

# Bravo Regulars



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## President's Message

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Greetings Bravo Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you well, and you have had a great summer. We are looking forward to cooler weather.

And, of course, we are looking forward to seeing many of you in Independence, Missouri for our reunion. Pam has been working very hard making arrangements and would appreciate everyone sending in their reservations as soon as possible. It takes time to order shirts, hats, meal arrangements, etc. The big event will only be four to six weeks away by the time you receive the Bravo newsletter.



*Carl*

## Reunion Update

The Bravo 3rd/22nd Unit Reunion will be held October 9-12 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, Missouri. I am looking forward to sharing this part of the Midwest with you. Wednesday evening we will have a Welcome Reception with food and beverages. There will be lunch and dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday provided.

The Truman Complex with home, museum and library makes for a nice afternoon. That is scheduled for Friday.

There will be a hospitality room for all to gather and swap stories and memories. We will also have our basket auction to help pay for the reunion.

Saturday will be filled with lunch, meetings, pictures, winner of the baskets, and banquet in the evening.

Registrations received so far are listed below:

Ronald and Jean King with guests	Robert (Sonny) and Joanne Rasmussen
Carl and Helen Lammers	John M. Turco
Melvin and Connie Yardley	Dennis Amily
Larry and Connie Robinson	Kenneth and Sue Neveaux
Eugene (Slim) and Theresa Trame	John Lubniewski and daughter
Glenn and Sandra Perkins	Dee and Cheryl Anderson
Paul and Linda Angers	Mike and Marge Detmer
Marvin (Pat) Anderson	M C Toyer
Ted and Judith Silbereis	Curtis McFarland
Matt and Carol Flikkema	Lynn Dingle
David and Dee Lowell	Jim and Pam Adams, Whitney and Erik
Charlsie Restelle	

I have been informed by the hotel that the special room rate has been extended for another week. If you have made a reservation after the original cut-off date, you may want to cancel your reservation and make a new reservation using the Bravo 3/22 reunion rate.

I also want to mention that there is a World War I museum in downtown Kansas City.

Please feel free to reach out to me at 573-253-5974. Hilton Garden Inn phone numbers are 1-816-350-3000 or 1-877-782-9444. Their address is 19877 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64067

*Pam*

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## BRAVO REGULAR 2024 REUNION

October 9-13, 2024

Independence, MISSOURI

### REGISTRATION FORM AND NEEDED INFORMATION

Registration Fee: \$125.00 per Person

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vietnam Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Battle(s) Participate In: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date Reunion: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart Reunion: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Afternoon: Truman Library, Truman Home and Museum: Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION Shirts: \$30.00 each SIZE: S-M, L-XL, XL-XXL, XXXL (Circle Size) Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

REUNION Hats: \$20.00 Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging information: Hilton Garden Inn. 816-350-3000 or 1-877-782-9444 until September 9, 2024. Make Sure to ask for the Bravo3/22 Reunion Rate. Reservations can also be made through the Hotel booking Link. Hotel Address is 19677 E. Jackson Drive., Independence, MO. 64057.**

Please complete this form, make checks payable to **Bravo Reunions** and mail to: Pam Adams 17278 HWY HH, Mexico, Missouri 65265. By September 1, 2024.

Information can also be emailed to [pammyanny@msn.com](mailto:pammyanny@msn.com). Pam's cell phone: 573-253-5974 or President Carl Lammers, 618-741-1002, or email at: [fuel5903@yahoo.com](mailto:fuel5903@yahoo.com).



## Editor's Notes

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Welcome back Bravo Brothers! I hope this finds all of you well.

You may note that there is no business report for this issue. We are in the process of changing the checking account to another bank and the numbers are in flux, making an accurate count difficult. We will try to have the work completed and a report in the next newsletter.

A reunion update is included in this issue. Anyone wanting to attend should register quickly. The time to receive the special Bravo 3/22 rate has been extended to September 16.

Roger Birky (2nd Platoon—7-68/69) has researched the battle for FSB Crook and wanted to share with us what he has found. The website ([Fire Support Base CROOK.docx](#)) has some very interesting information.

Michael Sanders (1st Platoon—7/67-10/67) has informed us of a potential health hazard from our service that could apply to any of us. It is on the Bulletin Board.

Richard Magner (Tiger 38, D/229th (Smiling Tigers), 1st Cav 68/69) has been involved in locating mass grave sites in Vietnam. He is sharing his experience with the FSB Crook site and has included some photo images. It can be found on the Bulletin Board.

With sadness I must report on the passing of four of our Bravo Brothers. They are David Judkins, Jr., William Marvin, Joseph Sitton and Richard King. Available information is on the Bulletin Board.

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

*Dave out*

**Submitted by Michael Sanders (1st Platoon—7/67-10/67)**

Any Bravo Brothers who went swimming in the bomb craters out by the Cambodian border should contact their U.S. Representative and the VA. That beautiful turquoise blue water in those craters was full of Agent Orange and dioxin. I finished chemotherapy last January for DEL Lymphoma.

**Submitted by Richard Magner (Tiger 38, D/229th (Smiling Tigers), 1st Cav 68/69)**

On the 25th of this past month, I visited the site of the mass grave site resulting from the June 1969 Battle of FSB Crook, and our team gave the local authorities and military command a report documenting our research regarding the mass grave of those buried in what had been a 500 pound bomb crater. Over the course of the last two weeks of June, we visited seven provinces of Vietnam sharing our research of 21 battles and grave sites, eight of which were in Tay Ninh province. In June of 2020, a survey excavation discovered the northern rim of the crater on the site of a construction company. At that time, the center of the crater was thought to be under structures of the property owner, so further excavation was delayed for a reimbursement process. Analysis of more current satellite images show the crater's center to be farther west and clear of the structure. Please review the images and Facebook link if you are interested. <https://www.facebook.com/rwmagner/posts/pfbid02qB6G8A27yFvFN5ZZdlp9FuExjCDkR8ZJ9Q3yCzETSAj8iTKoq7Hb-JoLiXHEeUYdel>

**Submitted by Editor—Obituaries****David O. Judkins, Jr.—3rd Platoon—4-68/69**

David Osborne Judkins, Jr., 76, of Surry, Virginia, passed away on January 24, 2022, at Autumn Care of Suffolk. He was born December 4, 1945, in Surry, Virginia and was the second of ten children born to the late David O. Judkins, Sr. and Frances H. Judkins. He lived in Surry, Virginia and attended L.P. Jackson High School in Dendron, Virginia. He was drafted into the United States Army and served his country during the Vietnam War, reaching the rank of E5 Sergeant. He was honorably discharged and received several honors and medals to include the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his courageous and brave combat actions and service. David was employed with Brown and Williamson in Petersburg, Virginia and Gwaltney Meat Packing in Smithfield, Virginia after getting out of the military. He later worked as a machine operator with the late John Appel at Gum Corner Farms in Elberon, Virginia for 25 years. David enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on vehicles, collecting coins and antiques, doing yard work, learning about the history of the County, and spending time with his family and friends.

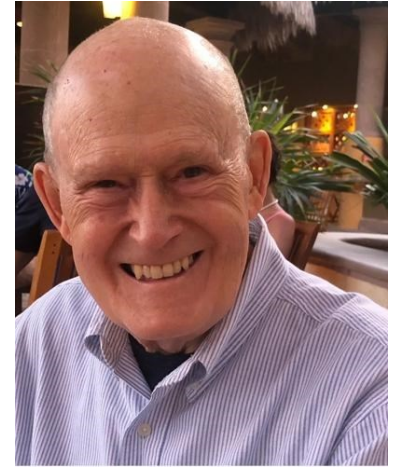


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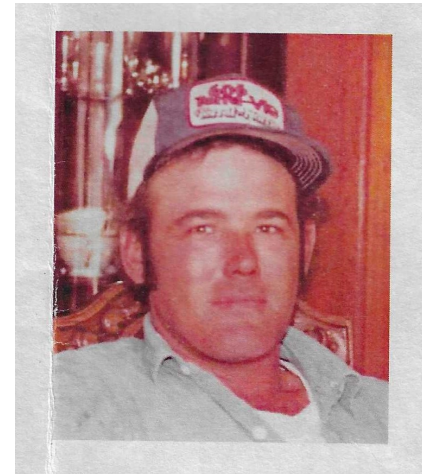
**William “Bill” Marvin—Platoon Leader—1-68/69**

Bill passed away on December 3, 2023. He was a loving husband of over 52 years to Susan, proud father to sons Bryan and Jason and to daughter, Michele Masten. Bill was born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in the town of Ironton, Missouri. He was a drummer in the Miz-zou marching band before earning his BS degree at the University. He received his MBA in 1993 from the University of Colorado. He began his career in New York City at a major accounting firm and later be-came a CPA. He continued in the accounting/consulting field through-out his professional life, retiring in 2013. Bill was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was a platoon leader in the Vietnam War during the Tet Offensive of 1968, receiving three Purple Hearts. Never one to speak much of that experience, we honor him for his service to his country. Bill loved tennis, racquetball, downhill skiing, camping, hiking, and, after retirement, was an avid bicyclist. He refereed soccer for over ten years. It was a passion he shared with his two sons. He also loved traveling with his friends and visited many countries around the world. He would always raise a pint (or two!) at each stop on his travels. Especially important to him were yearly trips to Cabo San Lucas with the family he so adored. A testament to a life well-lived.



**Joseph Paul Sitton—4th Platoon—69/70**

Joe passed away on December 29, 2023 from lung cancer. He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Paul Sitton, and his parents, Thomas Joseph Sitton and Mary Mildred Hammack Sitton. Joe served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, receiv-ing two Bronze Stars. Joe is survived by his wife, Suzanne Vogt Sit-ton, of Lake Providence, Louisiana; daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Jimmy White of Minden, Louisiana; sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Bill Davis of West Monroe, Louisiana; brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Crystal Sitton of Swartz, Louisiana; numerous niec-es and nephews.



**Richard D. King—Medic—12-69/70**

Richard passed away peacefully on April 25, 2024 at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette King, and two daughters, Melissa Casessa and Megan King. Richard was born in Union City, Tennes-see on March 10, 1950. He served in the Vietnam War as a combat medic. Richard also served in Desert Storm. He retired from the Army in 2003 as Master Sergeant. Richard was also a Registered Respira-tory Therapist at the VA hospital in Denver, Colorado. Richard en-joyed many hobbies such as biking, running, camping and hunting. He and his wife, Jeannette, loved taking road trips and traveled to dif-ferent casinos all over the country. He enjoyed going to his local VFW in Golden, Colorado, visiting his fellow veterans.

