

Happy New Year!

I thought I would send a letter out even though there is not a lot of news. Our organization's membership is now all life members. You should all also be a life member of the 101<sup>st</sup> Association. If you have email you should get the Association's newsletter. It will show up in your in box as MEMBERSHIP ADMIN. Don't delete it as spam, it has a lot of good info in it and will keep you up to date on reunions etc. We are still a separate organization but piggy backing with the Association makes it so much easier for our reunions.

When I became membership chairman and was tasked with making us a life member only Organization, we had over 330 members. I sent letters to every member. 226 contained life membership cards. 71 were to members who were in arrears or only paid up through 2024. These contained notices that it would cost \$101.00 to become life members of our organization along with life membership in the 101<sup>st</sup> Association. The remaining members got notices for lesser amounts depending on how many years of dues they had left. We now have 262 life members. Many of the members that did not re-up had only paid for 1 year (usually to go to a specific reunion) and never renewed.

Many of you are receiving this letter electronically for the first time. That is because when I was given the membership list it contained over 150 email addresses that I did not have as newsletter editor. I have gone from having to print and send over 240 letters down to less than 30. This is not only less work for me but a savings of over \$200.00 to the organization for each mailing. If you are receiving this in the mail and have an email address, I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me your email address so you could be put on the mailing list electronically.

I have been in contact with Randall Underhill, the executive director of the Association. He is still working on the final contract with the hotel in Florida. He thinks we should be able to have a room for our membership meeting and pizza party the same as we did last year. When things are finalized I will get another newsletter out.

#### **REPORT FROM TREASURER DAVE NESBITT**

For the Finance Report, the activity has been extremely slow since we no longer have an income source. The current balance in the Checking Account is \$2,919.70. Savings Account balance is \$41,194.90. Our total in both accounts is \$44,114.60. The past two years have seen us donating \$10,000 to the 101st ABN DIV Scholarship Fund and \$2,000 to the Wings of Liberty Museum that is to be built at Ft. Campbell. We also sent \$13,013 to the Division Association to pay for new life memberships. We are still on solid ground, but we have very little income, mostly from small donations: Dave

#### **TAPS**

Since our last letter I have learned of the passing of the following members. CSM (RET) Leo Arsenault D Btry. 2/320 1971, passed on 11/22/2022; Harry Kagelery HHC 2/327 1968-69, passed on 7/11/2023; Calvin Kano A 1/502 1969, passed on 10/8/2023; Jeffrey Smith 101 MP Co 1967-68 passed, on 12/5/2023; David Marrs B 2/502 1968-69, passed on 12/6/2023; Robert Hudson C Co & HHC 2/327 1964-66, MACV 1971-72, passed 1/22/2024; Jorge Otero-Barreto (Known as the Puerto Rican Rambo) 117 AVN 1964, 173 ABN 1966-67, A 1/502 1967-68, E 1/502 1968-69, passed 10/14/2024. If you are receiving this letter for someone who is deceased or know of someone please let me know.

Airborne!

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