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President's Message

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Greetings Bravo Brothers,

Carl is unable to write his column this quarter due to being in the hospital with complications from knee surgery. He and I are looking forward to a great Spring and we hope you enjoy one also.

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Association Business

Financial Report Income and Expenses	
December 1, 2023 Balance	\$ 9,275.53
<u>Income</u>	
Dues	
Donations	
Total Income	\$.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank Service Charge	\$ 15.00
Newsletter	399.00
Domain Monthly Fees	66.63
Website Update	50.00
Total Expenses	\$530.63
February 29, 2024 Balance	\$ 8,744.90

Reunion Update

by Pam Adams

We all know that when it comes to Bravo Reunion plans, we must be flexible. With that being said, here are the changes for this Reunion.

Date change to October 9-13, 2024, which is the second weekend of October. With issues with food and entertainment for Saturday evening, I changed the date.

We will still be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence with a new date and a new cost of the rooms. The rooms will be \$119.00 plus tax.

The block of rooms will be under **Bravo 24 Reunion** and your reservations can be made by calling this number 1-877-782-9444 and asking for the block of rooms for the Bravo 3/22 Reunion by September 9, 2024.

Our block of rooms is available at this price until September 9, 2024, then will go upon available space. Breakfast comes with your Hotel Registration. We will offer lunch and dinner. Saturday will be filled with meetings, a photo session and our banquet. Our meals are catered by Hereford House, a well-known restaurant in the area.

The hotel does not have shuttle service from the Kansas City Airport, but I am looking at a shuttle for those who wish to fly. The distance from the airport to the hotel is approximately 34 minutes or 29.8 miles. This is coming down 436 south from the airport.

The other change to the Reunion will be the cost of Registration. As you are aware, the cost of food and other things is always going up. After discussing with President Carl Lammers, the Registration Fee will be \$125.00 per person.

I am looking forward to having everyone come to a part of Missouri that has a lot to offer within walking distance of the hotel. AAA tells me that there will be a new Train Museum opening this Spring for those that are interested. We will be touring the Harry S. Truman Home, Library, and Museum on Friday afternoon for those who are interested.

I am always open to questions and am very sorry for NO REGISTRATION FORM, due to the misfortune of my laptop crashing.

Thank you for allowing me to coordinate your 2024 Bravo Reunion.



Editor's Notes

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Welcome Back Bravo Brothers,

I sincerely hope this finds all of you well. I'm doing much better lately.

I had a great call with Ted Rowley (3rd Platoon—8-68/69) the other day and he is doing well. Ted asked if I could reprint a column he wrote for our April, 2011 issue, because it had special meaning for him. It is on the Bulletin Board.

Larry Robinson (1st Platoon—10-67/68) had an email exchange with Oliver Stone. They are on the Bulletin Board.

The Suoi Tre group is planning a smaller observance than usual. A series of emails are on the Bulletin Board.

We received comments about two of our Bravo Brothers who recently past. Those comments are on the Bulletin Board.

David Hodges has been moved to the Inactive Roster list due to his information no longer being valid.

Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. Our next issue will be out in June and we will be accepting submissions through the end of May. Until then, may peace be with you.

Dave out



BULLETIN BOARD

Ted Rowley's Chaplain's Corner Reprint—April, 2011

It is a gloomy Sunday dawn in Wisconsin, the 19th is passed now for me for this year. It is cloudy, raining, with some early morning lightning to boot. The robins and red winged black birds are back, and the neat sounds of the sand hill cranes have filled the skies and marshes. It is the signs of renewal on the journey of our lives.

I lost my dad of 96-1/2 years old on Feb. 27. He lived a long life, being born less than 50 years after the end of the Civil War. A humble man who had many different jobs over his lifetime, he was always working at something. In his 80's was still working at the church. I don't remember him every drawing unemployment. He worked as a young man during the great depression in a CCC Corp in northern Wisconsin planting a million trees and building bridges for \$1 a day and had to send home \$25 a month to his folks. 1934 era, like many of our fathers, they made a lot of sacrifices. I thank everyone who sent me a card on behalf of my dad.

We also lost another great supporter of B Co., Margaret Zeier, March 8, who along with her late husband, Norb, made many beautiful quilts which they donated to our past reunions. B Co. gave a beautiful arrangement of flowers, which the family deeply acknowledged to me to forward to the Bravo Co. Regulars. My dad and Margaret are on their journey, which many before us have gone on. So life goes on...but to those who truly believe, this is not the end.

Now tomorrow, March 21st, I can't avoid the memories of 44 years ago. I have to work on processing those memories so I can move forward with my life in a normal manner. I recommend a book for all guys, gals and family members that has helped me more than any physiologist. It is called Tears of a Warrior, by E. Anthony and Janet J. Searhorn. I believe it is free from the VA. He, Anthony, was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He didn't go through exactly what us grunts did, but much of his PTSD is the same. As I looked in the dictionary on how to spell physiologist, I noticed pianist on the same page. Now what's pianist have to do with physiologist? The key to that answer is, to note what the pianist has to say about what plays such an important part of ones' life. You can only control your own actions, you can't control the actions of anyone else. Some of the best advice I've ever received in life.

You guys and gals who have met me at reunions know I can be emotional and I'm not ashamed of that, for even Jesus was emotional when his friend Lazarus died, and I am not nearly as strong a person as Jesus was when he was here on Earth.

The sound, smell and feel of Spring is in the air here in the Great State of Wisconsin as Joe Shields would say. Easter is on the horizon, somethings to look forward to. We can celebrate the gift Christ gave us, freedom of sin and everlasting life, oh what a guy!

BULLETIN BOARD**Continuation of Ted Rowley's April, 2011 column**

I'm talking about Jesus, March 20, 2011, and guess who calls me? Richard Crazy Ward! He says remember Soui Tre 1967, and remember, Ted, we are all brothers. Quite a statement, especially when I was just writing to everyone else about Jesus. Coincidence, maybe? I'm still amazed today how the good Lord works in such mysterious ways.

It is the morning of March 21 now, today a lot better than 44 years ago. 8:50 here, overcast like it was that day in 1967 but no jets scraping over the tree tops above our ears, just two big cranes down by the pond picking around. I wonder what my old medic friend, Bill Schamus, down in Georgia is doing. On March 19, 1967, when I was holding a dying Louis Sass in my arms and calling for a medic, Bill was the guy who came through explosions and fire to help me with Louis and never received any medal. How could that happen? Over 1200 medics died in the Vietnam war, that is like 2% of the total lost in the Vietnam war. Bill can hold his head high for I know how brave he was, medals or no medals, a mere shadow of Christ.

I look forward to this Easter season, Sunday, April 24, with a dream. That we will have a new holiday called Mother Teresa Day, to honor her, for all the things she has done for all. No matter what color your skin is. She is our intercessor to God. Like Jesus dying on the cross, she died honoring His name and memory. Deeds not words. Happy Easter.

Submitted by Larry Robinson—1st Platoon—10-67/68

Dear Oliver,

I am sending you a short movie I made about the battle of Suoi Cut. I hope you like it. Please respond if you do, or if you don't. Below is a link. Please click on the red link and wait for an arrow inside of a circle to appear. Then click on the arrow and wait for the movie to start. I will be sending you more short movies and if you would like a flash drive of any of them, let me know. It was great talking with you tonight and my great-grandson, John Allen, got a kick out of you calling. He is the one who first called you yesterday by going through the contacts on my phone.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tap09EIWTKaTZhqYUa93fir_9yOTwOaG/view?usp=sharing

Below is an email I received from Oliver Stone on December 27, 2023 which commented on a movie I made. It was a movie about the aftermath of a huge battle we were in in 1968 and portrayed as the last battle scene in the movie Oliver made called Platoon. Overall, I think he liked my movie.

Dear Larry,

Your found footage of the aftermath of the Suoi Cut battle brought tears back to me. I'll send this on to my children. At least it's something. I thank you. There's too much repetition in it, too many of the same shots, but you certainly get a sense of it. Well done. Your movie making is expanding. I look forward to anything else you want me to see.

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**Submitted by Bill King—C/2/22 1967— regarding Suoi Tre Reunion—
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Hope you are all doing well and happy new year! As we said before, this is not a full fledged reunion as in the past. We're letting you know about the small ceremony Ft. Carson will hold in memory of the Battle of Suoi Tre fallen and survivors. If any of you happen to be in the area, we would love to have you join us for whatever days you would be here.

I recently cleared things with the BN CO 2-77 the FA and the 2-12 INF CO. They are set to assist us in any way we desire. I have set things with the Radisson Hotel. Next door to the Radisson is the Airplane Rest. They too are looking forward to us being there again. The nightly rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax with breakfast at no charge. The dates are 18th through 21st March. You can contact the hotel directly to register at 719-597-7000. Or you can contact Michele Lessor at 719-638-3344. This rate is good for days before and after the dates of the Memorial Service dates. I know this is short notice but we will make this work. I hope we can get 12 to 15 veterans to attend. The troops will have just returned from Korea and some will be on leave. We will have a Memorial Service at the BN HQ on the 20th.

I am sending this for you to forward to all. First of all, we will be working with two ladies who really like us. We will be staying at the Radisson Hotel where we have stayed before. We are next door to the Airport Rest. I head up a group of Vets monthly who have lunch there. They like us and treat us with great respect. At the Radisson, the nightly rate is \$119.00 plus tax. To reserve a room, please call Michele Lessor at 710-638-3344 or the hotel at 719-597-7000, ext. 344. She is the contact we had at the Elegante. Melinda Jackson is now GM of the Radisson and is looking forward to having us come back. Free breakfast comes with each room. I think most anything we need or ask for they will provide to us. Please make reservations ASAP as I need to get some kind of a head count. The BN CO of the 2-77 FA and the BN CO 2-12 INF will be with us and support our program. Most of you have met these two commanders. We may not see all of the troops as they are due home from Korea about 16 March.

We're looking forward to all who can work it into their plans to join us for the Suoi Tre ceremony at Ft. Carson this March 2024. NOTE; THE CEREMONY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE 21ST AS THAT IS OUR SACRED DAY. We're figuring arrival time March 18th and departure time March 22nd. We're planning on evening dinners, no special speakers yet (working on that). If any of you have something you'd like to share with us, that would be great! Working on a day or two activities and what Ft. Carson might be planning for us. The troops are anxious to meet us again, bond, ask questions about our experience, ask us to question them. We've all been through a lot, THAT'S WHAT BONDS US ALL AS BROTHERS FOREVER. Freedom isn't free because of us, past and present and those who we are honoring with ceremony. Again, not asking you to make a special trip for this (unless you desire), but maybe it works into a trip to do other things before or after. The hotel is offering the special rates if you show up earlier and/or later.

BULLETIN BOARD**Submitted by Paige Lanier—2/77—paigermm@msn.com**

Please forward this to the Suoi Tre list. This is my last request for Suoi Tre vets. I am 84 years old and have a problem with my balance. This will be the last time I plan a Suoi Tre Memorial for the veterans who were at the battle. I will visit the BN's and keep them up to date as to the battle, what occurred, who was there, and what happened. That being said, I hope more of you can and will attend. I have just attended a change of responsibility for the DIVARTY CSM DUGAN. I got a wonderful welcome from the CG, the DIVARTY CO and so many more officers and troops. We will have quite a number of troops with us even though they have just returned from Korea. Please attend as our troops need the exposure to who we are. Thank you.

Submitted by Gery Schirado—2nd Platoon Leader—68/69

I am responding to the latest newsletter which carried the obituary for 1st. Lt. Joe Franz. Lt. Franz was the executive officer for Bravo Co., 3/22 for most of '68/'69. I did not have much contact with Joe as you all know we did not spend much time in our base at Tay Ninh...that's why Joe was at our base camp to run admin for our company. My most vivid memory of Joe was his arrival on a chopper at our forward fire support base one day in June '69. He ran to my platoon's sector of the perimeter, found me and told me by orders had come through to go home to 'the world' and I had five minutes to get on the chopper. Twenty-four hours later, still in my jungle fatigues, I found myself being out processed at Oakland Army Terminal, a civilian.

On another note, I have attached a photo with a group of grunts from my 2nd platoon. 1st. Lt. Jim Trebelcock, in glasses, who took over my platoon is in the picture but I am looking for any help in identifying the guy humping the PRC 25 radio standing off to the side. If you recognize him, please contact me at gschirad@msn.com.

**Submitted by Manuel Maldonado—3rd Platoon—1-70/71**

Regarding the news of the death of Paul Gleason (reported in the December, 2023 issue), I too was in 3rd Platoon under him. However, I thought I remember being told that he was previously a Cobra pilot, perhaps Dwayne or Randy can shed some info. I asked Capt. Bierschmit about family as I had a teacher/coach in my home town by the same last name. He told me that yes, he was a cousin...small world.