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A great time was enjoyed by all who attended our B-2/501st reunion in Kalamazoo MI on 16-18 Jul 2009. Our hosts were Leo (Doc) Flory & his wife, Ann. There were 55 guys in attendance along with their friends & loved ones for a total of 104. There were 7 first time attendees: Robert Baldwin 68-69, Robert Butts 68-69, Doc Mitchell "Mike" Edwards 69, Steve Forsstrom 70-71, George Oplinger 70-71, Mike Stafford 70-71, & Charles Webber 69-70. There was a golf outing on Friday, won by Capt Larry Jackson (69-70). Groups split up & some went to the Air Zoo. Others went shopping & sightseeing. Specially designed reunion mugs were given to each attendee & 101st Airborne DVDs were given out to each B-2/501st man. John Heil (68) designed special Bravo patches for this reunion, distributing to all. A delicious dinner was enjoyed at Bravo restaurant, complete with champagne toasts, courtesy of Al Werth (69-70). On Saturday we loaded onto 2 busses for a “Taste of MICHIGAN” trip & lunch was served at the South Haven American Legion. That night we had dinner at Leo’s Decatur VFW & we were honored by their color guard. Many fine gifts were raffled off & just about everyone went away with something. Group & couple photos were taken.

If you want a copy of our current roster, please email your request to Cat at cat@jimersons.us OR call Cat at 716-720-0050. You can have the roster via a PDF file link that will be sent to you OR you can receive a snail mail copy. A donation to help with the postage would be appreciated. $5 is the suggested amount. Donations can either be made to Cat via www.paypal.com OR mailed to Dave Reinheimer at 7324 Summer Manor, St Louis MO 63129.

Current roster has 740 B-2/501st members who served from 67-72, complete w/year(s) served & contact information for those who have been found. If you prefer to receive a list with specific years only, state that, otherwise the entire list will be sent.

The largest representation was the 68-69 group. The only year we were missing was 72. We came together from AR, CA, CT, FL, IA, IN, LA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT & WI. Our next reunion will be in 2011 in Branson MO, to be hosted by Mike (Doc) Edwards (69) & his wife, Jane. Dates will be decided on later. Start saving now & plan to attend. None of us are getting any younger!
We had 7 first time attendees. Pictures begin at right:

- Robert Baldwin 68-69
- M/M Robert Butts 68-69
- M/M Mike Edwards 69
- Steve Forsstrom 70-71
- M/M George Oplinger 70-71
- M/M Mike Stafford 70-71
- Charles Webber 69-70

Lee’s Inn, Kalamazoo MI where reunion was held.

Krautsheids, Florys, Reinheimer, Sullivan
We are currently in touch with:
65 in the 67-68 timeframe.
19 in the 68 timeframe.
105 in the 68-69 timeframe.
22 from the 69 timeframe.
71 from the 69-70 timeframe.
24 from the 70 timeframe.
29 from the 70-71 timeframe.
1 from the 71 timeframe.
12 from the 71-72 timeframe.

NEWLY LOCATED:

Franklin Bass 70 FL
James Beavers 68 AZ
Roke Castro 71-72 CA
Don Gardiner 67-68 Canada
Eugene Krupa 70-71 NC
Bernard Ladson 70-71 TX
Julius Lutz 69-70 CA
Bryan Maron 70-71 IA
Michael Reiser 70-71 CA

Want your birthday listed on our Website’s BIRTHDAY CALENDAR? Send it to the webmaster/newsletter editor and get some cards from your buddies on your next birthday!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Donnie Pratt 3 Sep 1948
Charles German 10 Sep 1948
Jim Motika 14 Sep 1949
Jack Sullivan 18 Sep 1932
Chuck Maguire 21 Sep 1946
Phil Hazen 23 Sep 1949

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

George Schorr 3 Oct 1933

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Pat Pickford 01 Nov 1946
Bobby Edwards 13 Nov 1947
Daniel Baker 25 Nov 1946
Stan Ralph 26 Nov 1946

CAN YOU HELP THE WEBMASTER?

I need the YEAR(S) served with the B-2/501® in RVN for the following:

Jimmy Bouffard
Jeffrey M Burnett
Cpriano Gyrcia
Jerry W Head Jr
Ralph Knerem
Michael W Reeve
Paul Rhode
Richard W Robinson
Ron L Sells
Thomas L Taylor
Charles Thompson
Jack Williams
Roger Winters

Email Cat at cat@jimersons.us or call me at 716-720-0050 if you can help.

The mug that each 2009 reunion attendee went home with.

Steve Forsstrom (70-71) snapped this photo at the reunion during our shopping trip.
We USED to have an email address for the following. Contact Cat at cat@jimersons.us if you have a current addy for any of them:

Baldwin, Robert K (68-69)
Bradford, Robert (68)
Bush, Anthony
Clark, Robert A (69-70)
Copeland, Jerry D (69-70)
Cowley, Larry (68-69)
Crouse, Carson R (68-69)
Dehart, Norman (69-70)
Grotzke, Bob (69)
Hanna, Roger G (68-69)
Hannan, Mark (69-70)
Heiter, Anthony (68)
Hilley, Frank (68-69)
Holsten, Jack W (69)
Johnson, A Rusty (67-68)
Linkous, Jeffrey H (70)
Lockett, Howard L (67-68)
Mahan Jr, George T (68-69)
Malone, Mike C (69-70)
Massey, Ronald L (67-68)
Morris, Willie D (68-69)
Pawlak, Paul (68-69)
Peterson, Dennis (68-69)
Pickford, Patrick S (67-68)
Pratt, Donnie L (68-69)
Shepherd, Richard (67-68)
Sherwood, James L (68-69)
Speck, James (68-69)
Testerman, David C (68-69)

We currently have email addresses for 164 of our members. If you haven’t heard from us, then we probably don’t have your email address! If you’re online, why don’t you drop us an email? There may be fellow troopers out there who are waiting to get in contact with you again!

John Marlowe (70-71) w/new granddaughter, Ella Grace Smith born Aug 7

John w/new granddaughter Madeline Juliana Hoel born Aug 27

Pam Wakefield snapped this photo of Dan WAKEFIELD (68-69) on a recent roadtrip.

B-2/501st (101st ABN Div) 67-72 is now on FACEBOOK! This will be a great tool as an extension of our website in order for us to communicate with each other, share photos and stories, links, current events in our lives, etc. This is a CLOSED group, which means it is ONLY for those who served with this unit in Vietnam some time during 67-72 AND their family members. To join, go to:
http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=119819998677
We already have many members and there are scores of photos and a couple of videos that you will ONLY see on our Facebook page. You can easily upload your own photos that we will all be able to view and enjoy. There are members there who are family of deceased members that you served with who would really value your memories of their loved ones. You are encouraged to join so you don't miss out on a thing! You don't have to "say" anything if you don't want to. You can just be a "fly on the wall" and observe all the different dialogues that are taking place. Just give it a try and if you don't like it, you can always drop out at any time. SEE YOU THERE!

DRIVE ON!
Jim & Sue Motika & Brad Jimerson (both 67-68) at the Motika’s home in Manhattan Beach CA in Feb 2009

(L) Dan Albrecht & (R) John Ward (both 69-70) on Hamburger Hill in Apr 2009

Scott & Mike Lewellen & Brad Jimerson (both 67-68) in Seal Beach CA in the Jimerson’s trailer in Feb 2009

(L) Dan Baker (69-70) and (R) Doug Grier (69-70) at the McPhaul Bridge in Yuma AZ in Mar 2009

Brad Jimerson & Luther Lassiter (both 67-68) in Odessa FL in Apr 2009

Reinheimers (68-69) & Jimersons (67-68) in St Louis MO Aug 2009
We have a page on our website for any B-2/501st member who has a family member currently deployed. If that applies to you, please send info to the webmaster.

Peter Browne, son of Rick & Rosemary Browne (68-69) is a few months into his 2nd deployment w/the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

God Bless Our Troops And bring them Home Safely

If you’d like to send a CARE PKG to Peter, here is his address:

Browne, Cpl. Peter S.
CE/BLT/ACE/CLBS-1
22nd MEU DET B
Unit 74043
FPOAE 09502-4043

70 Mike Dipinto’s daughter had twins in Jun 2009 & presented him with his first grandchildren

67-68 Chuck Maguire’s son made the cover of Sail Magazine in Apr 2009

69 Doc Mitchell “Mike” Edward’s son was promoted to Master Sgt. in Apr 2009

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It is with great sadness that we announce that Gary Goelzhauser (69-70) passed away on 25 March 2009. He died peacefully in his sleep at home. Gary was surrounded by family in his final hours and simply took a final breath with no struggle or pain. The family is thankful for your prayers and support. Gary knew that he had many people praying for him throughout the entire country during his ordeal with cancer and it strengthened him to know how much each of you cared.

Also, Richard B “Duffy” Casey (67-68) passed away on 17 Aug 2009. His wife, sons and grandsons were with him when he passed. He had battled a 20 year fight with cancer, having recently had a bone marrow transplant at the Seattle VA Hospital. His memorial service was on 6 Sep 2009 in Salt Lake City UT. For those interested, there is a Duffy Casey Scholarship fund that has been set up for his son Oliver’s college education. Contributions can be made through any Wells Fargo Bank to the Duffy Casey Memorial Scholarship Fund for Oliver Casey.

L-R: Chuck Maguire, Rick Arbogast, Mike Lewellen and Brad Jimerson attended Duffy Casey’s wake on 6 Sep 2009 in Salt Lake City, representing the 67-68 B-2/501st ORIGINALS.

We have a MEMORIAL page on our B-2/501st website to honor our KIAs and those who have passed away since Vietnam. Submit a memory or a photo to keep their memory alive & it will be posted on their memorial page.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – IT CURRENTLY HAS 641 PAGES OF CONTENT! THERE IS PAGE AFTER PAGE OF PHOTOS. MAYBE YOU’RE IN ONE OF THEM! TAKE A LOOK! OUR OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

www.b2501airborne.com

This newsletter is being mailed out to the 189 members that we currently have addresses for, who are NOT online, spanning years served in RVN from 67-72 AND friends and family of our honored deceased brothers-in-arms. Brad and Cat Jimerson and Dave Reinheimer have been responsible for reuniting many of our brothers by a tireless search over the years and maintaining regular contact with all those they have found. This newsletter has been made possible by many donations from our B-2/501st members.
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