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From the Desk of our President

It gives me great pleasure to announce that noted author, **Linda Patterson**, will join us at our 2022 reunion in Fayetteville/Ft. Bragg, NC. The following introduction will give you an idea of how her story materialized.

“A DOVE AMONG EAGLES”

A Story Unlike Any Other, But Relatable to Millions

With the backdrop of the Vietnam conflict, *A Dove Among Eagles* is a powerful memoir about trauma, courage, devotion and love at a time when American society was tearing itself apart and blaming a military that was more victim than perpetrator of the violent forces wracking the nation. Indeed, Vietnam changed us all -- especially Linda Patterson.

A story 52 years in the making, *A Dove Among Eagles* is set in San Mateo, California, in 1968. The author, then 26 years old, receives a letter from her 18-year-old brother Joe -- a cry for help from a paratrooper caught in the middle of an unpopular war. News of the antiwar protests has been plummeting the morale of Joe's combat company of 130 paratroopers. In desperation, he turns to Linda to find a way to let these young, courageous soldiers know that they've not been rejected by the country they love.

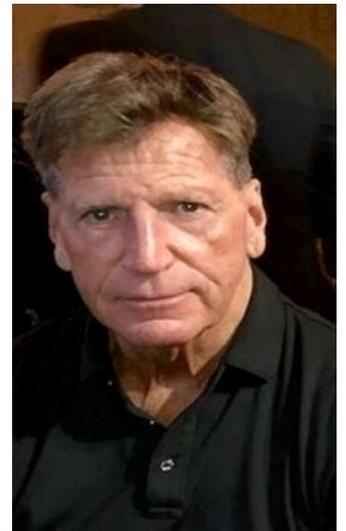
Specifically, Joe asked Linda to enlist the city of San Mateo to "adopt" the 130 paratroopers of his combat company. On March 4, 1968, after Linda's dogged persistence, the city of San Mateo formally adopted A Co. of the 1/327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. San Mateo was the only city in the nation to do such a thing during the Vietnam War.

Three weeks later, SGT Joe Artavia was killed in a firefight. Grief-stricken and distraught by the loss of her brother, Linda garnered her strength and passion to carry on with Joe's last wishes. What she did next was beyond imagination and straight from the heart.

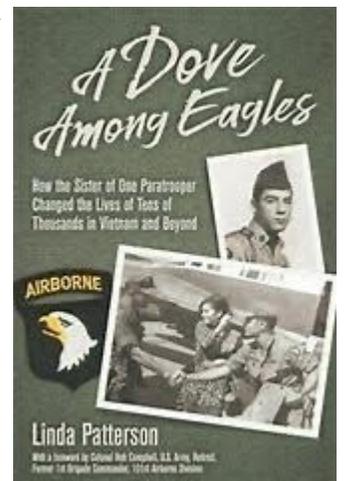
In December -- without government authorization and with only her grit to guide her -- Linda traveled to Vietnam to spend Christmas with her brother's unit. Met by her military escort at Tan Son Nhut airport outside of Saigon, she would fly to the northern part of South Vietnam, further north than civilians were allowed to travel. The potential dangers she would inevitably face did not phase her. She knew her "Screaming Eagles" would protect her. And they did.

Her journey was life-changing. For eight days, she anxiously waited in the company's base camp while the men of the Company hacked their way through a mountainous jungle to get to her. And once they arrived, she spent three days with her brother's buddies, developing a true love for them all. She would also fall in love with her military escort, Steve Patterson, her brother's platoon leader who was also seriously wounded while leading the battle in which Joe was killed.

Note: I have enclosed a picture of Linda's book which is available on line from numerous sources (search - *A Dove Among Eagles*). To be honest I am not a big book reader, but I could not put this one down. Perhaps because it reflected on so many of the challenges as well as heartbreaks that I, and I am sure that so many of you, endured. I suggest that you read a copy prior to your arrival in Fayetteville/Ft. Bragg. I know that you will appreciate Linda's life long journey!



President Ron Long



Chaplain's Corner

Friends & Comrades,

I would like to introduce myself to all of those that do not know me, or have not met before. My name is Tracie Holmes, I am the Senior Pastor of Sandu Ministries in Forest Park, GA. I have been the pastor there for 6 years and before that, I was the Co-Pastor of Evangelist On The Move Ministries in Wichita, KS for 10 years. I have been a Christian since I was 19 years old and I just fell in love with God and his people.

I am married to SSG James Holmes who served in A Co. 1/502 in Vietnam. I too am an Army veteran and I served at Fort Sill, OK as a Unit Supply Specialist. If you have never been around me or have seen me on Facebook you know I love people and I love to have fun. I truly believe that life is too short to be miserable and unhappy. If you live on the earth for 101 years, after your 50th birthday, you have already spent half of your years on this earth. Question to ask yourself; How have I spent the years that I have already used up and more importantly, how do I want to spend my remaining years. The blessing from the Lord is that he gives us humans choices and we get to choose how we want to live.



James and Tracie Holmes

I choose to be happy, laugh everyday, enjoy every morning and accept challenges as a new obstacle course that I plan to conquer. Now it's your turn, right now! Take a few moments and choose how you are going to live today, this week, this month, this year. See, we do get to choose!!

Love you all and God bless you.
Tracie Holmes,
Senior Pastor/Chaplain

Note: Tracie Holmes was recently appointed Chaplain for the organization by President Ron Long. She will be in attendance at the 2022 Reunion in Fayetteville/Fort Bragg, NC. Please welcome her to our 101st family.

SICK CALL

D.W. Rada, A 2/502 Inf. (66-67) Broken Arrow, OK had his share of problems since we saw him at the last reunion. Having fallen and breaking the femur head of his left hip, he subsequently had a total hip replacement. A lengthy hospitalization and rehab followed. To make matters worse he developed pneumonia and Covid. We're happy to report that DW says he is up and ready this year for our reunion. We look forward to seeing him in Fayetteville.

Richard "Dick" Weiss, B Btry 2/320 Arty, Fontana, CA called recently and said that he was under Hospice Care but he felt some better in recent weeks. He really wants to attend the upcoming reunion but it's unlikely he will make it. You can send Dick a card at 16573 Iris Dr. in Fontana, CA 92335. I'm sure he would be glad to hear from you; he might even call and tell you a joke.

Willie E. Woods, A 1/327 (68-69), Stone Mountain, GA, had his share of medical problems this year, with numerous visits to doctors. We won't get into all the medical issues but keep Willie in your prayers. And, if you want to send a card to him, his address is 5358 Bridgewater Trace, Stone Mountain, GA 30088.

Johnnie Lindsey, a Past President, Medic 1/327 (66-67) has been ill for several years and was thought to be improving but we have not heard from him in months. An attempt was made to reach him by phone, a recording allowed us to leave a message. We hope to hear from him, if anyone has information on him please let us know. His address is 6501 W 7th St., Texarkana, TX 75501.

Dave Nesbitt, A 1/502 (68-69) Secretary/Treasurer, like so many others, I too make regular trips to my physicians. It must have something to do with the aging process. Most recently I had a diagnosis indicating a small lesion on the lower part of my colon. After two CT Scans the doctors could not clearly identify the lesion so surgery was suggested. Like most of you, I don't want a small anything growing on my colon as we know it can lead to larger more serious things. So, I opted to have surgery but the doctor wanted a release from my cardiologist because I have a history of AFib and I'm on a blood thinner. I went to see the cardiologist for the release and an EKG was done. It revealed I had an Atrial Flutter at that time. I had to undergo a cardio-version to get my heart back in rhythm and surgery is now on hold. I am planning to be in Fayetteville unless something serious develops. Your prayers would be appreciated.



From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt
nesbitt101@gmail.com

Reunion 2022: Believe it...we are definitely having a long awaited reunion this year. A contract has been signed and everything is shaping up for the 2022 Reunion at Fayetteville/Fort Bragg, NC. Back in 2020 we had selected this venue and were all set to go until the dreaded Covid-19 virus forced cancellation. At that time I visited numerous hotels during the two days I spent in Fayetteville and chose a brand new Holiday Inn & Suites, located at 2501 Two Bale Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28304. It seemed most logical to return to the same location as the groundwork had already been laid. And, the hotel is only 13 miles from Fort Bragg. The dates for this event are August 24-28, that's Wednesday through Sunday check out. Our discounted room rates are good two days before and after the start of the event. You should contact the hotel soon to reserve your room as we expect a large turnout since we've basically been shut-ins for the past two years. Everyone is ready to get out and have some fun. You can make hotel reservations by calling the hotel direct at 910-491-5352. Use our **Group Code: A-V-V** to get the discounted rate of \$109.00 plus tax. Be sure you tell the person who answers that you are with the 101st Airborne Vietnam Veterans reunion and use the Group Code. The special room rate of \$109.00 is available for all double or king rooms. Unfortunately, the price does not include breakfast but there is a restaurant in which to dine. And, there are about 20 restaurants within 2 miles of the hotel, to include an IHOP within walking distance. Should you need a handicapped room, please let the reservation clerk know. If you encounter any problems, call me at 803-506-3120. Please leave a message if I don't answer. I get so many robo and solicitation calls these days I must screen them and call back the legitimate ones.

As people register for the reunion, their names and units will be posted on our website at www.101namveteran.com. Please make an effort to pre-register for the reunion as advance registration helps in planning many things we do at the reunion, for example, ordering the reunion shirts, setting up meals and stocking the hospitality room. If you haven't registered already please do so immediately. And, as a reminder, you are invited to bring your photo albums, DVDs, flash drives and other military items to share with those in attendance. We will have an overhead projector there for anyone to use. We also need door prizes and auction items donated so clean out your closets for our Friday night pizza party and fun time auction. I'm happy to report that our great auctioneer, Michael Santure, will be hosting the auction. You don't want to miss this exciting comedy event.

Tour of Fort Bragg: Our plan is to have a tour of Fort Bragg and several museums of interest in the Fayetteville area. This will probably take place on Thursday morning, August 25. Details of the tour are still being worked out between our reunion committee and officials at the fort. As soon as we have firm information we will pass it along to all.

Annual Raffle: An annual fund raiser is held for the purpose of receiving donations to take care of the month to month expenses of running the organization. This year we are having a cash raffle with 3 prizes. First prize will be \$500; Second prize is \$250 and Third prize is \$100. Please support the organization by purchasing a few tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each; 6 for \$25.00 and 12 tickets for \$50.00 and are available in this issue on page 8. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at the reunion banquet. You do not have to be present to win. We will call you if you're not in attendance so be sure you add a legible phone number. Make multiple copies of the ticket page if you need more. We appreciate your support!

Although we didn't hold a reunion in 2021, we did have a raffle and a drawing was held on December 31, 2021. The winners of cash prizes awarded last year were; 1st prize of \$400 to Donnie Carter; 2nd prize of \$300 to Mrs. Kathleen Tillman and 3rd prize of \$200 went to Wayne Kyhos.

Election Year: The current slate of officers were elected for a 2-year term in 2020-2022. All positions are now open for election. Those elected will serve for 2022-2024. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the General Membership Business Meeting on Saturday, August 27. If you are interested in being on staff consider running for office. You can nominate yourself or any active paid up member. An Absentee Ballot is provided in this issue of *INCOMING* for those members who cannot attend the reunion but may wish to nominate someone. All write-in nominees must be present at the election. Those who have already indicated a run for office are shown on the absentee ballot.

Melbourne Florida Event: In 1994 a group of 101st Vietnam Veterans met in the campground at Wickham Park, located at 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, 32935. This was the very first meeting of those who formed the organization to which we now belong. Over the years since that first gathering, we have continued to have an "unofficial" reunion there and we intend to do so again May 5-7, 2022. We have retained Lot 130 in Campground C for all these years and we will set up a tent there as our Headquarters. We do not plan to set up in the vendor's area of the park this year. So, if you attend please come to the campsite to visit. There will be a massing of the colors on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 A.M. and an LZ Helicopter landing with a Huey and Cobra. Also, there will be live music throughout the weekend and the Traveling Wall will be set up on Sunday, May 1 and will remain until May 8.

Temps: For months we have continued to mail newsletters to those we call "TEMPS". We had hopes that Temps would join as members but many have not. If you have (TEMP) or (T) or (***) written by your name on the address label of this newsletter, this means you have not decided to join and we will drop you from future mailings within 30 days. If you should decide to join, please complete the membership application and return it to the Membership Chairman. We want you with us but we need your support. Thanks.

Brothers,

FROM THE EDITOR

After a little over three years on the job, and after talking to Dave, I've decided this will be my last episode of the newsletter as the editor. Due to many circumstances, I've decided it's time to step down. I will remain a member of this wonderful organization and my wife, Kathy and I, are looking forward to seeing many of you again in Fayetteville. I will be more than happy to assist anyone who is willing to take over as editor. Just let me know.

Earle Prior

BOOSTERS

We are grateful for those Members and non-members who donate to help defray printing and mailing costs. We will print the names of all donors and it will remain in one additional issue.

Any amount is appreciated. We thank you!!

(an asterisk* indicates an additional donation in that time frame)

Send donations to: 101 Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans, 3570 Green View Pkwy: Sumter, SC 29150

Malcolm Craig**, Kara Phan-Abbott**, Billy Whitesell, John Sorge**, DW Rada*,
Robert Pino, Robert Mumblow, Randall Newlon, William Bevins

(CUT HERE AND MAIL TO SECRETARY)

Absentee Ballot for 2022 Elections

If you are a member, in good standing, with dues paid up-to-date, you can vote for an announced candidate or write-in a candidate of your own choice. The election will be held at the reunion in Fayetteville, NC during our regular business meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2022. You do not have to be present to cast your vote. Your membership standing, and that of the candidates, will be checked prior to elections to verify eligibility. Below, circle your choice of those who have announced for an office or write in someone you like. Then fill in bottom of form, sign it and mail it to the Secretary. Be sure to ask the person you might nominate if he is willing to serve. If not, do not nominate him.

President	Available	Write-in: _____
Vice President.....	Available	Write-in: _____
4-Year Gov.....	Available	Write-in: _____
2-Year Gov.....	Available	Write-in: _____
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Available	Write-in: _____
Sgt. At Arms.....	Available	Write-in: _____
Eagle Chapter Delegate.....	John Walker	Write-in: _____
Print your name as it appears on your membership card: _____		
Membership Number: _____	Signature: _____	

Mail completed ballot to: 101 Abn. Div. Vietnam Veterans, 3570 Green View Pkwy., Sumter, SC 29150-7066. Ballots must be received by August 15, 2022. Questions should be directed to Dave Nesbitt, Secretary at 803-506-3120. Write-in candidates must be present to be considered for office. Those attending the reunion should not complete an Absentee Ballot; you may nominate & vote at business meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Remembering Our Fallen

Richard "Rick" Carl Anderson, 101 Admin, age 76 of Grand Blanc, MI passed away on August 30, 2021. His wife, Daphne, called with this sad news after we mailed a 2022 reunion registration form to him. Daphne relates that Rick was planning for some time to attend our 2021 reunion that was scheduled to be in Branson, MO and he was very disappointed that we had to cancel due to Covid-19. We're sorry that we never had the opportunity to meet Rick or Daphne.

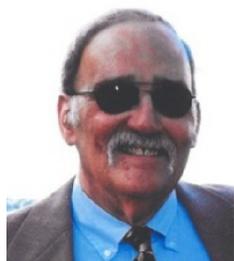


Rick joined the Army in 1964 and retired in 1984. He served in the 101st Admin Department in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. He also had service in the 82nd Airborne. Following retirement from the Army he worked for the VA National Cemetery Administration in St. Louis, MO; Raleigh, NC; Milwaukee, WI and Rock Island, IL. Prior to his retirement in 2013 he opened and was Director of the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Besides his wife Daphne, Rick is survived by sons David, Carl and daughter Vicki.

John T. Borgers, A 1/502, age 75 of Manchester, IA, passed away on December 8, 2021. Like so many others, John and his wife, Coni had registered to attend our 2021 reunion in Branson, MO. They did make the trip to Clarksville/Fort Campbell with us in 2019. As a youth, John had a love for hunting and fishing, a trait that was passed from father to son. As if in a 60's romance movie, he met his future wife, Coni, while "cruising" Main Street with pals and stopping at the local Steak-N-Shake. They were married August 5, 1966. In 1968 John was drafted and eventually assigned to the 101st where he quickly rose to the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded the Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. John was a dedicated and determined man, he never met a stranger and his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was unwavering. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran and his love of the outdoors was legendary. John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Coni Griffith Borgers, two daughters, Jamie and Joy and seven grandchildren.



Peter J. Ruggeri, HQ 2/320 Arty, age 74 of Naugatuck, CT, husband of Wendy (Sanders) Ruggeri, died peacefully on August 13, 2021. He was born on July 19, 1947 in Waterbury, CT and lived in Naugatuck all of his life. He served proudly in the 101st Airborne in Vietnam and afterward, for over 50 years, he was proud to play TAPS at military funerals and celebrations. Peter was a member of a number of organizations, to include Catholic War Veterans, American Legion, VFW, Elks Lodge, 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans (he joined in March 1998) and was a faithful parishioner of St Francis of Assisi Church. His lifelong work was that of a machinist.



Peter is survived by his loving wife Wendy, his sisters Barbara Mitchell and Janice LaCharity, his nieces and nephews and many cousins whom he was very close with.



Otis Curry, 20th Chemical Detachment age 91 of Fayetteville, NC passed away on August 31, 2021. He served as First Sergeant with the 101st in the 20th Chemical Detachment and 1/327. Otis was born March 3, 1930 and according to his obituary, he is survived by his wife Sylvia. It was reported some time ago that she was not doing well and was confined to a nursing home. This could not be substantiated however. Most of us remember this lovely couple as they used to come to reunions in the past. Otis was affectionately known as "the gas man". We will miss him and Sylvia.

Woodrow "Woody" Malcolm Nesbitt, 101 Aviation (Dustoff Pilot), age 78 of Sumter, SC passed away on September 3, 2021 following a short illness. Born on November 7, 1942, he was a son of Woodrow Nathan Nesbitt and Pearl McInnis Nesbitt. He served 3 tours in Vietnam, some time with the 50th Medical Detachment. He received high praise from his superiors for rescues of our wounded soldiers in the jungles. He was awarded 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, 17 Air Medals and one Air Medal with V device. Woody retired as CWO-4 and following his military career he continued as a helicopter pilot at Savannah River Plant and Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, GA.



Woody is survived by his wife Joyce Irwin Nesbitt, five children, twelve grandchildren, two sisters, several nieces and nephews; and three cousins that he considered brothers. In addition to his parents, Woody was preceded in death by his beloved Maltese, aptly named, Huey. Woody is buried at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery near Columbia, SC. Of interest, Huey died several years before Woody and was cremated; his ashes placed in a small box. That box was in Woody's right hand as the two of them lay in the casket. **NOTE: I had not met Woody prior to our 2003 Reunion in Columbia, SC which he attended his first time. Genealogy reveals we were 3rd cousins, we might not have met without our involvement in the 101st. —Dave Nesbitt**

These great men have met their Rendezvous with Destiny...God bless them!!



**101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans
28th Annual Reunion
Fort Bragg/Fayetteville, NC
August 24-28, 2022**



Reunion Registration Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Guest(s) Names: 1. _____ 2. _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alt. or Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Unit in Vietnam: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Phone: _____ How many will attend *Ladies Luncheon*? _____

Each **101st Veteran Registrant** gets a FREE Polo Shirt w/ Collar & Pocket, Size: Sm - Med - Lg - XL - XXL - 3XL - 4XL (**Circle One**)

Number Registering _____ X \$90.00 per person on or **before August 1, 2022**. Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Late registration fee after August 1, 2022 is \$100.00 per person. Send check or money order only.

Make all checks/money orders payable to: 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans

NO REFUNDS ALLOWED AFTER July 31, 2022

Mail completed form and payment to:

101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans, 3570 Green View Pkwy., Sumter, SC 29150-7066

Our Saturday evening banquet meal this year will be a plated dinner with three options, please indicate your selection and that of your guest(s) by writing number 1, 2 or 3 in the appropriate block below. If you have special diet needs please so indicate by note with your registration or email the secretary at nesbitt101@gmail.com no later than August 1, 2022.

Registrant's Selection _____ Guest Selection _____ Add'l Guest Selection _____ Add'l Guest Selection _____

(Each person please select one meal option)

1. Beef: Roast Beef Au Jus, tender thin sliced roast beef served with Red Roasted Potatoes & Grilled Green Beans.
2. Chicken Cordon Bleu: Chicken stuffed with Ham & Swiss Cheese served with California Blend & Roasted Corn on the Cob.
3. Fish: Seared Lemon Butter Salmon served with Rice Pilaf & Grilled Green Beans.

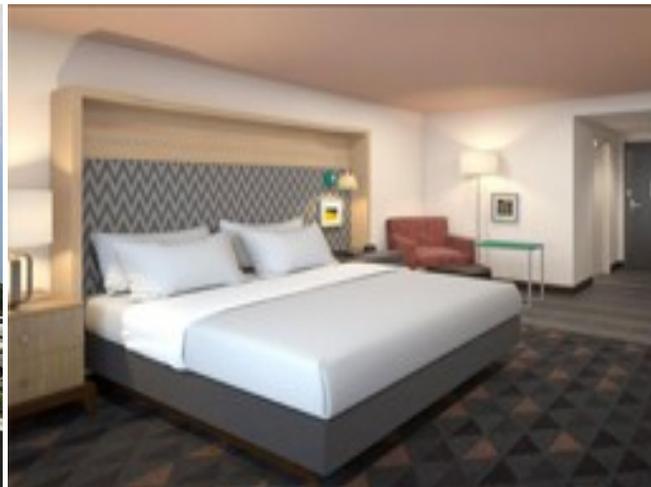
*Banquet Dinners will be served with House Salad and a choice of dressings, Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter,
Two Alternating Desserts, either Pecan Pie or Carrot Cake w/Water, Coffee and Iced Tea*

Registration fee includes the hospitality room with free refreshments the entire weekend, the Friday evening Pizza party and Auction, a **reunion shirt for 101st veterans**; admission to the awards ceremony and banquet meal on Saturday evening. If you need additional copies of this registration form for your guests please feel free to make as many copies as you need. Those not pre-registering will be allowed to pay upon arrival at the reunion registration desk in Fayetteville, NC at the increased late fee rate.

Please note that we need you to register as soon as possible if you wish to have a reunion shirt as these must be ordered well in advance of the reunion; without early registration you may not receive a shirt. In the past some have requested extra shirts. If you wish to order extras we need to know how many and the sizes now. Each standard size shirt (S-M-L-XL) will cost \$18 per shirt. There is a charge of \$20 for shirts size 3X and those 4X will be \$22. If we are requested to mail these shirts to you, add \$7.00 per shirt for S&H. Payment for extra shirts must be received before they can be ordered. **All shirts are men sizes only.**

To order extra shirts, state how many: _____ and show Size: _____ Amount \$ _____ submitted for extra shirts.

101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans 28th ANNUAL REUNIONAUGUST 24-28, 2022 Fort Bragg/Fayetteville, NC**



Our reunion this year will be held in Fayetteville, NC during the period of August 24-28, 2022. This is the hotel we had selected for 2020 and we had to cancel due to Covid-19. This site was selected due to it's proximity to Fort Bragg where some of our members became troopers in the 82nd Airborne when they came back to the world after their tour in Vietnam with the 101st.

Our host hotel for this event is the Holiday Inn & Suites, located at 2501 Two Bale Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28304. The Fayetteville Regional Airport is just 14 miles away and hotel shuttle service is being provided, unfortunately it's not equipped to transport wheelchair bound persons. For transportation to the hotel call the front desk at 910-491-5352. You can make reservations at that same number. Tell them you are with the 101st Airborne Vietnam Veterans group so we get credit for rooms rented. Our Group Code is AVV. Rooms are available with 2 queen size beds and with king beds, both are \$109 plus tax. While we prefer to call the hotel directly, you may also call the International Reservation Desk at 877-859-5095. If you call and speak to a reservation clerk be sure to tell them you are with the 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans **(Group Code: AVV)** for our special rate. We expect a large crowd this year for the Fort Bragg event and the hotel only has 110 rooms. We encourage you to make reservations soon. Please stay at the reunion hotel as the cost of our hospitality and banquet rooms are based on the number of hotel guest rooms that are reserved under the organization's room block. **The cut-off date to reserve a room at our special rate is August 1, 2022.** After that date, the hotel will release any unreserved rooms for general sale and the price will increase.

If you need a special handicapped room, please call the hotel and reserve your room now. If you don't get what you need, call Dave Nesbitt at 803-506-3120 and he will contact hotel officials for you. If you need special transportation due to disabilities, let him know about that need also.

At this time the reunion committee is still working out the details of our activities during the reunion. Events for this reunion will begin on Thursday morning, August 25. We are trying to arrange for bus transportation for those who wish to take a group tour of Fort Bragg and the National Infantry Museum. We've already been told that we can't use the jump tower (we're still working to change that) but, as an alternative there is an indoor skydiving facility not far from the hotel. There are many other attractions located in the city; go online to: www.visitfayetteville.com.

As is always the case, the Reunion Registration and the Hotel Registration are two separate items so be sure you register early for both. There is a Reunion Registration Form in our newsletter that should be completed and returned to the 101st Secretary with your registration fee as soon as possible. If you encounter any problems reserving your room or have questions about the schedule, contact Dave Nesbitt, Secretary at 803-506-3120.

With the pandemic in check, we hope to see many of you at this reunion. Our last one in 2019 at Clarksville, TN was well attended. We need to gather again to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. We look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in Fayetteville. Please register and reserve your room early!! Thanks.

2022 Annual Fund Raiser

Each year we have one fund raiser to help defray the expenses of running the organization. This year we are again raffling three cash prizes. First prize is \$500; Second prize is \$250 and Third prize is \$100. Ticket sales were very slow the last two years since we had to cancel the reunion due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our petty cash box in the office is bit low so try to purchase tickets to help out.

Tickets: The price of 1 ticket is \$5.00, 6 tickets are \$25.00 and 12 tickets are \$50.00. Desire more tickets? Simply make copies of those shown on this page. Once you have the desired number of tickets and have inserted your name, address and phone number, please forward them with your check or money order to: 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans, 3570 Green View Pkwy., Sumter, SC 29150. The winning ticket will be drawn at our reunion banquet in Fayetteville, NC on August 27, 2022. If you are the winner, we will call you. Please be sure to insert your phone number.

You do not have to be present to win!!



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Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:



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**101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans
28th Annual Reunion**August 24-28, 2022
Fayetteville/Fort Bragg, NC**

We are excited as we prepare for the 28th Annual Reunion. As you know, the 26th and 27th were scrubbed due to the old Covid-19 pandemic. This year we fully intend to return to our pre-pandemic mode and look forward to seeing everyone again. If you're like me, it's well past time to get out of the house and come together with our friends. Below is a tentative schedule that may be subject to change. Regardless of how well you plan an event like this one, sometimes adjustments must be made. Hopefully, we will iron out any problems and will be ready when you arrive in Fayetteville. The Holiday Inn & Suites only has one large meeting room, "53 Bomber". All meetings and hospitality will be in this location on the first floor. The Saturday night banquet will also be held in this location.

- Mon-Tues (Aug. 22-23) Board of Governors & Officers begin arriving as do some guests. This gives us time to set up things for when everyone else arrives. We also will fill the gift bags to be handed to each registered attendee as they arrive later in the week. Come early and enjoy the camaraderie.
- Wednesday (Aug. 24) Registration desk is set up and open for business; all registrants will report here for their name tag and gift bag. Hospitality room will be open for all arrivals.
- Thursday (Aug. 25) Registration will be open from (9:00 to 4:00); Ladies Brunch (11:30 to 1:00) hosted by Janet Ramsey, wife of Past President, Bill Ramsey. Usually, we will have tours scheduled for this day but nothing has been finalized at this time. As information comes in we will try to inform everyone.
- Friday (Aug. 26) Registration will be open (10:00 to 1:00); Board of Governors Meeting (10:00 to 12:00); Hospitality Room open till late. Our Pizza Party begins at 6:00 PM followed by a *Fun Time Auction* conducted by world renowned auctioneer, Michael Santure, who comes to us from Erie, MI. Don't miss this event. **Donated auction items will be accepted at the hospitality room.** All items will be sold as is, where is, for cash, check, credit and debit cards.
- Saturday (Aug. 27) General Membership Business Meeting (10:00 - 12:00); Hospitality Room will close early so the room can be setup for the Banquet. We will be taking group, individual and couples photos at the start of Happy Hour which begins at 5:30 PM. Individual and couples photos will be taken in conjunction with your specific unit. Banquet Room opens at 6:30 PM for Opening Ceremony and Dinner. Our guest speaker will be Linda Patterson, author of "*A Dove Among Eagles*". Immediately following the banquet we will hold our annual raffle drawing for the three prizes offered. If you need tickets go to our website and download them. Tickets will be available at the reunion.
- Sunday (Aug. 28) There are no activities planned for Sunday. Have a safe trip home.

During our stay at the hotel we will use "53 Bomber Room" for all activities, the only meeting room at this hotel. With respect to alcohol beverages, be advised that we cannot bring any alcohol into the hospitality room; you may have your private stock in your personal hotel room. We will have a bartender for our event in the 53 Bomber Room and the hotel bar will give our guests drinks at a special price. Pets are not allowed in the hotel guest rooms, only registered service dogs are allowed. We will have an updated program for all as they register at our reunion desk.

*******IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION*******

Dave Nesbitt (Secretary/Treasurer) informed us of his retirement from his position in this newsletter. In order for our Organization to continue forward we must fill that critical position as soon as possible. The downside of not doing so could force us to close the Organization. With this advance notice, we are hoping that one of you or perhaps a daughter, son or grandchild could fill that role. Just to be clear, none of our positions are paid. Some financial background and secretarial skills would be needed.

With that, I want to express my gratitude to Dave for what he has done for this Organization over several decades!

Please contact Dave for an overview of duties, or contact me directly via email or phone if you or someone in your family may be interested. Thank you. —Ron Long, President (310) 977-4253

THE WORST NEWS OF JULY 23, 2021...MY RANT AND VENT

By Ed Barbour

There will be a time when men become beasts and good becomes bad and bad becomes good. That time is now. Agitate the masses. Divide the nation by race, misogyny, xenophobia, islamophobia, homophobia, globalism, open borders, defunding the police, sex, gun and drug trafficking, 2nd Amendment abolishment, subverting our Constitution, and man-made climate control. There must be other divisions used for political control. Just name-call and if cried loud enough and long enough, there are those who will believe it. This collective behavior by some ought to be a clue. This is all acerbated by instant social media and flash mobs of people at certain places and time to protest, pillage, rape and destroy. Destroying is so much easier than building. The powers to be are dividing, conquering, and controlling us to destroy what freedom remains whether we know it or not.

Now enter COVID-19. Why let a pandemic go to waste when it can be used for political gain under the guise of "following the science". Every individual becomes a contagion ever suspecting others to mask or not mask, side-stepping on passing, isolating, social distancing. Lock-em down. Should the Fauci-factor be a clue? Does the cure become worse than the disease when we consider the psychological, economic, and social impact on children and adults?

There were those who worked so hard to build the reunion only to have it destroyed. There were those who built a 2021 reunion for a possibility of fruition, the last one, the last hoorah, because of our age and because Dave Nesbitt needed to pass on the duties of his office to others if members would only step up. Everything looked positive as a go, except for intrusion of the 24/7 news media, the numbers game, the control of big tech, the invasive social media, the Dr. Fauci "follow-the-science"-factor, and big government to control forces beyond our means. All these factors instill fear-mongering among the populous that includes us, who have served in an extremely unpopular war against communism facing fear every day. But, did we have to fold 50 years later? Just for me, I would have rather taken the risks of Covid-19 and all its variants in order to have our reunion, and that is no emotional exaggeration on my part. I feel betrayed to let this gathering of brothers go asunder. I thought one cancelled reunion was enough. Is there enough freedom left to live our lives as we should as human beings based on "follow-the-science"? On probability, on numbers dubious? Does anyone really know the expert science of all this? Yet, leave it to the experts.

Then came the sensational news that Missouri is a hotspot. Yet, we focused on the news of projected numbers. I was so hoping we would not be followers of the 101st Airborne Division Association cancelling their reunion. Then, I was told that signed-up registrants to our reunion began to drop out. I received calls from others about how bad these Covid Variants were. Then, I got a call from Dave Nesbitt on July 23, "The reunion is cancelled." Wow, my heart sank in disbelief that this could happen, that we let it happen. That we hang on every Fauci word and how Branson Missouri was labeled a "Hotspot." The last-minute undoing of all the months of doing now begins with many of us stuck with airline non-refunding, social distancing, mask mandates, isolation of the mind, and loss of human contact and the human spirit. I, for one, and maybe the only one, am not willing to give up freedom a second time!

Dave Nesbitt's Retirement

In 1996 I was living in Columbia, SC and working for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Since returning from Vietnam in 1969, I continued my search for the men I served with in A Co. 1/502 in 68-69. After locating a few of them I planned a small informal gathering at a local hotel. Nothing formal was planned, no registration fee, no banquet dinner, just a renewal of friendships formed in the jungle. Those attending were Wally Morrow, Rick Schubert, Freddy Baker, James 'Doc' Feliciano, Frank Demory, Charles 'Country' Cole, Howard 'Woody' Wood and Don Bailey. A new man, Larry Weisbarth came, I didn't know him in Vietnam but he introduced all of us to a new organization that had been formed in 1994, 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans. It was his suggestion that we all join that organization and we would likely find others we served with...and he was right. I joined in 1997 and enjoyed the programs that were in place. I started attending the annual reunions held in various locations around the country.

In 2003, at Melbourne Florida, I was persuaded to take on the membership and newsletter programs. I had no idea what I was getting into but soon learned there was a lot of paperwork involved. As the years passed I was "volunteered" for several additional positions; I became interim Secretary/Treasurer in January 2013. I was officially voted in at the 2013 reunion in Rapid City, SD. Over the years since, we have continued to be a successful organization. My wife Rosemary and I have met many new friends from all parts of the country and we will forever cherish those friendships.

It's now time for me to step aside and allow someone new to assume my position. It's been a lot of hard work, but enjoyable. I mentioned on page 2 of this publication that I was having some medical issues. I hope they are issues that can be resolved favorably and quickly as I plan to attend whatever functions the group decides to hold in the future. Like so many of us, age has slowly crept upon me but my 101st mentality tells me that I will not give up. I plan to be around a few more years and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Fayetteville in August. Until then, take care!! —Dave Nesbitt



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