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From the Desk of Our President

What did you do on Memorial Day this year? This is not meant to be a trick question or a source of embarrassment. I know that for us, virtually every day is a day of reflection. We are continually reminded of the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters in arms. Every time we put on our logoed shirt or hat, or see another veteran wearing their insignia, we can't help but think back to when we were there, the men who were with us and those who didn't come home.

This year, as we have for several years, Janet and I joined with the National Capital Area Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association in Washington, D.C. for Memorial Day weekend. On the Saturday before Memorial Day, we were bussed to the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam Memorials to lay a Screaming Eagle wreath and offer a prayer at each location. We were joined by Division Deputy Commander, Colonel Clair A. Gill, Senior Chaplain for the 101st, Colonel John J. Murphy and their wives. In the afternoon we gathered at the 101st Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery for a memorial and wreath laying ceremony. As you may recall, we sponsored a wreath at this ceremony for our banquet speaker, Lt. Col. John Hay (Ret.) and John was there to present the wreath honoring his Recon Platoon, 1/502 - Vietnam 68-69. We then adjourned to The Sheraton Pentagon for a dinner where Col. Gill brought us up to date on the Division. You may want to put this trip on your bucket list. You won't regret it.



President Bill Ramsey

I know that many of you honor Memorial Day in your own way. Dave Nesbitt represented the Purple Heart at a local parade. Peter Smith attended ceremonies at five local cemeteries as part of a VFW Honor Guard. Ron Long couldn't make it to Arlington this year so he sponsored a wreath honoring the men in his company, D 1/502.

Each year, our organization receives several requests for information (usually from relatives) about men who served in Vietnam with the 101st. We try to help whenever we can. Recently we received a request from the fiancé of a man whose father died in Vietnam before he was born. Dave Nesbitt was able to locate a number of people who served with the father and established a line of communication between them. I hope that the couple can get to our reunion this year and meet with those men. A reminder to us all that remembering the fallen is not just about us, but also for the future generations.

In September as our reunion is held near Fort Campbell, we will have an opportunity to visit the Fort and the numerous memorials placed there. We will have this time together for reflection and to have our own "Memorial Day". I hope that you can join me there.

Very best wishes - Airborne - Air Assault
Bill Ramsey
President

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain, Wally Morrow

Friends & Comrades

As I'm writing this Judy and I are just finishing up getting ready to head to Canada for 2 weeks of fishing and R&R. We've had a lot on our plate this summer but I guess that keeps us busy. I hope everyone had a joyful and safe Independence Day Holiday. Judy and I spent a long weekend with family and friends. No Fireworks!

I'm going to ask for a personal favor of you all. My oldest brother, Dave Hughes (81) underwent heart bypass surgery July 8th. Some of you might have met him at our Vegas Reunion. I wanted to ask for your prayers while he was undergoing this serious procedure but realized the newsletter wasn't going to reach all of you by that date. As an update, I am pleased to let you know that he came through the surgery and all went well. He is now home and recuperating. I'll thank you to keep him in your prayers for awhile.

As we get older we all have to look at our approaching mortality. It's not something I care to dwell on but it is a fact of life, or is that death? Whatever. When my Dad passed it was sudden and he was only 73. There were no prior arrangements made so it fell on the family to take care of. Subsequently I talked to my Mom and Judy talked to her parents about making prior arrangements. Judy and I have got a cemetery plot but do have to make our final arrangements so as not to burden our children. I suggest that if you haven't already done so, help your family out and make your arrangements. Trust me they will be thankful when the time comes.

I just found out that my 2 youngest granddaughters have a doubleheader at 5:00 so I am going to have to end this short message. I wish you all a safe and happy summer and hope to see you in September at our next reunion.

May God Bless you and our Troops who are standing guard for us and God Bless America.

Wally Morrow
Chaplain

News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans



This photo shows LTC (Ret) John Hay presenting a wreath at the 101st Airborne Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day 2019. The wreath was sponsored by this organization in honor of John Hay who served as Recon Platoon Leader with E Co. 1/502 (Recon) Infantry in Vietnam.



Ed & Leslie Barbour took a cruise in March 2019 and one stop was in San Juan, PR. There they met up with Hector Colon Rios who treated them to dinner. Ed & Hector served together in A 1/502 in Vietnam.



From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt
mdnesbitt@aol.com

Final Reunion Update 2019: Everything is moving along fine with our reunion setup. At this point we have 104 people registered and we expect more before our room rate cutoff date, which is August 18. Our rate of \$98 per night will continue until that date, if rooms are available, thereafter, the price will likely increase. If you haven't already reserved your room at the Riverview Inn please do so as soon as possible. The reservations clerk can be reached at (877) 487-4837 toll free or at (931) 552-3331. I have been told that standard rooms may no longer be available. The hotel agrees to upgrade you to an Executive Suite for \$108.00 per night. Ask for that if no other rooms are available. Use the Reunion Registration Form provided in this publication to register with this office and call the Riverview Inn directly to reserve a room. We do not reserve rooms for guests. If you encounter any problems with the hotel, call me at 803-506-3120.

If you've recently visited our website, www.101namveteran.com, you saw the names of those who have registered along with the unit they served with in the 101st. Take a look if you haven't already, we've had a few new people sign up in recent weeks. New, and old, reunion attendees still want to share stories and photos so bring your photo albums, DVDs, flash drives and other military items to share with those in attendance. We will have our overhead projector there for everyone to use. We also need door prizes and auction items donated so clean out your closets. If you like fun and laughter, you must attend the pizza party and auction on Thursday evening.

Annual Raffle: Each year we hold one fundraising event, that being a raffle. Over the years we have raffled off numerous screaming eagles, statues of soldiers, shadow boxes, an AR-15, coins and quilts. This year we are pleased to announce that we will raffle off a Beretta-Nano 9mm Pocket Pistol which has been donated by past president and current membership chairman, Ed 'Doc' Barbour. Raffle tickets for this item can be found on page 5; tickets are \$5 each, 6 tickets for \$25 and 12 tickets for \$50. You do not have to be present to win but you can't win if you don't buy tickets so donate if you can. Please understand, we will have the pistol on display at the reunion but it cannot be given to the winner if he/she happens to be in attendance. Ownership would have to be transferred from Ed, who lives in Virginia, to the winner in the state in which they reside through a licensed firearms dealer.

Melbourne Reunion: The Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion was held May 8-12, 2019 in Melbourne, Florida. While this isn't an official event for our organization, some members do attend annually and participate in the activities at Wickham Park. This year, as we have done in recent years, we set up a tent in the main vendor's area and distributed membership materials for the organization. Working with us this year were Ed 'Doc' Barbour, Ted 'Bad Boy' Bridges, Rod Green, Charles 'Country' Cole, Thomas Trott and myself. Past president Gus Vass dropped by one day as did Al and Marilou Hubbard, our friends who made the beautiful quilt we raffled in 2016. Thomas Trott, Color Guard Captain, lead our team on Saturday morning for the massing of the colors parade. As in the past, we were the only representative of the 101st Airborne Division. Next year's event will be held May 7-10, 2020.

Nashville Airport to Clarksville: The Nashville Airport is the nearest major airline hub, it is 54 miles from Clarksville. Arranging transportation has been a major concern and there is no clear answer. The only source we contacted that had any positive feedback was, www.InShuttle.com. We went online and asked for a quote; it took 2 days to get a reply. The response was that two people from Nashville Airport to Riverview Inn was \$90 one way car rate. For an SUV with 4 passengers, the rate is \$135. The latest word was to contact Mr. Friley for these and other rates at 615-255-3519. We cannot guarantee any help from the organization or the hotel if you fly in to Nashville. You might consider renting a car.

Guest Speaker: Our guest speaker at the Friday evening banquet will be Col. Leslie Carter, from Stone Mountain, GA. He is a 1948 graduate of West Point. In his early days, he was stationed in Austria for 3 years with the 350th Infantry, 88th Division. He was a Platoon Leader there, defending against the Russians. He was among the very first Americans to be in Vietnam as a military advisor, assigned to Pleiku in 1955. He states it was quiet then with only 4 Americans in his MAG Unit. His job was to train the Vietnamese to be an effective fighting force and prepare them to fight communism. I'm sure with his vast experience in the Army he will have much to tell us.

Golf Game at Reunion: An invitation has been extended by Gerald Laird for anyone who wants to play a round or two of golf while in Clarksville in September. He has a new set of clubs and wants to see who can beat him. He specifically mentioned Bill Lux and Country Cole as possible victims. While this is not an official part of the organization's reunion, we do encourage any activity that promotes fun and camaraderie. You can contact Gerald at geraldlaird@gmail.com or by phone at 254-405-1619. Anyone interested in tennis might contact Jackie Justice after arriving at the Riverview Inn, he tells me he has a contact in Clarksville that has a tennis court. See you there!!

ODDS & ENDS

News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans



SICK CALL

Rod Green, A 1/502, 68-69: Rod is doing much better since our previous report in the Spring issue of *INCOMING*. He underwent a heart procedure back in April but bounced back without further complications. He was able to attend the Melbourne, FL event in May and plans to attend our reunion in Clarksville, TN in September.

SFC Jorge Otero, E 1/502, 68-69: Jorge had fallen, according to latest reports. We hope to receive an update from Hector Colon Rios in Puerto Rico and have information at the reunion.

Bobbie & Mike Sellers, A 1/502, 67-68: In the Spring issue, we reported that Mike's wife, Bobbie, had fallen and broke her right ankle and right knee. She is still having some difficulty and will require more surgery. In the meantime, Mike learned of a blockage in one of his carotid arteries and had to have bypass surgery for that. He is doing OK at this time and is providing care for Bobbie. Cards can be sent to them at 722 Minnie Hall Rd., Autryville, NC 28318.

Ed 'Doc' Barbour, HHC & A 1/502: Last year Ed assumed the Membership Chairman's position for the organization and recently he and wife Leslie built a new house in Virginia. Now that they have settled in, Ed underwent surgery for a right hip replacement on July 24. As a combat medic, Ed says, "I changed the bandages and although it's swollen and stiff, it looks very good." Cards can be sent to the new home address; 16013 Blooming Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23832. This could end his paratrooper days!

Mary Marlowe, wife of John Marlowe, B 2/501, 70-71: Mary is doing much better, she is now able to stand and do a little walking with the aid of a walker. She still has one more operation to go through, however she is not strong enough at this time. It will probably happen around August or September to reverse the colostomy. Send cards to 10430 SW 199 St., Cutler Bay, FL 33157-8511.

Clarence E. Dunkle, HHC (S-4) 3/187, 67-68: We haven't been able to contact Clarence for an update on his condition following a fall that injured his head and back. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tony Dooley & wife Mem, D 1/506, 71: These folks attended their first reunion with us last year and enjoyed themselves so much they planned to attend again this year. Unfortunately, Tony had to undergo emergency surgery for a 5-vessel bypass to his heart. He's home and doing fine but they won't make the reunion so, send Tony & Mem a card at 5399 Story Rd., SW; Powder Springs, GA 30127.

From the Editor

Hi Folks,

With our next reunion coming up soon, I would like to ask any and all conference attendees to please consider sharing some of your photos and comments. You can meet with me at or after the conference so that we might include some items in future newsletters. I'd also like to thank Ed Barbour, LTC (Ret) John Hay and Dave Nesbitt for their extra input for this issue. Thanks.

Your newsletter editor,
Earle Prior



2019 Annual Fund Raiser

Each year we have one fund raiser to help offset the expenses of running the organization. This year we are raffling off a 9 mm Beretta-Nano Pocket Pistol. This item is being donated by our current membership chairman, Ed Barbour. At the reunion, at our Friday evening banquet, we will draw the winning ticket. Following the drawing of the winning ticket, we will attempt to call the winner if he/she isn't present at the reunion. Federal Law prohibits us from presenting the gun to the winner; it must be sent to a local licensed firearms dealer near the home of the winner to pick up there.

Purchase Tickets: Get 1 ticket for \$5.00, 6 tickets for \$25.00 and 12 tickets for \$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 made payable to: 101st Abn. Div. Vietnam Veterans, 3570 Green View Pkwy., Sumter, SC 29150.

You do not have to be present to win!!

BERETTA NANO Technical Specifications



Caliber: 9x19mm
Overall length: 5.63"
Overall height: 4.17"
Overall width: .90"
Barrel length: 3.07"
Sights: Three dot low profile
Sight radius: 4.92"
Weight: 17.67 ounces
Magazine capacity: 6 + 1 rounds; two magazines supplied
Frame body: Technopolymer
Frame chassis: Stainless steel insert
Slide material: 4140 stainless steel
Slide finish: Pronox
Features: Striker-fired; trigger drop safety; windage adjustable rear sight
MSRP: \$475

Beretta-Nano 9mm Semi-Automatic



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101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans 25th ANNUAL REUNIONSEPTEMBER 18-22, 2019 Fort Campbell/Clarksville, TN**



Our reunion this year will be held in Clarksville, TN during the period of September 18-22, 2019. This site was selected due to its proximity to Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division. Many of our members departed from this location for their one-year tour in Vietnam, while others that were assigned to the 101st after arriving in Vietnam, were never stationed here. We expect a busy week of activities, to include a tour of Ft. Campbell and other programs arranged for us by the Clarksville Visitors Bureau, the organization responsible for the Lee Greenwood Concert we will attend on Saturday evening at Beachaven Vineyard and Winery.

Our host hotel is the Riverview Inn located at 50 College St., Clarksville, TN 37040. Reservations can be made by calling the reservations office toll free at 877-487-4837 or locally at 931-552-3331. Room rates are \$98.00 plus 18.5% tax added per night; this rate should be honored two days prior to and two days after the close of our reunion. Free buffet breakfast is provided each day for our registered guests. Also provided is on-site parking, wireless internet and an indoor saltwater pool. Each room has a mini-fridge, microwave and Keurig coffee maker. *The hotel may run short of standard guest rooms, if this happens they should upgrade our guests to an Executive Double or Mini Suite for \$108.00 per night. Ask for that option if standard rooms are not available. The one thing this hotel does not have is an in-house restaurant but, there are many eateries close by so that shouldn't be a problem. We will use Chartwell's Catering for the ladies breakfast on Saturday and for the banquet, which will be held Friday evening. We have moved our annual pizza party and auction to Thursday evening. Changing the date and time of these events was necessary due to the concert scheduled for Saturday evening.

The events for this reunion will begin Wednesday evening, September 18 at 6:00 PM with a bus trip to the Old Glory Distillery for dinner and a Welcome Home Veterans program, a fee is charged, see Reunion Registration Form for details. On Thursday, September 19, we will again board buses at 8:30 AM for a trip to Fort Campbell. Several tour stops will be made, to include the Pratt Museum, Division Headquarters and the Monuments Area. Lunch will be served midday at an Army dining facility. We requested a tour and possible participation at the Air Assault School but they declined as troop training time cannot be interrupted.

After we return to the hotel at approximately 3:30 PM, the Board of Governors will have their meeting and at 6:00 PM we will begin our annual pizza and beer party followed at 7:00 PM by the auction which, as most know, is a real comedy act with Mike Santure serving as auctioneer. So bring money to buy everything. And, as was mentioned elsewhere in this publication, we need items donated, otherwise we won't have much to auction. Bring whatever you want to get rid of and hopefully someone will buy it. On Friday, September 20, buses will transport us to the Wilma Rudolph Event Center, leaving the hotel at 10:30 AM. The Clarksville Visitors Bureau will have a luncheon to honor Veterans and a member of our group will receive a Quilt of Valor. Again, there is a fee for the luncheon as outlined on the Registration Form. We encourage everyone to attend this if possible, the recipient from our group will be an honored guest and we need to support him.

We mentioned this item in the previous issue of the newsletter but it may need repeating. The hotel does allow pets in certain rooms but you must tell the clerk at time of making reservations. There is a \$10 per day fee and possibly a deposit. All registered Service Dogs are allowed free of charge; certification papers may be required so have that with you to avoid any problems.

We won't have another issue of the newsletter prior to the reunion start date but will have one afterwards hopefully with some photos for all to see. If we have changes in schedules or events we will try to update you as soon possible. We look forward to seeing everyone in Clarksville in September.



101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans
25th Annual Reunion
September 18 - 22, 2019
 Riverview Inn, 50 College St., Clarksville, TN 37040



Reunion Registration Form~Page 1

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
 Spouse/Guest(s) Names: 1. _____ Guest 2. _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____ Unit in Vietnam: _____ Dates _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Emergency Contact Name/Phone: _____

*Is transportation required to/from airport & hotel: Airport _____ Carrier & Flight # _____
 Arr. Date/Time _____ Departure Date/Time _____ *We cannot guarantee transportation.

Registrant's 1 FREE Polo Shirt Size: SM - MED - LG - XL - 2XL - 3XL - 4XL (Circle Your Selection) The ladies shirts have been discontinued in favor of a breakfast. Additional shirts may be ordered; see below and show how many and sizes desired. Men sizes only!

REGULAR FEE IF PAID PRIOR TO AUG. 18, 2019	LATE FEE IF PAID AFTER AUG. 18, 2019	EVENTS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	SUBTOTAL
\$80 Per Person	\$90 Per Person	Registration, Hospitality Room, Pizza Party, Auction, Banquet, Reunion Polo Shirt & Lee Greenwood Concert		
\$20 Per person ■	\$20 Per Person ■	Clarksville Visitors Bureau sponsors Welcome Home Veterans at The Old Glory Distillery WED., SEPT. 18 from 6 TO 8:30 PM; Buses Provided ■		
\$20 Per Person	\$30 Per Person	Bus tour of Ft. Campbell, Includes \$6.00 lunch at Army Dining Facility, THURS., SEPT. 19 at 8:30 ~ 3:00		
\$25 Per Person ■	Late registrations are not accepted ■	Clarksville Visitors Bureau sponsors a luncheon to honor Veterans with a Quilts of Valor presentation, FRI., SEPT. 20 from 11:00 to 1:00. Buses are provided, depart from hotel at 10:30. ■		
Free to the ladies	Free to the ladies	Ladies annual breakfast, hosted by Janet Ramsey SAT., SEPT. 21 from 8:00 to 9:30		No Charge
Free to all ■	Free to all ■	Clarksville Welcome Home Veterans Parade SAT., SEPT. 21 from 10:00 to 11:00. Carpool or walk less than 1 mile ■		No Charge
Included in registration fee	Free to all of our guests	Concert with US Army Band followed by Lee Greenwood SAT., SEPT. 21 Leave hotel at 4:30 PM, Buses provided		No Charge
Anyone can order extra Reunion Shirts	See fees in next block	Each registered veteran receives 1 Reunion Polo Style Shirt with registration, anyone desiring extra shirts must pay in advance so shirts can be ordered and delivered at the reunion. Price of shirts based on size: Sm to 2XL=\$18; 3XL=\$22; 4XL=\$24	Show number and size of shirts here:	
N/A	N/A	If shirts are to be shipped, add \$7.00 per shirt for S&H.	Total # Shirts	

Additional information is continued on page 2, to include Banquet Meal Choices. Please note that any Event showing a box ■ after it, is an optional event sponsored by the Clarksville Visitors Bureau; your attendance is optional. If you do not attend, you may remain in the hospitality room, enjoy free time.

Total \$ _____

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Reunion Registration Form~Page 2



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

On page 1 of this Registration Form you will see that in addition to our usual schedule of events there are others this year. Mrs. Frances Manzitto, Director of Tourism Sales at the **Clarksville Visitors Bureau (CVB)**, has been extremely helpful in setting up events for us in conjunction with the "Welcome Home Veterans Celebration" in the City of Clarksville. The Lee Greenwood Concert is part of this celebration and we are fortunate that our reunion coincides with these patriotic events. The residents of Clarksville want to honor us as Vietnam Veterans in this Welcome Home celebration that some have never received. Some activities sponsored by the CVB have additional charges that are outlined on page 1. All of these events are optional and you are not required to attend but we encourage you to participate as we will be recognized at each event. The Friday morning luncheon should be of particular interest as one of our own will receive a Quilt of Valor. For those that plan to attend, please so indicate on page 1 as we need an accurate head count to prepare the appropriate number of meals and buses can be hired. The concert on Saturday evening is free but we do need to know in advance how many will attend the concert as chairs and seating areas have to be secured. Also, we will be using buses throughout the week; if you have special transportation needs, please let us know in advance.

Banquet Meal Choices

(Each person please select one meal option)

1. Petit filet of beef, with sherry demi glaze, vanilla mashed sweet potatoes, grilled asparagus and wild mushrooms.
2. Pecan crusted chicken breast with oven roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and herb mustard sauce.
3. Vegetarian bean cassoulet with great northern beans, carrots, celery, onions, rosemary, thyme, garlic and parmesan croutons.

Salads with mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded carrots & a choice of dressings will be served. All entrees are served with Baked Rolls & Butter, Sweet Iced Tea and Dessert. Gluten free items and Fresh Brewed Coffee will be available on request.

Please select #1, 2 or 3) Registrant's Selection _____ Guest 1 Selection _____ Guest 2 Selection _____

Add comments here regarding special meals:

Registration Fees & Pre-Registration

The 2019 base registration fee remains the same as last year; \$80 per person. This fee includes unlimited use of the hospitality room with free refreshments including beer, wine and soft drinks (*excludes mixed drinks*), a pizza party and auction, a reunion shirt, Friday night banquet and the Lee Greenwood Concert on Saturday evening. Due to alcohol laws in TN and hotel policy, we are not permitted to bring in our own alcoholic beverages and run our own bar; we must hire a hotel bartender, which the organization will pay. The organization is also paying for the beer, wine and soft drinks being served. In addition, the organization is paying the bulk of the fees for all buses that we lease. And, when I say "the organization" that refers to each of our members that support our cause. Funds being spent belong to you, the member. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

If you need additional copies of this registration form for your guests please feel free to make as many copies as needed. Those not pre-registering will be allowed to do so upon arrival at the reunion registration desk in Clarksville, TN at the increased late fee rate, which after August 18, 2019 is \$90 per person. There will be no refunds after that date. We encourage early pre-registration.

Do not mail registration forms after Sept. 7; the office will be closed. Bring the form to the reunion for processing. Be advised that failure to pre-register may result in you not receiving a reunion shirt; we must order many weeks in advance and we limit the numbers we order so as to not overstock shirts we can't sell later. Please register early.

As is always the case, the Reunion Registration and the Hotel Registration are two separate items so be sure you register early for both. We set aside a block of 50 rooms at the Riverview Inn and as of July 25th, all had been rented. The hotel has 130 rooms so they should be able to accommodate us. There is a Country Inn & Suites nearby for overflow. We anticipate a large crowd due to our tour of Ft. Campbell and the Lee Greenwood Concert so don't wait. Send your registration form and check today!! If you encounter any problems reserving your room or have any questions about the schedule, contact Dave Nesbitt, Secretary at 803-506-3120.

Send completed registration form (2 pages) along with check or money order for registration to: 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans, 3570 Green View Pkwy., Sumter, SC 29150-7066. Please make all checks or money orders payable to: 101 ABN. DIV. VIETNAM VETS.

Anticipated Schedule of Events

- Mon-Tues 16-17: Early arrivals begin, to include Board of Governors. No activities scheduled these days with exception of setting up gift bags, etc. (*Sept. 17 is Constitution Day*)
- Wednesday 18: Tables will be set up for Registration; open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM/Hospitality Room open from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.
At 6:00 PM Buses will transport those interested in attending the Clarksville Visitors Bureau's "Welcome Home Veterans Celebration" Opening Ceremony with dinner served at the Old Glory Distillery. The fee for the dinner is outlined on page 7. Buses will return to hotel at 8:30 PM. Those not attending are welcome to remain in the hospitality room, which will remain open until 11:00 PM. This event is optional. (*Sept. 18 is USAF Birthday*)
- Thursday 19: Our tour of Ft. Campbell will begin at 8:30 AM with boarding of buses. We plan a trip that will be approximately 7 hours long. Stops will include the Pratt Museum, Division Headquarters, the Monuments Area, lunch in an Army Dining Facility and a final stop that is so Top Secret that we can't even tell you about it; you'll have to come with us to see it.

The Registration Desk will remain open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM/Hospitality until 11:00 PM. From 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM the Board of Governors will meet.
At 6:00 PM we will begin our pizza party, followed immediately by the Annual Auction conducted by the World Famous Auctioneer, Mike Santure.
- Friday 20: Registration Desk will be open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM/Hospitality open to 4:00 PM only. For those interested, the Clarksville Visitors Bureau is sponsoring a Welcome Home Luncheon to honor all veterans. This is the program where Quilts of Honor will be awarded to 6 deserving veterans, to include 1 from our group. There is a fee for this luncheon, see page 7 for details. Buses will be available and will load at 10:30 AM; program runs from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Hospitality Room must close at 4:00 PM so hotel staff can rearrange the room for our banquet. We may be moved to another room. Happy Hour outside Banquet Room will begin at 5:30 PM and runs until 6:30 PM. Our guests will take their seats in the Banquet Room at 6:30 PM and dinner will follow a short opening ceremony. Following dinner, Col. Leslie Carter, will speak. The Hospitality Room will reopen after the Banquet. (*Sept. 20 is National POW/MIA Day*)
- Saturday 21: From 8 to 9:30 AM, the Ladies Breakfast will be served in a separate dining area. This is a great time for the ladies to meet and get acquainted. Janet Ramsey, wife of our President Bill Ramsey, will host this event. The Clarksville Visitors Bureau is sponsoring a Welcome Home Veterans Parade that will line up at 9:00 AM with units moving at 10:00 AM; there was talk of having a float for us but that is still in the works. The parade is over at 11:00 AM. We will car pool or walk to this event, reported to be less than a mile from the hotel.
The General Membership Meeting will run from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. At 4:30 PM we will begin loading the buses to travel over to the Beachaven Vineyard and Winery for the concert with Lee Greenwood. The program will last until around 9:00 PM and we will be bused back to the hotel. The Hospitality Room will remain open until midnight or later. This will conclude our 25th reunion and we will begin planning for 2020.

Clarksville Welcome Home Event Website: <https://www.welcomehomeveteranscelebration.com/>

BOOSTERS

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(An * indicates an additional donation in that time frame). Any amount accepted.

Mail to: 101st Abn. Div. Vietnam Vets, 3570 Green View Pkwy, Sumter, SC 29150.

A tax deductible letter will be provided unless indicated it isn't needed.

***Malcolm Craig, *John Sorge, Peter Ruggeri, Geof Scanlon and Ed Kraus**

Thanks to all of our supporters!!

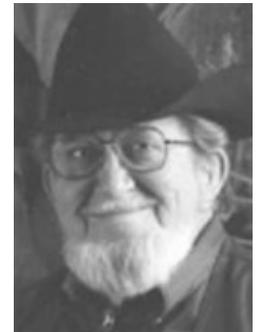
TAPS

Stephen Thomas Tapia (C Co., 158 Assault Helicopter Bn., 70-71) of Minneapolis, MN died May 28, 2019. Stephen was a faithful supporter of the organization and attended many of our reunions, to include the one at Fort Benning in 2018. Stephen's wife, Sybil, reported that he had some minor health problems but his death was a complete shock. Stephen was 68 years old. He entered the Army at age 19. He was a loving husband, an optimistic, generous, friendly person who would lend a hand to his friends. He loved motorcycles, music, cooking, entertaining and laughing. He is survived by his wife Sybil, and other loving family and friends. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Stephen was indeed a friendly man, he was always pleasant and enjoyed our reunions. He will be missed. RIP my friend. You can send cards of sympathy to Mrs. Sybil Tapia, 5540 - 36th Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55417.



Darron Amiel McConnell (C Co., 2/501, 69-70) of Jonesboro, GA passed away on May 23, 2017, unfortunately, we just received this information in recent weeks. Darron is survived by his wife Patti, children Melissa Anne McConnell, Matthew Amiel McConnell, Melanie Aja McConnell and Marcus Franklin McConnell. Darron was buried in the Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA. May he rest in peace.

William Eugene "Bill" Walker (HHC, 1/327, 67-69) age 80, died May 28, 2017 at a local nursing home. Again, we were never notified at that time and just learned of Bill's death in the past few weeks. Bill was born in Peoria, IL but spent his youth in Brownwood, TX. After high school he joined the military where he served in the Navy and the Army. He served with the 82nd Airborne and in Vietnam with the 101st obtaining the rank of SFC. He loved doing for others, especially his veteran brothers. When he moved to Jacksonville, FL, he got involved in transporting veterans to the VA Hospital and loved raising miniature horses. He was active in the American Legion, VFW Post 3278 and was a proud member of the NRA. Bill is survived by his wife Alice and daughters Paula Jean Walker, Dorothy Lynn Sheider and Susan K. Maynard. Bill was buried at Jacksonville National Cemetery.



Sofronio C. Propios, Sr. (C Co. 1/327, 70-71) of Honolulu, HI, with his beloved family gathered around, First Sergeant Sofronio C. "Sef" Propios, Sr., US Army Retired, reported for his final assignment — this time with the Lord's Army on April 7, 2019 at age 85. He departed from Veterans Affairs Community Life Center, Tripler Army Medical Center. Sef was born on December 8, 1933 in Waimea, Oahu. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Eleanor son's Sofronio, Jr., Robert, Michael and daughters Marla and Marisa; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. Sef supported our organization for many years. He will be missed.





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