-69/70), informed us that Honorary Member Linda Comeaux, widow of Al Comeaux, passed away on August 26, 2026. A Bravo sympathy card was sent.

With sadness I must report that another Bravo Brother has passed away. He is Charles Wilbur Stillwell (3rd Platoon—1968). Available information is on the Bulletin Board.

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

Dave out

BULLETIN BOARD

Submitted by Larry Reems (Co. CO—8/67-9/67) - Profiles of Valor: America's Veterans and the Price of Liberty (Published in The Patriot Post) - Authored by Mark Alexander.

We have celebrated some remarkable 250th anniversaries this year. In the Spring of 1775, civil discontent with royal rulers was growing, and American Patriots in Massachusetts and other colonies were preparing to cast off their masters.

On 23 March we observed the anniversary of Patrick Henry's impassioned "[Give me Liberty or give me death](#)" speech, which captured the spirit of the coming revolution in defense of American Liberty.

The anniversary of the first Patriots' Day was 19 April. The battles of Lexington and Concord, on which our quest for liberty was launched, were among the 10 most critical engagements of the Revolutionary War. That opening salvo 250 years ago was immortalized by poet Ralph Waldo Emerson as "[The Shot Heard 'Round the World.](#)"

On 14 June 1775, the Continental Congress directed "six companies of expert riflemen be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia," establishing the Continental Army, now the U.S. Army. The next day, George Washington was appointed its Commander.

13 October was the 250th anniversary of the founding of our Navy, when the Continental Congress authorized the arming of two sailing vessels with 80 men and 10 carriage guns in order to intercept British supply and munitions transports.

10 November is the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps founding, when the Second Continental Congress resolved to create two battalions of Continental Marines to pursue the War of Independence against the British royals.

And 11 November, we observe the anniversary of Veterans Day. However, our national Veterans Day observance is not a 250th anniversary ... at least not officially, but read on! It originated as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I, "on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month," 1918. The Armistice commemoration was to honor Veterans of World War I. On 11 November 1921, the remains of an unidentified American soldier from World War I were buried in Arlington National Cemetery in the Tomb of the Unknown in recognition of WWI Veterans and in conjunction with the cessation of hostilities on 11 November 1918. Veterans Day is observed by a moment of silence and prayer at the 11th hour.

In the years that followed, the remains of three additional warriors—one each from World War II, The Korean War, and the Vietnam War—were laid to rest at the tomb. The 2021 observance marked the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Tomb of the Unknown. Inscribed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are the words, "Here lies in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

But it was not until 1954 that President Dwight D. Eisenhower, former Supreme Allied Commander of World War II, signed legislation formally changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Eisenhower wrote, "Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us re-consecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."

BULLETIN BOARD**Continuation of Profiles of Valor.**

Thus, though this is only the 67th anniversary of the designation of our national Veterans Day, American Veterans have valiantly carried forward the banner of Liberty since that first Shot Heard 'Round the World 250 years ago. Eisenhower declared: "All the history of America bears witness to this truth. Out of faith in God, and through faith in themselves as His children, our forefathers designed and built this Republic." We remember the picture of the Father of our Country, on his knees at Valley Forge seeking divine guidance in the cold gloom of a bitter winter. Thus Washington gained strength to lead to independence a nation dedicated to the belief that each of us is divinely endowed with indestructible rights. We remember, too, that three-fourths of a century later, on the battle-torn field of Gettysburg, and in the silence of many a wartime night, Abraham Lincoln recognized that only under God could this nation win a new birth of freedom. ...By the millions, we speak prayers, we sing hymns—and no matter what their words may be, their spirit is the same—"In God is our trust."

We set aside Veterans Day to honor the high price of sacrifice paid by generations of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen making up the ranks of more than 41 million veterans who have served our nation since the American Revolution.

American Patriots have, for generations, honored their sacred oaths "to support and defend" the American Liberty "endowed by their Creator" as the unalienable Rights of Man—the rights of all people, as affirmed in our Declaration of Independence and enshrined in our Republic's Constitution.

Veterans Day, as distinguished from Memorial Day, is primarily to honor and celebrate the millions of American Veterans in our midst—those we can thank in person for their service and sacrifice—and to thank the spouses, widows, and families who supported them through their service to our nation. It is a stark reminder that freedom is not free.

At one point in their lives, every Veteran wrote a blank check made payable to "The People of the United States of America" for an amount up to and including their life. In the words of Army Veteran Charles M. Province: It is the Soldier, not the minister, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the Soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to protest. It is the Soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the Soldier, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote. It is the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.

On this Veterans Day, and every day of the year, may God bless our men and women in uniform who have stood in harm's way. For their steadfast devotion to duty, honor, and country, we, the American people, offer them our humble gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Live your life worthy of the sacrifice of 250 years of American Veterans!

Submitted by Michael Boudro—son of Pat Boudro (4th Platoon—9/68-8/69)

I am writing on behalf of my dad, Pat Boudro, who is a member of the Bravo Regulars (68/69). My dad was an 11-C "Mortar Man", and was present for the attacks on Fire Support Base Crook on June 6-7, 1969. A fellow Bravo Regular (Steve Earp—1st & 4th Platoon—68/69) nominated him for a Quilt of Valor, which was picked up and completed by Mrs. Brenda Van Woert. We had a small ceremony for him at the Durand VFW Reed-Raymond Post 2272 on July 19th. Pat has lived in Durand, Michigan for most of his life. Quilts of Valor is a nonprofit founded by Catherine Roberts in 2003 that honors veterans with handmade quilts. To date, QOV has awarded over 450,000 quilts. More information, including how to nominate a veteran, can be found at <https://www.govf.org>.

BULLETIN BOARD**Submitted by Tommy Boatwright—brother of George Boatwright**

I am the brother of George Boatwright. He died in a bunker fire February 16, 1970. He was in 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon. He was in a FSB close to Tay Ninh. I would like to know if anyone might have known him or maybe might have photos of him or where the bunker was. I know that Jerry Lewis (3rd Platoon—7-79/70) was in the bunker with him. Any help with this would be very much appreciated.

Submitted by Editor—Obituary**Charles Wilbur Stillwell (3rd Platoon—1968)**

Charles Wilbur “Bus” Stillwell, age 79, of Wheelersburg, Ohio, peacefully passed away on November 12, 2025, at the VA Medical Center in Chillicothe. Born on November 8, 1946, in Portsmouth, he was the cherished son of the late Charles and Gladys Barringer Stillwell.

Bus proudly served his country with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, with 3th Platoon in 1968, earning two Purple Hearts for his bravery. He furthered his education by graduating from Ohio University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Bus dedicated many years of his career to the IT department at Centrus, from which he retired in 2014.

Bus was a man who loved working with his hands and could often be found making a trip to Lowe’s for his latest project. He enjoyed spending time with friends, treating loved ones to lunch or dinner, and traveling with his wife, Sue.

Known for his ever-present smile and positive outlook, Bus faced life’s challenges with grace and good humor. His selfless spirit and generous heart touched all who knew him, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, and love. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

