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From the Desk of our President

I thought the reunion at Ft. Campbell was great. The city of Clarksville, TN really rolled out the red carpet for us and the events at Ft. Campbell, especially the Welcome Home Ceremony, were very moving. There were a number of “first timers” this year. Janet and I had the opportunity to meet and talk with many of you and we hope to see you next year.

Well, as one reunion ends, we start planning for the next one. Our reunion committee has expanded to six members, with Past President Ed Barbour chairing the committee. As we close in on a venue, we will be sure to get the information out to you as soon as possible so that you can plan to be there.

Janet was host to the annual breakfast for the wives at the reunion and she added: “Once again the ladies gathered to celebrate each other. We are definitely better together”.

In the last newsletter I mentioned that I recently received a call from an ex (no such thing as an ex) Marine, also a Vietnam Vet who lived in Idaho. He had come across a shadow box at a yard sale which contained which honored Sgt. Gary Hadley, A Co 1/501 who was KIA near Thua Thien on March 19, 1966. He was 19 years old. The story has a good ending. The VFW in Sgt. Hadley’s hometown of Arnold, Missouri agreed to accept the shadow box. They located Sgt. Hadley’s family and with much ceremony and a police escort returned the box to them. Many people reached out to honor this fallen paratrooper although none had ever known him.

We know that several of our members could not be with us this year because of illness. We missed them and we hope that we can all be together next year.

Stay safe and well.

Airborne/Air Assault

Bill



President Bill Ramsey



From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt
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2019 Reunion: Another one in the books...and from all indications, everyone had a great time. I can't begin to tell you how pleased I am that you came to Clarksville to share a few days with us. I know there were a few glitches but as we in the 101st know, we can adapt and overcome. The hotel was an excellent location but I would agree with most, they needed a full time restaurant onsite. And, although there were several nice restaurants in the city, walking uphill to reach them was not something many of us senior citizens wanted to do. I know a few of you were disappointed that the pool was "closed for repairs". And then there was the pizza, I understand that we ran out with some not yet served; I can only beg your forgiveness and promise that next year we will order a few more to be sure everyone gets their share.

And, speaking of food, I can't say enough about our adopted Vietnamese sister, Kara Phan-Abbott. She went above the call of duty with the spread she provided on Wednesday and Thursday in the hospitality room. I am appreciative of her willingness to help us; she is a welcomed asset to the organization. Thanks to all the ladies who helped make the reunion a success.

As has been the case in more recent years, we had a large turnout with 147 people attending the banquet on Friday evening. The meal was good and we were honored to have Col. Leslie Carter, Jr., US Army Retired, as our guest speaker and his daughter, Betsy Campbell. Col. Carter gave an informative PowerPoint presentation regarding those who served in Vietnam and those listed on The Wall who made the ultimate sacrifice. In the past, we have thanked our speaker by presenting him with a plaque or some other significant military memorabilia. Most speakers, and certainly this is true of Col. Carter, have received many plaques over the years so we decided a few years ago to do something different. We voted to place a wreath at the 101st Airborne Memorial located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day. Next May, on that occasion, we will dedicate a wreath in the name of Col. Leslie Carter, Jr., to honor the fallen who served with the 101st Airborne. We salute you sir for your service to us and to this great nation.

A final thought on the Riverview Inn at Clarksville: After we signed a contract with the hotel, the original sales director we worked with left, a second one came onboard...and then left. The third sales director was Qaina Watson. It would have been nice to work with her from day one but after she took charge, she and her staff worked with us to make our reunion a success. I hope you found everyone on her staff to be as pleasant as I did. If ever I returned to Clarksville, I would stay at Riverview Inn because of the warm reception we received.

Clarksville Visitor's Bureau: I must compliment the Visitor's Bureau, and in particular, Mrs. Frances Manzitto. They arranged for so much during our visit. We participated in a dinner at the Old Glory Distillery, a luncheon at the Civic Center, toured Fort Campbell and had a Welcome Home Celebration in Hangar 3 on post. Then, there was a parade and many of our attendees were honored guests. I saw a convertible coming around the corner and thought, this must be the Governor or at least the Mayor. Then as it gets closer I recognize it's Joe Harbright, a member of our group. He's wearing a Fedora and waving to the crowd like he's a real hero. Truth be known, he is...as are so many of our fine members.

Annual Raffle: This year our raffle item was a Beretta-Nano 9mm Pocket Pistol which was donated by past president and current membership chairman, Ed "Doc" Barbour. The winner was Leon Kubin, who last year won a gold coin that was one item we had in the raffle. Each year, Leon supports the organization by buying many raffle tickets, and we are grateful for his participation. Now that Leon has the pistol, he's decided he doesn't need it and would like to sell it. If anyone is interested, email him at LJK806@sbcglobal.net, and make an offer. Look up the value on the internet; it's a nice pistol. There were two consolation prizes awarded, books written by Ronny Ymbras: *Fallen, Never Forgotten: Vietnam Memorials in the USA*.

2020 Reunion: Every year we would like to announce the location of our next reunion at the annual banquet and although that has been discussed many times in the past, we just have not been able to arrange it. We come to the reunion hoping that someone will present a proposal that has been received from a suitable location but that hasn't happened either. So, the Board of Governors discussed the location for next year and it came down to Fayetteville/Fort Bragg, NC or Branson, MO. By a very close margin, the decision was to select Fayetteville, NC for 2020 and consider Branson, MO for 2021. To date, we have received at least 15 proposals from hotels in Fayetteville. A few sound good but we won't know until we make a site visit. Hopefully, by the time we mail out the Winter edition of *INCOMING* we will have a contract. I'm sure everyone knows that Fort Bragg is the home of the 82nd Airborne Division and the Special Forces Groups. There are several military museums in the area so we should have plenty to see. The president of the Carolinas Chapter of the 101st Association lives in that area and has expressed interest in attending our reunion in 2020. We welcome them and anyone who supports the organization.

Since we won't get another newsletter out before the holidays, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see you next year.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain, Wally Morrow

Friends & Comrades,

It's been several weeks since we gathered in Clarksville, TN for our reunion. It was a fast paced and fun weekend. I hope all the attendees enjoyed themselves and our newcomers felt welcomed to the event. I'd like to give a big shout out to our reunion committee and especially to Dave Nesbitt for all the hard work involved in setting the event up. Congratulations to Malcolm Craig for being honored at the Quilts of Valor ceremony, a much-deserved honor to one of my old platoon mates. The Lee Greenwood concert was a fitting ending for our gathering. It was a proud moment to be surrounded by so many great Vietnam Veterans.

In a world that seems like it all could come crashing down on us at any moment it was great to be among friends and comrades that we had spent time with so many long years ago. For a weekend we could slow down and unwind. We could drift back to the days of our youth and brag about all of the conquests we had made, real or imagined. Share a laugh or shed a tear about a buddy that is no longer with us. As the years pass by it is these times we must grasp and hang on to, it is these times that we must remember those who sacrificed themselves so we the living can remember them and honor them by being true to our faith and to our God. As we get older and we enter into the twilight of our years it is important for our generation to share our experiences, good and bad to our younger generations. Our children and grandchildren have living history books at their hands. It is our duty to share with them our knowledge and experience. If you have things that you would like to share but don't know how to approach your family about it, write it down. Put it in a place that is accessible to them after your passing. Let them share and brag to their family and friends about your honorable service to their country. You deserve all the love and recognition, you earned it.

To all the Ladies and family and friends thank you for all the support you give to your Veteran. We don't always take the time we should to thank you but we do appreciate all that you do for us.

At this time I would like to announce the marriage of my son Bryan and his sweetheart Stacy. They were married on Oct. 4, 2019. A celebration of love took place in Appleton, WI. A great time was enjoyed by all. Bryan was honored to have Rod Green one of my old platoon mates and one of our past presidents attend. Thank you Rod.

In closing I would ask that you keep God and Country in your heart. God Bless our brave service men and women who are now guarding the gates of freedom. Until next time I ask that God Bless you and God Bless America.

Wally Morrow - Chaplain

ODDS & ENDS

News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans

Starting Jan. 1, 2020, [Purple Heart](#) recipients, former prisoners of war and all service-connected disabled veterans, regardless of rating, as well as caregivers enrolled in the VA's Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers program, will be able to shop at Defense Commissary Agency stores and military exchanges. At commissaries, however, there will be an added cost for new patrons who use a credit or debit card to pay for their groceries, in addition to the 5% surcharge commissary patrons already pay.

Since most new patrons lack the credentials needed to get on military bases, installations will accept the Veteran Health Identification (VHID) card from disabled and other eligible veterans. For caregivers, the VA plans to issue a memo to eligible shoppers in the coming months, which will be used in conjunction with any picture identification that meets REAL ID Act security requirements, such as a compliant state driver's license or passport.

The Defense Department is preparing a fact sheet that will contain information about applying for a VHID card and how caregivers can obtain the memo they need to access the benefit.

From Our Historian

Charles Allen

Charles is trying to help a couple of families by way of lay statements from anyone who may have served with, and remembers, Arie Terry and James Fuller.

In his research, Charles learned that Arie Terry was KIA at Phouc Yen on April 30, 1968; he was in 1st Platoon, A Co. 1/502 and died as a result of shrapnel or fragment wounds from an artillery round or mortar. What Charles hopes to obtain in lay statements is proof that Arie Terry was actually in the field with this infantry company and was participating in battle against the enemy. He hopes to show that a grievous oversight occurred in that Arie Terry was not awarded the CIB, mainly due to the fact that his MOS was 94B2P, Food Service Specialist or Cook. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. Arie was from Decatur, Alabama. He was survived by his wife and a daughter.



Arie Terry

A similar situation occurred with James Ellis Fuller, who was KIA on June 22, 1966 in a battle at Phu Yen Province. Fuller was serving with C Co. 2/327 Infantry in what was described as a major ground engagement. According to official records, he died of gunshot wounds to the head during Operation Nathan Hale. The record shows he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, but again, no CIB due to his 94B2P MOS indicating he was a cook and not an infantryman. If you look at FindAGrave.com, someone has posted what appears to be an abbreviated obituary that lists James Fuller as having received the CIB but this is not on the official records. The record does confirm that James Fuller was African-American, that he was born in Abbeville, SC but entered service in Chicago, IL. He is buried at Skokie, IL.

Charles Allen hopes to correct these errors but says it is plain and simple, he needs some help. If you remember either of these men please write a statement to support Charles' efforts to have the CIB awarded to these two American heroes who gave their all for the nation. You can contact Charles Allen by email at: callen101@verizon.net or by phone at **202-441-3772**.

FROM THE EDITOR

I need to start off with my sincere apologies to you all for the lateness of this edition of the newsletter and for not having done a better job on the taking the unit photos and then correctly identifying everyone. If we failed to list your name to a photo, give me a call or email and we'll run the photo again in the next issue. My contact info is on the last page.

Fortunately, as you already know, the Reunion was a huge success. I saw a lot of the folks taking pictures. Please send me any photos you'd like to share and I will do my best to get them in our future issues.



Recon 1/502 INF
John Hay & Ted Bridges



101st MP Co Bill Ramsey,
Skip Beattie & Ed Kraus



HHC 1st Bde Ridge Smith



1/327 INF Johnnie Lindsey, Eddie
Hollingsworth & Paul Cousins



2/502 INF Donnie Carter, John Chappell, Richard Keene, Rus-
sell Kreiger, Quitman Lockley, Jim Lopes, Roger Maggard, Carl
Morris, DW Rada, Ed Reulbach, Mike Santure, & Jim Tolmie
(In alphabetical order)



2/320 ARTY & 1/321 ARTY
Robert Mumblow & Joe Harbright



D 3/187 INF
Raymond Diaz



1/501 INF
Bruce Roshong & Richard Coon



A 1/502 Back Row Dave Nesbitt, Charles Allen, David Mayenschein, Ed Barbour, Al Sims, James Holmes, Wally Morrow, David Hanie, **Front Row** Bill Lux, John Borgers, Charles Cole, Malcolm Craig, Rod Green & Tom Barrett



D 1/502 Peter Smith, Ron Long, Dan O'Toole, Allen Gibbs, Skip Beattie & Ted Bridges,



2/506 Robert Pagano, Johnny Walker, John Huffman & Richard Thorne



A 1/502 Back Row John Hay, John Borgers, Tom Barrett, Bill Lux, Al Sims, Ted Bridges, Dave Nesbitt, Allen Gibbs, Jack Justice, ??. **Front Row** Ronnie Ymbras, Ed Barbour, Charles Cole, Malcolm Craig, Rod Green & David Hanie



1/502 Back Row John Borgers, John Hay, COL (Ret) Leslie Carter, former Bn. C.O. and the guest speaker, Skip Beattie, Ronnie Ymbras, Ted Bridges, ??, Allen Gibbs, Al Sims, Dan O'Toole, Paul Console. **Front Row** Peter Smith, David Mayenschein, Ron Long, Rod Green, Ed Barbour & Tom Barrett



2/327 INF George "Bill" Day & John Stiles



2/501 INF Joseph Harbright



501 SIG BN Danny Cabral



1/506 INF Earle Prior



326 ENGR Tim Milkie



159 AVN Terry Kunst



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OUR LOVELY LADIES



**Getting Acquainted/Reacquainted
Riverview Inn**



**Clarksville Welcome Dinner
Old Glory Distillery**



Bus Ride to Ft Campbell Tour



Pizza Party & Auction



Some of the auction items



**Ted & Mike otherwise known as
Stan & Ollie**



101st Welcome Home Ceremony



Banquet



Six String Soldiers



Lee Greenwood

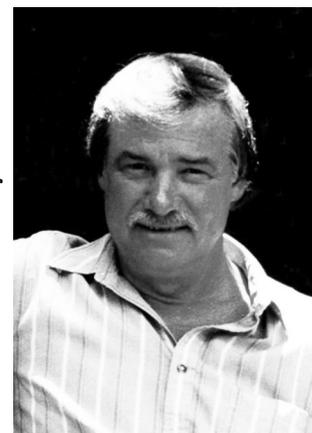
SICK CALL

Leon Kubin, the winner of the raffle pistol; he had a heart attack 8 weeks ago and has been receiving treatment. He served with C Co. 2/501 Infantry in Vietnam from March 68 to March 69. He resides in Ennis, TX. Please keep him in your prayers.

TAPS

Dennis Craig Vincent, 71, (D Co, 1/502, 67-68) passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on February 10, 2019, at Mat-Su Regional Hospital, Alaska.

Dennis was born in National City, CA near San Diego on March 8th, 1947. Dennis's family moved to Alaska in 1960 where he experienced the 1964 earthquake while working at Center Bowl and attended Wendler and East HS in Anchorage. He played football and held track records for many years. Dennis met his sweetheart, Mary (Marsh) Vincent, in June 1969 at the Airport Post Office where they worked. They got married 6 weeks later, almost 50 years ago, and became proud parents of Gina and Ty Vincent. Dennis had been an MP in the Army, so he naturally entered the Dept of Corrections in 1970 and left in 1986 as a prison superintendent. He was also a Real Estate Broker for Vincent RE Consultants from 1983 to 1997. He enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, sports, gambling, cooking, and bunny wrangling. While in the US Army from March 1966 until Dec 1968, Dennis served as a Buck Sergeant in the 118th MP Company at Fort Bragg, NC and as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles when deployed to Vietnam. He fought for 9 months in the jungle, leading his troops thru a minefield and carrying wounded soldiers to safety. He participated in 50 air assaults and was awarded 8 medals for valor to include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Air Medal and the Silver Star. He also wrote an engaging story about his life. Dennis's family saw him as "an incredibly caring and compassionate man with a generous spirit that touched everyone who knew him. He had an unassuming strength, high intelligence, innate sense of humor, and unwavering faith in God. His top priority was to provide security and stability for his family. He was a content homebody who said he "was transitioning from a recluse to a hermit." He has left a gigantic void for many with his passing and will be missed terribly, but we know he is now at peace with God."



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