

# 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2023

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Well, the 2023 reunion is over! I know some of you weren't happy being with the association. It had a cash bar, the drinks were very expensive and we didn't have a place for our membership meeting. Bruce (our president) said that we thought that we could keep the room we had used for the auction to hold our meeting but that wasn't the case. We are trying to get a meeting room for next year. As far as the drinks: I'm afraid most hotels big enough for our reunions are going to be this way. I hung around and shot the bull in the hospitality room like I normally do, and I personally had a good time. There is no way that we have time to set up a reunion on our own by next year so we will be with the association again in 2024

At our Board of Governors meeting a new membership chairman needed to be appointed. Amy Krueger an Associate Life Member of our Organization and of the Association was appointed as our new membership chairman. THANK YOU AMY!

**FROM AMY:**

"For those of you who do not know me, my name is Amy Krueger. I am the daughter of Wally (A Co 1st 502nd) and Judy Morrow. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you and my husband and I are hoping to meet more of you next year as we are hoping to be in Missouri for the reunion. I am honored to be asked to help with the membership and hope I am able to meet your needs and standards. Thank you for entrusting me with the task."

Since our last letter I have received news about the passing of the following members:

Richard Weiss passed away April 4, 2023. He served in 1966 with B Btry. 2/320 Arty

Robert T Bartlett Jr passed away from ALS on 10/29/2022. He served with B Co. 1/502 in 1969-70

George M Gardner passed away 12/12/2021. He served with C Co. 1/502 in 1970-71

We have approximately 340 members. I send 240 letters out by snail mail. If you are receiving this letter in the mail and have email, I would appreciate you emailing me your email address so you could get your letter electronically. Not only will this save the organization money it also saves time and will get the letter to you much quicker.

I know this letter is short, but I will send out a new letter when we get more info on our next reunion. Our president wanted to mention that we will try to get rid of our inventory of quartermaster sale items. We will have a table set up next to the Association's store at the next reunion. Also, next year are elections. We will be taking nominations for board members. More about this in our next newsletter.

Airborne! Mike

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**PERSONAL NOTE:** It looks like the association will be having its reunion in Springfield Missouri on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. Sheila and I will be driving there and spending a few days earlier in Branson MO. If anyone is interested in joining us there, please contact me by email at [michael.santure@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.santure@yahoo.com). Depending on the number of people who respond I will see if I can line up a hotel which might give us a price break or a free breakfast etc. This has no connection with the Organization or the Association. There will be no hospitality room or meetings. It will just be us mingling, the women shopping and maybe us going to a show at night and possibly a dinner cruise. This is the last time I will put this in any newsletter. I will keep in contact by email. If interested let me know there is no commitment.