101ST AIRBORNE VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER: JANUARY 2024

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Hi Guys

I've been waiting to get another newsletter out until the association had some information on the August reunion. However, a few things came up that Bruce Roshong, our president thought you should know about.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please put a newsletter together with the following information:

First, I received a call from Karen Handley, the sister of Gerald Laird. She is very concerned about Gerald's condition and is asking for assistance from us. Gerald's daughter has placed him in assisted living, and he is very lonely. She has requested that we send letters to Gerald or if possible, visit Gerald if any members of our organization are close by. Gerald is struggling with PTSD and Alzheimer's. His address is: Rosewood Retirement Community Assisted Living 5700 East Central Texas Expressway Kileen. TX 76543 Room 113

Second, the Last Snowbird Reunion will be held February 14-17 in Tampa at the Marriott Westshore. Please attach the registration form from the Association website. Room reservations need to be made in the next two weeks to get the Association discount. This will be the last Snowbird reunion due to skyrocketing costs.

Third, the final Florida Vietnam and all Veterans Reunion will be held in Melbourne, Florida May 5-13 at Wickham Park. We have a campsite (Campground C, Lot 120) paid for which we use each year to gather with our brothers. If anyone is interested, please go online to review the 8-day agenda. There are many local hotels in the area if members do not want to camp out. This will be the final year for the reunion.

Fourth, it is that time again for nomination of new officers for the organization. Elections will be held at this year's reunion in Springfield, Missouri at our membership meeting in August.

Thanks, Bruce

TAPS John David Hanie passed away 12/14/2023 He served with A co 1/502 in 68-69. If you wish to send condolences, or help defray some of the funeral expenses. His wife Patricia is at 2131 Rando Lane, Atlanta GA 30318-1923. We also lost Thomas E Zundel on 10/29/2023. Unfortunately, that is all I have on him.

The Association has discontinued the printed version of the "Screaming Eagle" magazine. If you prepaid \$12 for the hard copy you may call (931) 431-0199 and ask for a refund.

For those of you who are getting a hard copy I have included a registration form for the snowbird reunion. The members getting this by email have an attachment.

You will get another letter when I have more info on the association's reunion.

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NOTE: When I send out the hard copies I include one to myself, just to see how long it takes. I still haven't received my letter from September. So, I do recommend getting your letter by email if possible.