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From the Desk of our President

President's Message February 2018

Greetings to all Vietnam Veterans of the 101st Airborne Division. I am looking forward to Spring and looking forward to our upcoming reunion on August 21-26 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Columbus GA near the Fort Benning Post. The events are coming together for our speaker, Col.(Ret) Rick St. John, author of Tiger Bravo's War of Currahee rifle company's 101st Airborne Division of the "Wandering Warriors." I want to thank Johnny Walker for all his assistance in recommending our speaker as well as the reunion site at nearby Fort Benning. Rick St. John also was instrumental in formulating our trip to the Fort Benning Post scheduled for Thursday August 23rd. For those interested in going to Fort Benning, get your reunion registrations in early and arrive by Wednesday August 22nd. Dave Nesbitt has arranged bus rentals and he will provide the itinerary for the day.



ED BARBOUR

This year is an election year. Bill Ramsey and Ron Long have already stepped up for the president and vice president respectively. I encourage others to nominate, compete, or fill open officer positions in keeping our organization viable for as long as we can. The 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans Organization has been very personal and rewarding for me and I want our last standing organization to go on and on.

Thank you to former president, Rod Green, and my talented daughter, Blair Barbour, for getting our new website up and running. It is my understanding that we use the website address: www.101namveteran.com and that at a later date we will switch back to our old domain address.

The Brevard County Vietnam and All Veteran's Reunion at Wickham Park in Melbourne FL will be the week of April 16-22. Dave Nesbitt and I will be going. Last year we only had three 101st members representing our organization in the color guard. For those who may not have ever attended, several chapters of the 101st Airborne Division Association attend and reserve camping space in the overflow area for the last 20 plus years. We would like to see some of our organization attend this year.

Best to all for now. Airborne or not, Ed Barbour

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain, Wally Morrow

Friends & Comrades,

At church in December my wife Judy picked up a free copy of a book called, *Perfectly Yourself*. Some of you may be familiar with it and it's author Matthew Kelly. I recently was looking through it to give me some ideas for this post. You see I don't spend much time on Religion. Oh sure, I was brought up Catholic but our family only attended church on special occasions like Christmas and Easter. I had relatives who attended Catholic school so they went to Mass every day.

In my early years (1st grade) I attended Catholic school but have no recollection of going to Mass. I wonder why. In the seventh grade my dad enrolled myself and younger siblings in Catholic school. We really couldn't afford it, he was a single parent at the time and money was tight. I often wonder if he thought we needed some direction that we were not getting at home. Nonetheless, I endured a year of going to Mass everyday. I found that if I joined the choir I could sit in the choir loft and horse around without getting caught. In the class room was a different story. Sister Linda ruled. For you Airborne Troopers, she would have made a great Black Hat. She was tough but fair. She taught me to question things around me. Things happen for a reason.

During the 1960 Presidential campaign she asked the class who we would vote for if given the opportunity. Everyone that I can remember said Kennedy. The reason was because he was Catholic. She told us that being a Catholic was not the reason for electing someone, that we needed to look at all of that person's qualifications. Ask questions. She planted a seed that day. After that I didn't look at religion the same. It's not Catholics or non Catholics, it's believers and nonbelievers. There are those who believe there is a higher authority than ourselves and there are those who don't share that belief. I'm okay with that. What about you?

It's been 70 years since I was brought into this world and baptized as a Christian. As an infant I have no recollection of that day. I have had many religious events in my life but cannot point to one as a defining moment. Why is that? Do I pray everyday? No. Why? I don't know. Is there a living God out there? I think most of us believe there is. Do I believe? Lets just say I have questions. Is there anyone out there like me? I'm not talking about atheists and agnostics. I'm just talking about those that have questions. Do you question your faith? I think there are religious people out there that do question themselves at times.

I think we've all made decisions in our lifetime that we question whether or not it was the right choice. For some of us the choice was made for us. For others the choice was theirs. As we look back on the last year with all the death and destruction that we've seen in our country from natural disasters and the terrorist activity around the world I wonder if some people question their faith. Or maybe it is their faith that sustains them during these trying times.

What about you. Have you had occasion to question your faith? I have. Or has your faith sustained you during times of great peril. Mine has. I know it sounds like a contradiction. But a wise Nun once told me to ask questions. What about you, are you just along for the ride or are you a willing participant? Me? What day is it? Today, as the Chaplain of this great organization, it has to be because of the grace of God that I'm here to write this article. I know that there are many of you out there that feel the same about yourself. If you are a believer I hope you are being sustained by your faith. We all have followed different paths in our lives. Some of us shared some treacherous ones. Others still have paths to follow, I hope yours are safe and tranquil.

Until next time, please pray for those who have gone before us and their families. And also don't forget those who are even now guarding the gates of freedom and putting their lives on the line for us. May God Bless Them and God Bless America.



From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt
mdnesbitt@aol.com

Reunion Update 2018: It's time to make serious plans for the upcoming reunion being held at Fort Benning-Columbus, GA during the period of August 22-26, 2018. As has been stated on another page in this publication, our reunion headquarters will be the DoubleTree by Hilton. You can call 800-222-8733 for reservations or go to our website at www.101namveteran.com and look under Reunions for the link. This site will have all the information about the reunion to include the room rates, which are \$117.00 and that includes two breakfast tickets each day.

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.

Annual Raffle: This year we are going to try something different with the raffle. We plan to award the grand prize winner with a shadow box with all his medals, ribbons, etc., up to a value of \$400. In addition we will award a 2nd, 3rd and 4th prize, which will be Solid Gold Coins, donated through the generosity of our President, Ed Barbour. In this edition of *INCOMING*, you will find a page of raffle tickets, 6 tickets per page that we need you to purchase. Tickets are \$5.00 each; 6 for \$25.00 and 12 tickets for \$50.00. Your contribution will go a long way in assisting with our monthly expenses. The winning tickets will be drawn Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the reunion banquet. You do not have to be present to win. Make multiple copies of the ticket page if you need more. We appreciate your support!

Melbourne Florida: 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 April 18-22, 2018. 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. If you want to be in the color guard, please bring black pants, white logo shirt and a white 101 cap if you have one.

Quartermaster Sales: Our quartermaster Bruce Roshong will have his inventory on display at the Melbourne, FL event and at our Fort Benning reunion. Come prepared to purchase any number of items that he has in stock. We are working to get his inventory online but it is not currently available at our website.

Election Year: The current slate of officers were elected for a 2-year term at Norfolk, VA in 2016. All positions are now open for election. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the General Membership Business Meeting on Saturday, August 25. If you are interested in being on staff consider running for office. You can nominate yourself or any active paid up member. An Absentee Ballot is provided in this issue of *INCOMING* for those members who cannot attend the reunion but may wish to nominate someone. All write-in nominees must be present at the election.

Tours at Reunion: Tour information has been covered on page 7 so check that out. To help offset the cost of renting buses, we are asking each person for a very reasonable fee of \$10.00. This amount can be mailed in with your registration or paid as you board the bus on Thursday morning, August 23 at 0700. Remember to bring \$5.55 for lunch. Another item to be aware of; currently only Delta Airlines flies into Columbus, GA. Be sure to check airline schedules early. I tried to get a discounted rate but was denied as we couldn't meet the numbers required flying together.

Guest Speaker: To add to what President Barbour said in his comments on page 1, I too want to extend my thanks to Col. Rick St. John for accepting our invitation to speak at the banquet on Saturday evening, August 25. Not only is he going to speak but he has already taken a great deal of work off my back by doing the required paperwork for us at Fort Benning. His willingness to do this managed to get done in a few days what might otherwise have taken weeks. I am grateful sir!! It should be of interest to all that Col. St. John was a graduate of West Point, Class of 1966. A book written by Rick Atkinson, *The Long Gray Line*, tells of the journey of these classmates during our period of war in Vietnam. It's a great read! You should also know that Col. St. John is himself an author with several books to his credit. His most recent, *Tiger Bravo's War* is available on Amazon but I've invited him to bring copies to the reunion. That way we might all get an autographed copy.

Website: Our president also touched on the work that Rod Green and Blair Barbour have been doing with our website. Many of you know that we have talked of upgrading our site for years and now it has happened, thanks to these two dedicated workers. It's taken many hours but it will pay off. Please check out the new site, www.101namveteran.com. The old site at www.101namvet.com is still up but without many updates. It will be shut down within 180 days and at that time we hope to reinstate the old address.



Frank & Heddy Lohr selling tickets to Tony Mabb at 1st reunion dinner

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,
Leslie Carter, Anna Demory,
Geof Scanlon

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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 to 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.....	None announced	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.

TAPS

North Haverhill, NH – Lowell Francis Fisher, 80 years young, passed away at the Grafton County Nursing Home, North Haverhill, on Thursday, November 16, 2017, with the Love of his Life Diane L. Lagarto steadfast and lovingly by his side.

Lowell was born in Danbury, CT, May 2, 1937, to Margaret (Benedict) and Lowell Fisher. He was later raised by his mother Margaret and his stepfather Ralph Webber.

As a young man Lowell served his country in the Army, 101st Airborne Rangers as a K-9 handler, and completed two tours of duty in the Vietnam War.

As an adult Lowell lived in New Milford, CT where he raised his two boys, Camden and Chris. He was a Boy Scout leader for 50 years, was an Eagle Scout himself, and helped his boys become Eagle Scouts. He ran his own business there as well.

Lowell loved his 2003 Harley Sportster, NASCAR races, camping, travel, ice cream, black licorice, and being with Diane and her son Jeremy Enboden. He enjoyed teaching the kids workshops at Home Depot on Saturday's in the Danbury, CT store.

Lowell is survived by his children, Lowell F. Fisher, Margaret Fisher, E. Camden Fisher and Christopher Fisher, along with several grandchildren, as well as, his longtime companion Diane Lagarto, and children Amber Billings and Jeremy Enboden.



FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Guys

I hope everything is going well and the winter hasn't been too rough on you.

There is quite a bit of information in this newsletter so make sure you read it all. The "Odds & Ends" section is a little messed up this issue. I had the *INCOMING* pretty much done when I received a few more items so I extended "Odds & Ends" one page. Make sure you read the letter that Dave received from Lyman Duryea. Some of us who were there in the early years may remember some problems with our M16. Though I don't always put long letters in; because I had room I did include the letter from David Kraus in the last part of our "Odds & Ends".

Because of the way I had to utilize space the picture of Frank and Heddy Lohr and the "Boosters" are both sort of bunched together on page 4. The "Boosters" list is short because as I mentioned in the previous newsletter, donors are now only listed in one issue. The picture of Frank and Heddy should have been in the Fall 2017 issue with the tribute to Heddy but there was no room, so here it is.

On a personal note: Even though I do not own a cell phone nor am I on face book, twitter or anything else somehow I was wished a speedy recovery after my surgery on a face book page. Because of this I got several emails and phone calls wanting to know what was up. Three weeks ago I had a knee replacement. I am in some pain but getting better every day. I consider this so insignificant compared to what many of you have been through that I was embarrassed to even mention it. I'll let you know at the reunion if the artificial knee is working out and if it was worth having it done. Thank you for all the well wishes.

The President and the Secretary have info on our August reunion. There has been a lot of work put into arranging it. It looks like this will be a really good one. I hope you consider joining us there.

Airborne!

Mike



**101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans
24th Annual Reunion
Fort Benning/Columbus, GA
August 22-26, 2018**



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 reunion 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)

1. Burgundy Braised Beef: Slowly simmered in a Rich Burgundy Sauce served with Roasted Potatoes and seasonal veggies.
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 & Butter, Fresh 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.**

101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans 24th ANNUAL REUNIONAUGUST 22-26, 2018 Fort Benning/Columbus, GA**



Our reunion this year will be held in Columbus, GA during the period of August 22-26, 2018. This site was selected due to it's 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, if you call, 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 for you. 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.**

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. There is a \$10 fee per person for the bus, payable as you board. 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!! Rumor has it that we may be able to jump off the 34' tower; not definite but a possibility!!

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 (page 6) 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.

***We look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion, please register
and reserve your room early!! 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 \$119 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**



Shadow Box Example



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



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Street Address:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone Number: Area Code: Number:



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ODDS & ENDS

News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans



My father was in the 101st during Vietnam. He recently passed away and I wanted to let anyone who knew him during his time in service know. His name was Lowell Francis Fisher. He didn't really talk about his time in the service and it was hard to separate fact from fiction sometimes, but he said he was a dog handler

I didn't know my father well. If anyone comes out of the woodwork and remembers him, I'd like to hear their memories. Feel free to contact me by email. cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org.

Thanks for everything.

I really appreciate it.

Chris Fisher

(obit is in taps)

Dan Harelson - C 1/502 would like to hear from men he served with in Vietnam. Dan went over with the Division in Dec. 1967 and was WIA in Feb. 1968 and returned to the states. He remembers Bob Bell from his unit and saw him at Ft. Campbell several years ago but lost contact. Dan resides in Mount Joy, PA and can be reached by email at dpharelson@gmail.com or by phone at 717-898-0010. Please contact him if you have information on men from his unit.

Our Secretary, Dave Nesbitt talked to Randal Underhill; Executive Secretary for the 101st Airborne Div. Assn. and received a copy of this letter from Lyman Duryea

I am a 1st Cavalry Division veteran, having served the better part of a year as the Commander of Company C, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry in Vietnam in 1966. I am writing a similar letter to other veterans associations.

I have agreed to work with a coauthor, another 1st Cav Veteran, LTC (ret) Bob Orkand, about problems experienced with the XM16E1 rifle issued to deploying Army and Marine units in the early years of the Vietnam War, 1965 to and including much of 1967. The units involved were the First and Third Marine Divisions, the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the 1st Air Cavalry Division and the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division.

The principle difficulty with the XM16E1 was a frequent failure to extract. It was not remediable using any type of immediate action and required the use of a cleaning rod to remove a fired cartridge case from the chamber. This particular malfunction was on the order of ten times more frequent than routine minor malfunctions with the M14 and the M14E2 that could be cleared with immediate action. The difficulty was ultimately resolved principally by employing a different propellant for the 5.56mm cartridge and by chroming the chamber of the rifle. In the interim, the troops on the ground learned, as best as possible, to live with the frequent failures of the rifle. Some of them did not live, including one of my men whose XM16E1 failed him at a critical moment.

We are going to examine the various steps in the selection of this rifle for issue to deploying soldiers and marines in the early years of our Vietnam engagement. Our objective is to determine why decision makers, who should have been aware of the problem, failed to note its critical nature and aggressively remove it prior to issuing the XM16E1 to combat bound troopers. The intent is to assure that no such error occurs in the future.

What I am requesting is to sound out some of our fellow veterans that served in that time period and request that they forward any first person accounts of problems they experienced. The M16 family of weapons does indeed increase the effective firepower of the fighting soldier and offers many advantages over the 7.62mm family of weapons. The early problems with the XM16E1, however, severely compromised these advantages. Individual first person accounts should include unit, time frame and circumstances. These accounts will become part of the book and contributors should indicate a preference for anonymity if they do not want to be identified by name.

I am available at lymanduryea@yahoo.com or cell phone (270) 316-6295. My mailing address is 701 Timberlake Lane, McDaniels, KY 40152 Thank you for your assistance and consideration,

Col (Ret) Lyman C. (Chan) Duryea

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Ron McGlynn - Served with A Co. 1/502 Infantry July 70-July 71. He is looking for men that served with him in 2nd Platoon. If you can help Ron contact him at rmcglynn2@cox.net.

Bob Lohr - Served with 159th ASHB (Assault Helicopter Bn.) in Vietnam 1968-70. He is looking for men from that unit. You can contact Bob on Facebook by inserting his name in the Search Box.

Harold Leroy Bishop - We received a call from Harold's son, Christopher Bishop and he is searching for information from Dad's Unit in Vietnam, A Co. 1/326 Engineers. Harold served with the unit from Sep. 70 to Apr. 71. They reside in Kansas City, MO and can be reached at 913-701-2886. If you have any information call Christopher and help him out.

The 2nd Bn. Of the 502nd Inf. will be having their bi-annual reunion August 15th to the 19th. They will be piggy-backing the 101st Assn. reunion in Lombard Illinois. For information contact Dale Joritz at dale@2nd502.org or check the website at www.2nd502.org

Our past Chaplain David Kraus said at the last reunion several people asked him about Lieutenant Pershing. He sent me the following and asked if it could be published in our newsletter.

OUR LIEUTENANT IS GONE

The Tet Offensive had already started and was continuing. Our company, A company 1/502 Airborne Infantry, was stationed at Firebase Jane, which was located on the top of a small hill that overlooked a highway that branched off highway 1. This was to our east along the coast and headed just a few miles to the west. About a mile across the highway to the south was a village which we were returning to so that we could recover the body of one of our soldiers who had been killed the previous day.

After exiting from the helicopters our company deployed on line; our platoon was on the right or west end of the company as we advanced towards the village.

As the medic, I was with Lieutenant Richard Pershing and his radio telephone operator (RTO), and the platoon sergeant with his RTO when I heard a popping sound to our right front. Almost immediately a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) went skipping like a stone across the rice paddy ten yards to our front and then exploded to our left.

I thought that our group of five might be drawing fire and I stopped walking until I was about five yards behind, then I resumed walking. Then there was a second popping sound and all of us just kept walking. None of us hit the ground. The second RPG landed about where the first had landed, this one exploded right in front of Lieutenant Pershing. The platoon leader, the platoon sergeant and his RTO were all down, the only one not moving was Lieutenant Pershing, laying on his back.

I went to our platoon leader immediately and when he did not respond to verbal questions I checked for a pulse and I wasn't able to detect one. As I raised his head to remove his helmet I then realized that his skull had been crushed by the force of the RPG blast. I then went to help the other two who were wounded and after patching them up I got ready to move our lieutenant's body to the rear, when to my right front someone called, we need a medic over here.

With the platoon sergeant's RTO on one side and me on the other side we were able to move the sergeant to where the other wounded were, at the time it seemed to me a good idea to keep all the wounded together. As the medivac choppers came in we were able to get all the wounded aboard. We had help carrying the wounded to where the helicopters landed to our rear.

I had not forgotten about Lieutenant Pershing, at that time I just wanted to keep the living, living. No sooner had we gotten all the wounded aboard the choppers that Captain Terrance Spiegelberg said where is Lieutenant Pershing? Six of us then heads back towards the village to get our leader. We had recovered the dead soldier but had lost our beloved lieutenant in the process.

P.S: I must apologize for the fact that I didn't remember names of soldiers. It seemed that no sooner had the replacements arrived then they were gone. David Kraus

Secretary's Note: More information about the Death of Lt. Pershing is on our website; www.101namveteran.com. Look under ABOUT and scroll down to WAR STORIES and see the story by Charles Allen, also from A Co. 1/502.



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: _____

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