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From the Desk of Our President

Brothers,

Springtime again, thank goodness. It has been a cold, tough winter for much of the country. It has also been a difficult winter for many of our members who have had to deal with serious illness and loss. As we reach out to our friends and comrades, we should take every opportunity to strengthen our friendships. That is one of the reasons that our reunions are so important.

This year, September 18-22, we are meeting in Clarksville, Tennessee, near Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. For many of us, this is where our journey to Vietnam began. We hope this trip will bring back memories, but I must warn you, Ft. Campbell does not look much like it did in the 1960's or 70's. You may be pleasantly surprised to see the new Division Headquarters, the remodeled Donald Pratt Museum, several Memorial areas and the modern housing for the troops. You can still find many of the buildings that were there when we were at Ft. Campbell, but it is now a much more modern post.

Much of the detail work for the reunion is still being accomplished. Dave Nesbitt and Ron Long have been especially busy negotiating catering, buses, tours at Ft. Campbell and all of the many things that will make the reunion a success. Ed Barbour is already researching venues for our 2020 reunion. I hope to see you in Clarksville in September.

Very best wishes- Airborne- Air Assault,

Bill Ramsey
President



President Bill Ramsey

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain, Wally Morrow

Friends & Comrades,

As time passes I think it's normal for some to forget dates. I am one of those. Heaven forbid I ever forget mine and Judy's wedding anniversary, which I haven't. But I digress. Fifty (50) years ago today (3/24/1969) my Company A/1/502 was heavily involved in a prolonged battle near the A Shau Valley with a dug in battalion at a hill called Dong A Tay. Our sister Company B/1/502 was also in heavy prolonged contact with the same unit at the same location. You might ask why do I bring this up now? At this time I was well into my eleventh (11) month of my one year tour of duty. I had seen a lot of combat prior to this time and watched a lot of my fellow soldiers killed and wounded. But during those first 8 months the soldiers I served with had come over as a unit with the 2nd Brigade in December 1967 and had seen a lot of combat. They were also Airborne Troopers who had earned their wings and were considered the cream of our fighting forces. I had earned my wings and was proud of it. As my first 8 months went by we were getting mostly non-Airborne qualified replacements because of the high number of casualties we suffered. In December 1968 those Airborne Troopers who had completed their tour went home. Subsequently when we arrived on Dong A Tay in March 1969 there were very few of what we called Jump Qualified Troopers in our ranks.

Some of those Jump Qualified individuals liked to refer to them irreverently as Legs. Some of these men had seen very little combat up to this point. I want to tell you I never served with more honorable and brave men on Dong A Tay (Bloody Ridge) than I had a right to be with. Just to name a few, Dave Nesbitt, Rod Green, Francis Demory, James (Doc) Feliciano, Rick Schubert, Freddy Baker, Phillip (Zeb) Cawthon, Tom Hurlbut, John Bivona, James Doloughty, Sandy Mohlengraft and others that I can't remember. Some of these fine young men had to be medevaced off the hill. Some were lost in subsequent battles and some have succumbed to Agent Orange related illnesses since returning home. I may forget these dates, but I will never forget these men. They were the best that America had to offer and they served with honor and distinction. I am honored to have been able to serve with these fine soldiers and call them friends. They are my Brothers and I love them all.

Today on the Christian calendar it is the 3rd Sunday of Lent. As Christians we understand that this symbolizes the 40 years that Moses led the Israelites through the desert. This is a time of fasting and repentance. For us Catholics it means we should abstain from eating meat on Friday. So fish is a prominent dish during this time. Now if you are over 65 you need not adhere to this, so I sometimes take advantage. Lent has meant many things to me over the years. Of course, as a child, at the end of Lent was Easter and that meant the Easter Bunny. Now it means it's a time to reflect. How have I used my last 71 years? Have I used it to give glory to God? Not always. How about you, how have you spent your time? I know some of you are devout and loving and give glory to God every day. I wish I could say that I do, but I don't always take the time. During this Lenten season I will take more time to reflect on the gifts that God granted to me. They are many, my wife, my children, my grandchildren, my extended family, my friends, my health and most of all God gave us his only Son to be crucified on The Cross for our Sins. No Greater Love. Easter is coming, give thanks.

It is with great sorrow that I mention that our friend and brother Rod Green has suffered more loss in his family. He has lost an older sister and his older brother. I ask that you keep Rod and his family in your prayers.

I would also like to mention that we received a note from Betty Lux that she is on the mend and is cancer free. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

Easter is late this year and following shortly on your calendar is Memorial Day. I hope all the snow is gone in Wisconsin by then. I hope you are able to take the opportunity to remember those family and friends who have passed over the years. My dad used to tell me that it was called Decoration Day years ago. The cemeteries would have all the graves decorated with flowers. My wife and I make a pilgrimage each year to various cemeteries to decorate the graves of our loved ones. At this time I also place a flag at each grave of our families veterans. Our local VFW post will be busy visiting numerous cemeteries and doing a formal ceremony at each to honor our fallen comrades.

I would now like to take the time to thank our Service Members for watching over us now and keeping us safe as they Guard the Gates of Freedom.

Until next time I wish you all a Happy Easter and Happy Memorial Day. I wish you all health and happiness and may the Good Lord Keep You. May God Bless You and God Bless America.

Wally Morrow, Chaplain



From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt
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Reunion Update 2019: I often find myself apologizing for being late for one thing or another and this time it's the reunion registration form. After much delay and planning for all the activities at Clarksville in September, you will find the registration form on pages 7 & 8. You may ask, why two pages; well that's due to the additional activities we have been invited to participate in with the City of Clarksville and the Visitors Bureau. I hope everything is spelled out so that it is clearly understood, if not, call me at 803-506-3120. I can tell you that many of our regular attendees are ready to go as 41 of the 50 hotel rooms we blocked, are already rented out. Not to worry, the hotel has 130 rooms but you need to reserve early as another smaller group will have a gathering the same week as our reunion. As has been stated on another page in this publication, our reunion headquarters will be the Riverview Inn.

As people register with the secretary, we will post their names on our website, www.101namveteran.com. So, please complete the registration form and get it back to me asap. 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 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 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. As of this date, we don't have anything to use for the raffle so if you have an idea, let us know. We like receiving items that are donated by an individual or a merchant who wants to support Vietnam Veterans but we will buy an item if it is something everyone would like to win. See what you can find and contact me.

Melbourne Reunion: The *Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard* sponsor one of the largest gatherings of veterans in the country. This year, we that plan to attend, will be there May 8-12, 2019. While this reunion isn't an official event for our organization, some members do attend annually and participate in the activities at Wickham Park. We will have a tent in the main vendor's area and will be set up in Campground C, lot 130 near the rear of the park. A fly-in will occur Saturday morning with the landing of a Cobra gunship and a Huey. In addition, there will be a massing of the colors at 1100 that morning and our unit has for several years been the only representative of the 101st Airborne Division there. If you want to be in the color guard, please bring black pants, white logo shirt and a white 101st cap if you have one. If you think you might attend, contact me with any questions or hotel information. At this time, I know Ed "Doc" Barbour, Ted "Bad Boy" Bridges, Rod Green and myself will attend.

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. We have not located a regular shuttle service that makes the run from Nashville to Clarksville. You may have noticed, on page 7, we asked about your airline, flight number, time, etc. With that information, we thought it might be possible for us to match you up with another reunion attendee and you might ride together to save on the fee. 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. Yet another plan was mentioned by Mrs. Manzitto of the Clarksville Visitors Bureau; she hoped to find volunteers that would go to the airport and bring our guests back to the hotel. This plan may or may not materialize. We cannot guarantee any help from the organization or the hotel if you fly in to Nashville. You may consider renting a car. If more details are learned, we will contact you if you indicate you plan to fly into Nashville.

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.

The death of Robert Wayne Dearing: Many from A Co. 1/502 Infantry will remember Robert Dearing. We're sorry to report that he died October 31, 2018. He was a member of the organization from 2004 until death. Robert served two tours in Vietnam; first with 75th Rangers and the second with the 101st. After military service he worked as a Social Worker for 7 years and then with the US Postal Service for 27 years. We sent condolences to his sister Kathy Jaquez.

ODDS & ENDS

News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans



SICK CALL

Rod Green, Once again, bad news but with a positive outlook. Rod had to undergo a heart procedure yesterday. He had 3 arteries blocked, two were cleared and the third has a stint inserted. He is doing well and hopefully will be back on his feet soon.

SFC Jorge Otero (Puerto Rican Rambo), a member and 5 years vet of Vietnam (some time with A Co. 1/502) fell and hurt himself recently. Additionally, his water supply just recently came on after 18 months of no running water as a result of damage from Hurricane Maria. And, he turned 82 on April 7; Happy Birthday Sgt. Rock!!

Clarence E. Dunkle, aka: Fuzzy Red, served in Vietnam with HHC (S-4) 3/187 in 67-68. We were sorry to hear that he recently had a fall that resulted in head and back injuries. We believe he is home and on the mend but we ask that you keep him in your prayers. Fuzzy Red has been a faithful member of the organization for many years. He serves as Chaplain with several groups in his area and also fills the role of Santa Claus during the Christmas season. Drop him a card if you will; he just recently moved and the new address is 553 Gardenia Circle, Titusville, FL 32796-2442. God bless you Fuzzy Red, hope to see you at the Melbourne Event in May.

Johnnie Lindsey, served as a Medic with HHC 1/327 Infantry in 66-67 in Vietnam. In the Winter 2019 edition of *INCOMING*, we reported that he had a left hip replacement and was at home on the mend. In a more recent contact he reports that he had a good day, his doctor took him off the walker and gave him a cane. Things are going well for him now and he hopes to attend the reunion in September. His address is 6501 W. 7th St., Texarkana, TX 75501-8300.

Betty Lux, wife of past president, Bill Lux, A Co. 1/502 Infantry, 67-68, underwent surgery for a cancerous growth and her doctor gave her a good report; all signs of cancer are gone. She is home recovering. You can contact Betty and Bill at 191 J.E. Williams Rd., Dothan, AL 36301-8124. (Please check out her Thank You Card on page 5 of this newsletter)

Mary Marlowe, wife of past president and current Sgt. at Arms, John Marlowe, B Co. 2/501 Infantry, 70-71, is making progress in her recovery. Mary had a serious fall last May that resulted in a broken ankle. After several surgeries and bouts of infection that caused her to be hospitalized for an extended period of time, she has more recently been transferred to Health South in Cutler Bay, FL. This location is a rehab center close to their home in Cutler Bay. John says she is doing a little better each day but she is still very seriously ill and could remain in Health South for several more weeks. He thanked all for their prayers and requests that we continue them as he believes they are working for Mary. Cards can be sent to the home, 10430 SW 199 St., Cutler Bay, FL 33157-8511.

Rosemary Nesbitt, wife of Dave Nesbitt, Secretary/Treasurer, A Co. 1/502 Infantry, 68-69, has improved since treatment for her back issues. She is still being followed by an orthopedist and a neurologist but she has returned to work and taking care of grandchildren.

Bobbie Sellers, wife of Mike Sellers (A Co. 1/502) fell on Saturday, March 30 and broke her right ankle in 3 places. After further tests it was determined that her right knee was also broken. Needless to say, she remains hospitalized at UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill, NC. Mike is there by her side, as always, watching over her. Remember Bobbie in your prayers and if you wish to send a card, their address is 722 Minnie Hall Rd., Autryville, NC 28318.

More Odds & Ends



Dear 101st Airborne Vietnam Vets.
 A note of thanks to you
 all for your prayers.
 I am recovering more
 each day.
 I never quit trying to
 get well.
 Dr. said he got all the
 cancer.
 To that I praise God
 for giving me a wonderful
 surgeon and guiding his
 hands during my surgery.
 Thank all of you and
 God Bless until we meet
 again. Love Betty Luf
 (big member)

Soldiers from 101st Airborne set to deploy to Ukraine

Soldiers with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, [101st Airborne Division](#) (Air Assault) will case their colors and deploy to [Ukraine](#) within days. About 150 soldiers will deploy in mid-April, according to a Friday release from the 101st Airborne, and they are expected to be gone for nine months. Soldiers from each of the brigade's seven battalions will form Task Force Carentan. They were scheduled to case their colors April 12 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Their mission will be to advise and assist Ukrainian armed forces in developing the Yavoriv Combat Training Center in the western part of the country. The mission is part of efforts to build up Ukraine's defense and training capabilities through an initiative called the Joint Multinational Training Group - Ukraine, the release said. Task Force Carentan will help develop cadre, ranges and training areas. By training the trainers, they will move toward a goal of Ukraine's forces taking full responsibility for training at the center next year. "The majority of deploying Soldiers are leaders who have years of experience overseeing and conducting tough, realistic training," said LTC Robert Tracy, commander of 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment and senior commander for the task force, said in the release. "I expect this to be a great opportunity to share lessons learned from our own combat training centers as well as gain valuable insights from the UAF that will make the Strike Brigade a more ready force."

Baby News: Everyone that remembers **Larry Weisbarth**, our original webmaster, you will probably remember his son **Jay**. Well, he is going to be a grandpa as his daughter is close to 7 months pregnant. I'm sure Larry would have been excited about being a great-grandfather. We're excited for the entire Weisbarth family and hope to have some photos to share in the next issue of *INCOMING*. You can contact Jay at: jay.weisbarth@gmail.com.

From the Editor

Hi Folks,

Our key officers are doing a great job of getting their newsletter input in a timely manner but I'd also like to include more pics, comments and stories from our other members. Please feel free to share a memory, comment, photos and stories with me at any time. I'll do my best to include whatever I can in our future editions. My email address is earle.prior@gmail.com.

Your newsletter editor, Earle Prior



**101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans
25th ANNUAL REUNION**SEPTEMBER 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. A real person stationed at the hotel should answer. 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 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 mid-day 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 reservation 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 hope to have one more issue of the newsletter prior to the reunion start date. If we have changes in schedules or events we will try to update you as soon possible.



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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 April 17th we had 41 rented. The hotel has 130 rooms so they should be able to accommodate us. 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. Make all checks or money orders payable to: 101 ABN. DIV. VIETNAM VETS. Credit cards will be accepted over the phone: 803-506-3120 with a surcharge added.

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. 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.

BOOSTERS

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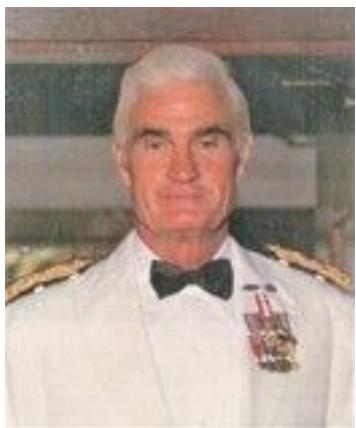
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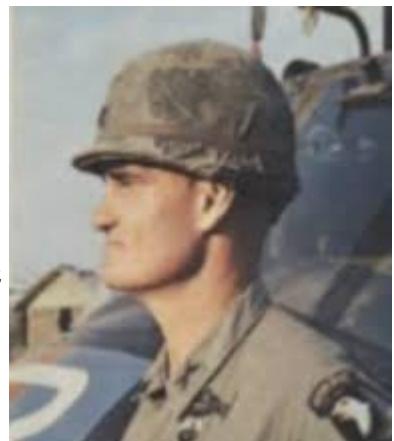
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John A. "Jack" Hoefling 3 Sep 1925 - 24 Oct 2018

Major General (Ret.) John A. (Jack) Hoefling, a longtime resident of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, was called home by God on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. He passed away peacefully at his home while surrounded by his loved ones.

Jack was 93 years old.



Jack was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He left Wisconsin to attend the US Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1946. He met Patricia Flynn while a West Point cadet and they were married soon after his graduation. They were happily married for 72 years. Jack was a devoted Catholic with complete faith in God, he was also a devoted family man. He was a scholar, an athlete and a soldier. Above all, he loved his church, his family, his country and his many dear friends.

As a soldier, Jack was a Senior Paratrooper and an infantryman. As a Captain, he commanded an Infantry Company in the Korean War where he was awarded a Silver Star for valor. In Vietnam, where he was awarded a second Silver Star, he commanded the second Brigade of the famous 101st Airborne Division; while the normal tour of command was six months, he kept his command for an entire year in heavy combat. Although the Second Brigade fought in the A Shau Valley several times, he was best noted for the battle at Vinh Loc in October 1968, which he planned and executed. Jack retired after 30 years of service. His awards included: two Combat Infantryman badges, the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Legions of Merit, a Soldier's Medal, five Bronze Stars, twenty Air Medals, and numerous foreign decorations.

He was a lifetime member of The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Military Officers Association (MOA). He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Exchange Club. Jack was a member of our group since 1 March 1999. Jack is survived by his wife, Patricia, and son John P. Hoefling and wife Susan; two daughters, Peggy Hoefling and her wife Louise Shapiro; and Kathleen Ambridge. He is also survived by his grandchildren Elliott Hoefling, his wife Andrea; Shelby Hoefling; Jack Ambridge; Chris Ambridge, and his wife Dinora; and his great-grandson John McNaughton (aka Mac). He is predeceased by his granddaughter Ashley Patricia-Kate Hoefling. He is also survived by his brother Thomas Hoefling and wife Sonja, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and predeceased by his sister Shirley. He was dearly loved and will be profoundly missed by many.

Rod Green lost his older brother **Gary Green** back in March due to complications from an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA). Gary was 85 years old and was a 7 year Navy veteran. Gary had two surgeries in an attempt to repair the AAA but his kidneys shut down and sepsis developed.

Rod has suffered severely in the past 3 years, having lost his oldest sister, a niece, a brother-in-law, his wife Helen (Nov. 2018), his sister (Feb. 2019) and now the older brother. His faith in our Lord is strong but losing so many that close to anyone is a tremendous strain. When I spoke to him today by phone, he was trying to remain positive and like so many of us, feels especially blessed for having an extra 50 years following the ordeals of Vietnam.—*Dave Nesbitt*



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