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Winter 2020

From the Desk of our President

Each year without fail, someone I served with will remind me of the anniversary date of the TET Offensive. On January 30, 1968, much of the Second Brigade moved from Cu Chi to a small LZ named "Jane" near the village of Hai Lang, about 20 km north of Hue. About 3:00 AM on the 31st of January, the TET Offensive started for us. Each of us, no doubt, has his own story, whether it was January 1968 or another time. I am of the belief that we should remember every detail we can, because if we forget, we might somehow dishonor those with whom we served and our own service as well. One of the great benefits of our reunions is the sharing of stories and collective memories.



President Bill Ramsey

As you will see in this newsletter, a hotel has been booked near Ft. Bragg and the reunion is scheduled for August 26-30, 2020. I wish I could thank everyone who has a role making this event happen (I know there were many working on it) but I would like to recognize the incredible amount of work that Dave Nesbitt, Ron Long and Ed Barbour put in. There are many details to complete but I can assure you it will be another great reunion to remember.

I find that each year brings new challenges such as family, healthcare, maintaining our friendships and contacts, etc. Regardless, our organization, as brothers who served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division, has become, and still is one of the most important things in my life. I know that many of you share the same sentiments. This year is an election year. At our reunion we will elect a slate of officers for the next two years. I encourage all of you to think about how you might best serve our organization. Whether it be as an office holder, member of the Executive Committee or just helping out where you can. As our membership ages, I believe that the next few years will be pivotal to our success in the future. I hope to see you all at Ft. Bragg.

Airborne-Air Assault

Bill

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain, Wally Morrow

Friends and Comrades,

How long has it been since you've picked up a Bible? I know some of you use it every day. I personally do not. I was not brought up where we as a family used it every day. I was brought up Catholic but only attended church occasionally. I do remember attending Catholic school as a 1st grader and again as a 7th grader. As a 7th grader we attended mass every morning but it was said in Latin and I didn't get much out of it. I purchased a Bible in Vietnam to be sent home to my newlywed wife Judy. That was in 1968. I don't think I ever picked it up to read anything. Why do I bring this up you might ask? The short answer is God and Country.

As I scan the news outlets and my local newspaper, I see an absence of God and a stranglehold on the morals of our Country. Just this morning I saw where somewhere in California they are planning to introduce animated pornography into Sex Education classes. It seems that lack of morality, lies and deceit is the order of the day. Killing of our unborn and born (called Abortion) on demand is a national nightmare. We now, in some communities, set criminals free without even a bond hearing so that they can go out and reoffend. The exploitation of children in the Sex Industry is rampant here and around the world. Our most treasured resource is at the mercy of the most powerful.

Now I'm going to get into a bit of politics. As an organization I know we are A-Political but stay with me for a moment while I go on a fishing expedition. I am an Independent Conservative. Party affiliation doesn't interest me. When I go to the Ballot Box, I like to think that I vote for the lesser of the evils. Now where am I going with this? Since the election of 2016 our Constitutional Republic has been drawn through the mud that can only be described as something out of the Bible. Those of you who are devout followers of the Bible I'm sure can draw some comparisons. The leader and his family of our Great Republic have been treated as Lepers. I know those who have hate in their heart will be hard to get through to, but there has to be some semblance of civility in our countrymen and women.

Now back to how I started this message. Several years ago Judy and I discovered an old Bible and brought it to our place in Florida. It sits on a coffee table in our living room. As I was walking through the room this morning I happened to glance down at the Bible and it reminded me that I have to get this message ready for the next Newsletter. I noticed a bookmark in the Bible and decided to open it there. I opened to a page of Psalms.

The first one I read was Psalm 25 (26) Prayer of an Innocent Man. I thought it appropriate for our time.

1 of David

Do me justice, O Lord, for I have integrity, and in the Lord I trust without wavering. Search me, O Lord, and try me; test my soul and my heart.

For your kindness is before my eyes, and I walk in your truth. I stay not with worthless men, nor do I consort with hypocrites. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and with the wicked I will not stay. I wash my hands in innocence, and I go around your altar, O lord.

Giving voice to my thanks, and recounting all your wondrous deeds. O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, the tenting-place of your glory.

Gather not my soul with those of sinners, nor with men of blood my life. On their hands are crimes, and their right hands are full of bribes. But I walk in integrity; redeem me, and have pity on me. My foot stands on level ground; in the assemblies I will bless the Lord.

At this time, I would ask that we all pray for healing in our Country. We are more divided now as a nation than we were when I came home in 1969 from Vietnam. I also ask you all to pray for our Men and Women who are guarding the Gates of Freedom as I write this.

God Bless you All and God Bless America.

Until Next Time,

Wally Morrow - Chaplain



From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt
mdnesbitt@aol.com

Reunion 2020: A contract has been signed and everything is a "GO" for the 2020 Reunion. I visited several hotels during the two days I spent in Fayetteville and decided on a brand new Holiday Inn & Suites, located at 2501 Two Bale Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28304. The dates for this event are August 26-30. You should contact the hotel soon to reserve your room as we expect a large turnout, as has been the case in recent years. You can make hotel reservations by visiting our website at www.101namveteran.com and looking under "Upcoming 2020 Reunion" for the direct link to Holiday Inn & Suites. Our **Group Code: AVV** has already been added to that site. If you don't use the link, you may call the hotel at call 910-491-5352, just be sure you tell the person who answers that you are with the 101st Airborne Vietnam Veterans reunion and use the Group Code. A special room rate of \$109.00 is available for all double or king rooms; suites are \$139.00 and the price includes two breakfasts each day. Should you need a handicapped room, please call the hotel directly to ensure you receive what you need.

As people register for the reunion, their names and units will be posted on our website at www.101namveteran.com. Please make an effort to pre-register for the reunion as advance registration helps in planning many things we do at the reunion, for example, ordering the reunion shirts, setting up meals and stocking the hospitality room. If you haven't registered already please do so immediately. 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 an overhead projector there for anyone to use. We also need door prizes and auction items donated so clean out your closets.

Annual Raffle: An annual fund raiser is held for the purpose of receiving donations to take care of the month to month expenses of running the organization. This year we are once again raffling a Beretta Nano 9 mm pistol, in fact, it's the same one we had last year. In 2019 the pistol was donated by Ed Barbour, our Membership Chairman and the winning ticket was held by Leon Kubin, one of our members who resides in Texas. Leon decided he didn't need it and donated it back to us. This is a practically new weapon and it needs a good home. Please support the organization by purchasing a few tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each; 6 for \$25.00 and 12 tickets for \$50.00 and are available in this issue. Your contribution will go a long way in assisting with our monthly expenses. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, August 29, 2020 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!

Election Year: The current slate of officers were elected for a 2-year term at Columbus, GA in 2018. All positions are now open for election. Those elected will serve for 2020-2022. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the General Membership Business Meeting on Saturday morning, August 29. 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. Those who have already indicated a run for office are shown on the absentee ballot on page 4.

Tour of Fort Bragg: Our plan is to have a tour of Fort Bragg and several museums of interest in the Fayetteville area. This will probably take place on Thursday morning, August 27. Details of the tour are still being worked out between our reunion committee and officials at the fort. As soon as we have firm information we will pass it along to all.

Melbourne Florida Event: In 1994 a group of 101st Vietnam Veterans met in the campground at Wickham Park, located at 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, 32935. This was the very first meeting of those who formed the organization to which we now belong. Over the years since that first gathering, we have continued to have an "unofficial" reunion there and we intend to do so again May 7-10, 2020. We have retained Lot 130 in Campground C for all these years and we will set up a tent there as our Headquarters. So, if you attend please come to the campsite to visit. There is a massing of the colors on Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 A.M. and an LZ Helicopter landing with a Huey and Cobra. Live bands will play music throughout the weekend and the Traveling Wall will be set up on Sunday, May 5th and remain in place until May 10th. Thomas Trott is our Melbourne coordinator and he will place a wreath at The Wall.

Temps: For many months we have carried some of you that receive this newsletter as TEMPS, or those we intended to keep on the mailing list for a TEMPORARY period of time. It was hoped that you would join us as a member or an associate member. If you have TEMP written by your name on the address label of this newsletter, this means you have not decided to join us and we will drop you from future mailings. If you should decide to join, please complete the membership application and return it to the Membership Chairman. We want you!!

Guest Speaker: We will have a guest speaker for our Saturday evening banquet, August 29th but at this time we aren't sure who that will be. There are many to choose from at Fort Bragg and Fayetteville. This will be passed on as soon as we know anything.

Finally, welcome to all of our new members; we appreciate your involvement and support of this elite Band of Brothers!!

From the Editor

I am sorry that we are so late getting this newsletter out to you. We will make sure we have the Summer Newsletter out well before the reunion.

On pages 9 & 10, I've included more information on the expanded access to military post facilities for Disabled Veterans and Purple Heart recipients along with the new National Park Service Lifetime Access Pass for Disabled Veterans. In addition we also have information on the Branson, MO Purple Heart event and an annual Maryland Welcome Home event for Vietnam Veterans. We will also have more information like this available at the reunion. Please send me the information on any events in your area and I will endeavor to include them in future newsletters.



Earle Prior, Editor

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, *D.W. Rada

SICK CALL

My name is Mary Marlowe, I am John Marlowe's wife. Over the past two years I have had many health challenges. While I was ill, I received many cards and calls, as did John, offering thoughts and prayers for my recovery. I am on the mend now and I would like to say, "Thank You", to everybody in the organization for their kind words and prayers. I thought that the best way to reach everyone was to put a note in the newsletter, if that's possible. John and I just want to say a heartfelt thank you for all the love and support that was sent to us. I am on the mend and we hope to see everyone at the upcoming reunion in Fayetteville, NC. Sincerely, Mary Marlowe *We are so glad to hear this and look forward to seeing Mary in Fayetteville!*

(CUT HERE AND MAIL TO SECRETARY)

Absentee Ballot for 2020 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 Fayetteville, NC during our regular business meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2020. 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	Ron Long	Write-in: _____
Vice President.....	Available	Write-in: _____
4-Year Gov.....	Available	Write-in: _____
2-Year Gov.....	James Holmes	Write-in: _____
Treasurer.....	Available	Write-in: _____
Sgt. At Arms.....	John Marlowe	Write-in: _____
Eagle Chapter Delegate.....	John Walker	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 15, 2020. Questions should be directed to Dave Nesbitt, Secretary at 803-506-3120. Write-in candidates must be present to be considered for office. If attending the reunion are not required to complete an Absentee Ballot; you may nominate & vote at business meeting on Saturday, August 29, 2020.

A Dove Among Eagles

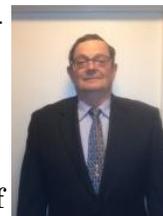
I am writing about this book and more importantly, the “heartwarming” story of Linda Patterson who took it upon herself to give her all in support of Our Troops, starting with The Vietnam War, at her younger brothers request (Sgt. Joe Artavia - A Company 1/327 Infantry: KIA 24 March 1968) and continuing to this very day via the organization that she founded, “America Supporting Americans”. I encourage each of you to get your hands on her book (available on Amazon.com). I for one was not aware of her (Our story in so many ways) story until last year.

I am providing this link to a brief overview of her journey that has meant so much to our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard veterans and active duty personnel. https://www.327infantry.org/homescreamingeagles/1st-battalion/1st-battalion-companies/1st_abu_troops/abu-photos/steve-and-linda-patterson-photos/lindas-short-story. (Copy and paste in search box)

Sincerely,
Ron Long
Vice President

TAPS

George Richard "Dick" Nash, He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving as Ground Crew Chief Sergeant, U.S. Army, performing repairs and maintenance on the Chinook Twin Blade Rotary Helicopter. His unit was C Co. 159th Assault Helicopter Battalion where he was stationed from February to December 1970. After his military service, he had a career as Senior Com-Tech, with Pacific Bell for over 30 years. He was also a devoted Monument Clamper, plus volunteered his time doing work with the Twilight Brigade and Elizabeth Hospice, as well as many other service-related volunteer services. In addition, he was noted for making 41,000 yellow, green and red bead key chains which symbolized the “welcome home” that many of the Vietnam veterans didn’t receive when they came home from the Vietnam War. It was his passion along with the love he had for his family and friends. Dick is survived by his significant other, Lynn Hartz of Escondido California, three daughters, Kimberly Victoria of Las Vegas, Nevada, Christine Nash of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Wendy Broe & son-in-law, Greg Broe, of Ramona California, seven grandchildren Rodger, Jordon, Kristin, Porter, Hunter, Rylie and Lyla and two great grandchildren Kairi and Veda, a brother Robert Nash and his wife Gerry Nash, and a nephew John Nash. Dick was a member of this organization for several years but was not active at the time of his death. He was born January 31, 1944 in San Pedro, CA and died on May 4, 2019 in Escondido, CA. He is buried at Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego, CA. May he rest in peace.



Michael James Pavisich, 69, died on January 23, 2018. He served in Vietnam with A Co. 101st Assault Helicopter Battalion in 1969-70. He also served with F Troop, 2/17 Cavalry. He attained the rank of Spec. 5. A longtime resident of Florida, Michael moved to High Point, NC for a short time but was apparently back in Florida at the time of his death. He is buried at Sarasota National Cemetery, Florida. He was a member of the organization since 2009 and was a frequent contributor, especially auction items for our annual reunion. May he rest in peace.



Boyd L. Smith, served with D Co. 1/502 from January 1968 to January 1969 in Vietnam. Born January 14, 1947 in Los Angeles, CA, he was the only son born to Glen and Eileen Smith. He passed away in Tennessee on July 29, 2019 where he recently began to share residency to be closer to his youngest grandchildren. Boyd was a long-standing Torrance, CA resident where he graduated from high school and attended El Camino College, and where he was drafted into the Army. He served proudly as a sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division. He is survived by his wife, Linda of 48 years, 3 children and 5 grandchildren. While Boyd was not a member of this organization, he was close friends with our vice president, Ron Long, who served in the same unit in Vietnam. He was one of our 101st brothers! May he rest in peace.





**101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans
26th Annual Reunion
Fort Bragg/Fayetteville, NC
August 26-30, 2020**



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 attend *Ladies Luncheon*? _____

Each *101st Veteran Registrant* gets a FREE Polo Shirt w/ Collar & Pocket, Size: Sm - Med - Lg - XL - XXL - 3XL - 4XL (Circle One)

Number Registering _____ X \$80.00 per person on or **before August 1, 2020.** Amount Enclosed: _____

Late registration fee after August 1, 2020 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 31, 2020

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, 2020.

Registrant's Selection _____ Guest Selection _____ Add'l Guest Selection _____ Add'l Guest Selection _____

(Each person please select one meal option)

1. Beef: Marinated Slow Roasted London Broil Served with Red Roasted Potatoes & Grilled Green Beans.
2. Chicken Cordon Bleu: Chicken stuffed with Ham & Swiss Cheese served with Red Roasted Potatoes & Grilled Green Beans.
3. Vegetarian Lasagna: Freshly Made Pasta layered between a Vegetable Medley & Cream Sauce.

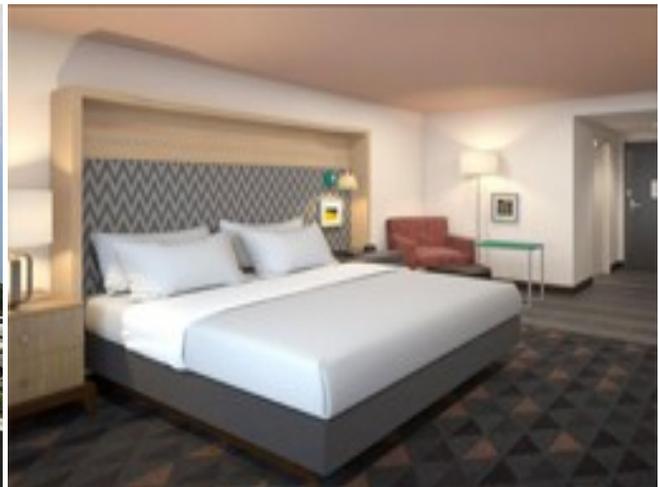
*Banquet Dinners will be served with House Salad and a choice of dressings, Fresh Hot Rolls and Butter,
Two Alternating Desserts, either Chocolate Layered Cake or Key Lime Pie w/Water, Coffee and Iced Tea*

Registration fee includes the hospitality room with free refreshments the entire weekend, the Friday evening Pizza party and Auction, a **reunion shirt for 101st veterans**; 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 Fayetteville, NC 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.**

To order extra shirts, state how many: _____ and show Size: _____ Amount \$ _____ submitted for extra shirts.

101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans 26th ANNUAL REUNIONAUGUST 26-30, 2020 Fort Bragg/Fayetteville, NC**



Our reunion this year will be held in Fayetteville, NC during the period of August 26-30, 2020. This is a brand new hotel. This site was selected due to its proximity to Fort Bragg where some of our members became troopers in the 82nd Airborne when they came back to the world after their tour in Vietnam with the 101st.

Our host hotel for this event is the Holiday Inn & Suites, located at 2501 Two Bale Lane, Fayetteville, NC 28304. The Fayetteville Regional Airport is just 14 miles away and hotel shuttle service is being provided, but it's not equipped to transport wheelchair bound persons. For transportation to the hotel call the front desk at 910-491-5352. You can make reservations at that same number, or you may register online by going to our website: www.101namveteran.com. Once you are there, open the Holiday Inn & Suites Link and select your room. The **Group Code: AVV** should already be inserted. If for any reason that site is down or does not show the rooms and rates we are advertising, you may have to call the hotel direct and if a problem arises, call Dave Nesbitt at 803-491-4186. Unfortunately, while doing test runs, the hotel reservation link online experienced some problems. Rooms are available with 2 queen size beds or with king beds, either is \$109 plus tax; suites are \$139 plus tax; these rates are available 8/24 thru 9/1. You may also call the International Reservation Desk at 877-859-5095. If you call and speak to a reservation clerk be sure to tell them you are with the 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans (**Group Code: AVV**) for our special rate and two free breakfasts each day. We expect a large crowd this year for the Fort Bragg event and the hotel only has 110 rooms. We encourage you to make reservations soon. Please stay at the reunion hotel as the cost of our hospitality and banquet rooms are based on the number of hotel guest rooms that are reserved under the organization's room block. **The cut-off date to reserve a room at our special rate is August 10, 2020.** After that date, the hotel will release any unreserved rooms for general sale.

If you need a special handicapped room, please call the hotel and reserve your room now. If you don't get what you need, call Dave Nesbitt at 803-506-3120 and he will contact hotel officials for you. If you need special transportation due to disabilities, let him know about that need also.

At this time the reunion committee is still working out the details of our activities during the reunion. Events for this reunion will begin on Thursday morning, August 27. We are trying to arrange for bus transportation for those who wish to take a group tour of Fort Bragg and the National Infantry Museum. We've already been told that we can't use the jump tower (we're still working to change that) but, as an alternative there is an indoor skydiving facility not far from the hotel. There are many other attractions located in the city; go online to: www.visitfayetteville.com.

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 on 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 questions about 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.***

2020 Annual Fund Raiser

Each year we have one fund raiser to help defray the expenses of running the organization. This year we are *again* raffling a Beretta Nano 9mm semi-automatic pistol. This is the second time around for this item as last year's winner has graciously donated it back to us.



Beretta Nano 9 mm Semi-Automatic

Tickets: The price of 1 ticket is \$5.00, 6 tickets are \$25.00 and 12 tickets are \$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. The winning ticket will be drawn at our reunion banquet in Fayetteville, NC on August 29, 2020. If you are the winner, we will call you. **You do not have to be present to win!!**

Legal transfer of this weapon will be required through a licensed gun dealer with a background check required and in compliance with all state and federal laws.



Name (First, MI, Last):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:



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News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans

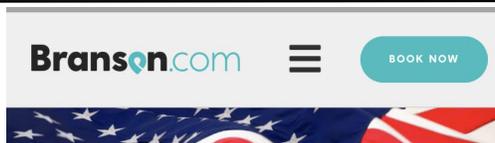


Disabled Veterans & Purple Heart Recipients Access to Commissaries, Exchanges & other Post facilities

Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, veterans with any service-connected disability and caregivers registered with the VA's Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers program will be able to shop at commissaries and exchanges and use some MWR facilities, such as golf courses, bowling alleys and movie theaters. Services that rely on appropriations to operate, including military uniform items and child development programs, will not be available. Veterans who don't have a Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) will be able to shop only online, with access to MWR online and AmericanForcesTravel.com, until the DoD figures out how to give them secure access to bases, officials said.

"When DoD and VA identify a credentialing solution for all Veterans eligible under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018," the guidance states, "DoD will roll out a new phase of access to accommodate current veterans who are not eligible to obtain a VHIC but are eligible for these privileges." Currently, all honorably discharged veterans can shop online through the Veterans Online Shopping Benefit. They can set up an account for any of the military exchange websites: Army and Air Force Exchange System, Coast Guard Exchange, Marine Corps Exchange, Navy Exchange Command, and the Veterans Canteen Service. Veterans with a VHIC can check in with the base visitor control center to gain base access. Everyone will have to pass a basic, on-the-spot background check with initial access, and have an automated check each subsequent time. Veterans or caregivers with felony convictions, felony arrest warrants or derogatory information related to criminal history or terrorism will be prohibited from entering.

VHIC cards are issued to veterans enrolled in VA health care. In order to use the VHIC, it must display the veteran's eligibility status, like Purple Heart, former POW or service-connected disability. The VIC is issued to any honorably or generally discharged veteran and is not an accepted identification to provide access to the installations.



12th Annual
Branson.com HONORS
 PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS EVENT
 APRIL 16TH-19TH 2020

 Call 1-800-785-1410 to Register!

We'd be Honored to Have You!

Though we strive to celebrate their sacrifices daily, each year we set aside a special time to specifically recognize our Purple Heart Recipients and their families. This is a time for healing, bonding, fun, and new friendships in beautiful Branson, Missouri.

Branson Purple Heart Event

Each year there is an event at Branson, MO and this year it happens from April 16-18, 2020. This is a two day event that costs \$213 for a condo but all shows and meals are free to Purple Heart Recipients. If a guest comes along, the veteran would be required to pay for their shows and meals. This is an annual event for Purple Heart Recipients and it's not too late to register for 2020. For information, go online or call them.

The website for the Purple Heart deal is <https://www.branston.com/purple-heart-event/>. The phone number is 800-785-1410. Tell all Purple Heart recipients that might be interested.



More Odds & Ends



Disabled Veterans eligible for free National Park Service Lifetime Access Pass

Good for entry into 400+ National Parks and over 2,000 recreation sites across the country



The Access Pass admits the pass owner and any passengers in a single, private vehicle (non-commercial) at per-vehicle entrance and day use fee areas; or, the pass owner plus three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. In addition to free entry at participating sites, the Access Pass includes discounts on some expanded amenity fees such as camping. Veterans who have been medically determined to have a disability are eligible for the Lifetime Access Pass—with three options for obtaining the pass:

First, Veterans with disability documentation can order the Access Pass online for a \$10 processing fee which includes standard shipping. Documentation required includes:

Proof of residency

VA disability award letter, VA summary of benefits, or proof of SSDI income

Second, the Interagency Access Pass may be obtained through the mail. Download a paper application from <https://store.usgs.gov/access-pass>. Follow the instructions on the website and pay the document processing fee of \$10. Once the application package is received by USGS, the documentation will be verified and a pass imprinted with the pass owner's name will be mailed to the applicant.

Passes ordered online or through the mail will be delivered 3 to 4 weeks after receipt of documentation and processing payment.

A third option is for disabled Veterans to visit a participating federal recreation site where interagency passes are issued, present photo identification (e.g., Driver's license, State ID, birth certificate, Passport, or permanent resident card), provide documentation of permanent disability, or read and sign a Statement of Permanent Disability affidavit. That's It. The Pass is free and issued at the time of entry.

**Gilchrist's 3rd Annual
Welcome Home
Vietnam Veterans Day
Celebration**

March 22, 2020
12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Doors open for brunch and resource fair at 12:00 p.m.
Program begins at 1:00 p.m.
Martin's West, 6817 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21244

Please register by March 13, 2020 at
gilchristcares.org/welcomehome

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We Honor Veterans

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6817 Dogwood Road - Baltimore, MD 21244

Sunday, March 22, 2020

12 Noon – Doors Open

1:00 - 2:30 PM – Welcome Home Program

2:30 - 4:00 PM – Resource Fair



For Questions Contact:

Kim Kahl - 443.849.8337 or email - WeHonorVeterans@gilchristcares.org

To Register Visit: www.gilchristcares.org/welcomehome

Seating is limited. Please register early so that we can accommodate you as our guest.



101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans Membership Application & Renewal Form

New Member/Associate (check here) Member/Associate Renewal (check here) Current Member 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 16013 Blooming Rd.,
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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: \$ _____

Where to Send Correspondence

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