Greetings to all our brothers in arms of the 101st Airborne.

It has been an honor to serve as your president over these two years. Yet, it’s not over yet until our reunion on Aug. 21-26, 2018, just about 3 months from now. We have dedicated officers coming up to serve us well in this election year and I am confident we will carry on with our traditions of this organization.

I want to thank John Thompson, vice president of the 101st Airborne Division Association, for inviting us to join them in 2019 at Colorado Springs. We took a vote of our Board of Governors and past presidents. The decision was to keep our 101st Vietnam Veterans Organization intact and not to join the Association due to remaining as a smaller more personal organization with our own traditions and identity. With our outstanding leadership in the wings to take on the challenges of a last standing unit, I expect us to continue as we are for the near future. Yet, there will be a time when it would be wise to join the Association.

I want to remind all who wish to take the Fort Benning tour to make sure you arrive at the hotel by Wednesday, Aug. 22nd since the tour starts at 7am on Aug. 23rd. For those attending the tour, help out our Sec./Treasurer, Dave Nesbitt, by registering early and letting him know you will be going on the tour so Dave will know how many busses or vans to reserve.

Just as a reminder, use the temporary website address: 101namveteran.com until we get back to our original address.

Ted Bridges, John Marlowe, Dave Nesbitt, and I had a great time at the Brevard County FL (Melbourne) Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion April 18-22. Tom Trott from Cape Cod joined us in the presentation of colors.

I look forward to seeing familiar and hopefully new faces at our reunion in Columbus GA. For those flying in, it might be best to use Delta as it is the only carrier using the Columbus Regional Airport. Best to all for now, Airborne or leg, Ed Barbour
SICK CALL

Johnnie Lindsey - Texarkana, TX (Medic~HHC 1/327 1966-67) Johnnie is a past president of the organization and I believe he's held every office we have. He was the membership chairman and newsletter editor from way back and attended most of our reunions until he started having medical issues. This past year he had some heart problems and was hospitalized twice and now when he thought he was over that he had pneumonia and was again admitted to the hospital in March. He said that did considerable damage to his lungs. He stated in the email he sent that, he had dodged a lot of bullets all his life but it looks like he didn't dodge this one, at least not completely. I'm sure Johnnie would like to hear from his friends; you can contact him by email at: toplindsey@aol.com

BOOSTERS

Members and non-members who donate to help defray mailing costs etc. Names will stay in 1 issue (an * indicates an additional donation in that time frame).

(Any amount accepted, mail to: 3570 Green View Pkwy. Sumter, SC 29150)

Malcolm Craig*, John Sorge*, Dan Harelson, Richard Moats, Charlie Hage, Leon Kubin, Richard Hise, Bart Thompson, Bill Bevins and James Trusty

(CUT HERE AND MAIL TO SECRETARY)

Absentee Ballot for 2018 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 Columbus, GA during our regular business meeting on Saturday, August 25, 2018. You do not have to be present of 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.

President .....................Bill Ramsey  Write-in:________________________
Vice President....................Ron Long  Write-in:_______________________
4-Year Governor...............None announced  Write-in:_____________________
2-Year Governor...............None announced  Write-in:_____________________
Treasurer/Secretary............Dave Nesbitt  Write-in:_______________________
Sgt. At Arms.....................John Marlowe  Write-in:_______________________
Eagle Chapter Delegate.........None announced  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 1, 2018. Questions should be directed to Dave Nesbitt, Secretary at 803-506-3120. Write-in candidates must be present to be considered for office.
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 take the bus tour? _______

Registrant’s Polo Shirt Size: Sm · Med · Lg · XL · XXL · 3XL · 4XL (Circle One) Our ladies voted to discontinue their reunio

n shirts in favor of the ladies luncheon, however, if your lady still wants a shirt please indicate here the size requested: _________

Number Registering _________ X $80.00 per person on or before July 23, 2018. Amount Enclosed: ______________

Late registration fee after July 23, 2018 is $90.00 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 23, 2018

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 mdnesbitt@aol.com no later than August 1, 2018.

Registrant’s Selection _____ Guest Selection _____ Additional Guest Selection _____

(Each person please select one meal option)

2. Red Wine Chicken: Grilled, Marinated Chicken on Creamy Mashed Potatoes w/ Bacon Lardon, Mushrooms & Pearl Onions.
3. Vegetarian Lasagna: Layers of pasta ricotta and julienne veggies bound w/savory herbed béchamel & parmesan cheese.

Salads with mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded carrots & a choice of dressings will be served. All entrees are served with Fresh Seasonal Veggies, Baked Rolls and Butter, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea and Dessert.

Registration fee includes the hospitality room with free refreshments the entire weekend, the Friday evening Pizza party and Auction, a reunion shirt and 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 Columbus, GA 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 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.
Our reunion this year will be held in Columbus, GA during the period of August 22-26, 2018. This site was selected due to its proximity to Fort Benning where many of our members went through Airborne Training and some through the NCO or OCS Academies. Some may recall these were often referred to as “shake and bake schools” where young men became Infantry NCOs or Officers in a matter of a few months. We have some of the distinguished graduates of these training facilities among our members and they will be attending the reunion.

Our host hotel for this event is the DoubleTree by Hilton, located at 5351 Sidney Simons Blvd., Columbus, GA 31904. The Columbus Airport is just two miles away and shuttle service is being provided. For transportation to the hotel call the front desk at 706-327-6868. You can reach the reservations office at 800-222-8733 or you can go online to our new website, www.101namveteran.com and look under Reunions. There is a link there that makes it real easy to reserve a room. Be sure to tell the reservation clerk you are with the 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans Reunion for our special rate of $117 per night which includes two free breakfast tickets each day. The computer link has all that information. We have a block of 50 rooms and we expect a large crowd this year for the Fort Benning event. I suggest you reserve a room early. Please stay at the reunion hotel as the cost of our hospitality and banquet rooms is based on the number of hotel guest rooms that are reserved under the organizations room block. **The cut-off date to reserve a room at our special rate is July 23, 2018. As of May 15, we have rented 38 rooms of the 50 we blocked.**

The main events for this reunion will begin very early on Thursday morning, August 23 at 0700, that is 7:00 AM. We have arranged for bus transportation for those who wish to take a group tour of Fort Benning and the National Infantry Museum. The buses are air conditioned and wheelchair accessible. If you intend to take the tour you will need to arrive Wednesday, August 22 or get there by “oh dark thirty” Thursday. The bus will leave the hotel promptly at 0730. We will tour an Amor Restoration Facility, the Airborne Training Area and will have lunch at the Airborne Dining Facility at approximately 1130. There will be a fee of $5.55 for lunch per person and the Army requires cash and only small bills; exact change would be nice.

After lunch we will go to a Weapons Simulation Area and at approximately 1400 or 2:00 PM we will travel to the National Infantry Museum. The tour will be for about 2 hours and thereafter we return to the hotel. It will be a long day and usually quite warm in August in Georgia so dress accordingly. I’m confident that this tour will be extremely educational for all who attend. I know the old paratroopers are looking forward to seeing those jump towers again!!

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 this 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 any questions on the schedule, contact Dave Nesbitt, Secretary at 803-506-3120.

**Please reserve hotel rooms early as another military unit has a reunion the same week as we do at the DoubleTree and rooms will go fast!! Thanks.**
2018 Annual Fund Raiser

Each year we have one fund raiser to help defray the expenses of running the organization. This year we are raffling a personalized shadow box with all your medals and ribbons added. The winner will build his own prize with help from Medals of America, up to a value of $400, which the organization will pay. Additionally, there will be a second, third and fourth prize, a solid Gold Coin valued at $150 each. At the reunion, we will draw the winning ticket for the shadow box first and one additional ticket will be pulled for each of the coins.

Tickets: 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 to: 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans, 3570 Green View Pkwy., Sumter, SC 29150. Winning tickets will be drawn at our reunion in Columbus, GA. **You do not have to be present to win!!**

Shadow Box Example

Name (First, M.I., Last):
Street Address:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone Number: Area Code: Number:

Name (First, M.I., Last):
Street Address:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone Number: Area Code: Number:

Name (First, M.I., Last):
Street Address:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone Number: Area Code: Number:

Name (First, M.I., Last):
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From the secretary: Ordinarily, I would have lots of comments on page 3 of this publication but I missed the deadline and didn’t get things done in a timely fashion. I beg your forgiveness and promise to do better next time. It’s not as if I’ve been lying around the pool here at national headquarters (the office I created over my garage) and sipping a cool one all day but things in my personal life have been extremely busy. It seems as I age there are more graduations to attend, more weddings and unfortunately, more funerals. In addition, there’s the wife who always finds other things I need to do for her around the yard. My aching back...it can’t take much more of this treatment. Regardless of what didn’t get done in the newsletter, many other things did. President Barbour mentioned the Melbourne event and below is a photo of our 101st Color Guard that participated in the massing of the colors in the Saturday morning parade. I was just in the photo to show off my table muscles; the other four men did the marching. My compliments to the men who participated, and look at Tom Trott, he certainly has the right spirit with his trousers bloused in his jump boots. Again, our group was the only one to represent the 101st Airborne.

To update you on the reunion, which is fast approaching, we will have under 90 days before the start up when you receive this newsletter. Of the 50 rooms we blocked, 38 have been reserved; we need to fill them all so call today if you haven’t gotten a room yet. We only have 68 people registered to date; that’s short of what we normally see each year. I don’t know how many years we might have left in us but I know we all enjoy our time together each year at the reunion. I hope we can continue a while longer.

Our Chaplain missed the deadline this month too. His issues may have been due to his leaving his Florida home and returning to Wisconsin too soon; they had snow when he got there. I’m sure he will pray for us all to have a safe summer and safe travels to the upcoming reunion. I hope he will raise up another prayer for the sale of our Raffle Tickets. They are not selling well and we have some great prizes to be awarded. They will be on sale at the reunion. I wish you all a happy and safe summer!!

—Dave Nesbitt

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Guys

As you have noticed this is a smaller issue than normal. We are a month late already so I am putting this together with what I have so far. Hopefully I can do better next issue.

Mike
101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans
Membership Application & Renewal Form

New Member check here __ Renewal card #______ New Associate check here __ Associate Renew card#_______

Name:__________________________________________ Spouse’s Name:____________________________

Address:________________________________________ City:_____________________________ State:_______

Zip Code:_________________ Phone: (             ) ________________________ Email:________________________________

Highest Rank Held in Vietnam: ________DOB: ____________ Call Sign or Nickname: _________________________

Applicants for new membership please attach documents to establish your service with 101st in Vietnam,
e.g., DD-214, orders, manifests, etc. & forward to address below with $200 for 11 yrs, $60 for 3yrs. or $25 for 1 yr.

Company:_________ Battalion:____________________ Regiment:______________ From:____________ To:_____________

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Send with check or money order payable to: 101st Abn. Div. Vietnam Veterans at 3570 Green View Pkwy.,
Sumter, SC 29150-7066. Should you have questions, call Dave Nesbitt at (803) 506-3120.

Release of Information

I do ____ I do not _____ Authorize the release of my address, phone number or e-mail address to others
from the 101st airborne Division who may be trying to locate me for the purpose of renewing old friend-
ships.

Date:______________ Signature:________________________ Amount Enclosed: $_________________

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