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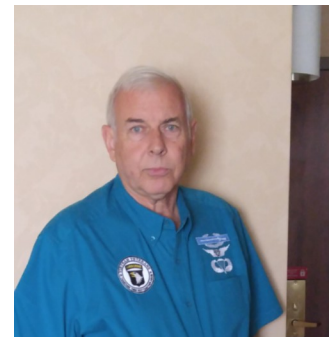
Winter 2016

## From the Desk of our President

*Hi Guys!*

I hope this finds everyone doing well. Winter is here and I know many of you snow birds are in southern areas of operations. I am still in Michigan shoveling snow but may spend a few weeks with the grandkids in Texas later on.

I got a phone call the last day of November from Michael Green. He had been reading the newsletter on our website and thought we might have went through jump school at the same time. I asked him if he went through in an accelerated class that was only 2 weeks long (few people believed we did that). It seems that we went through AIT at Ft. Gordon and Jump class together. We both got our class 101 42nd Co. jump school books out and told one another which picture was ours. We were on the phone for almost an hour. I don't have to tell you how good it is to talk to people who went through the same things you did. Make sure you check out the "Odds & Ends" section of our newsletter. There are always a few people looking to connect with some old friend. A lot of us came home and completely put Vietnam out of their thoughts. Now after more than 40 years we start thinking about some of the good times and good friendships and wonder "what ever happen to so & so". If you see someone in the "Odds & Ends" you think you might know email or call him. You'll be surprised how good it is to talk to an old acquaintance. That's also one of the best features of belonging to this organization. Being able to go to a reunion and meet and talk to people who remembers what it was like and what you went through without explaining details.



Mike Santure

I lost 2 friends on December 22nd. Mike Grodi grew up with me and spent 2 tours in the Nam with the Marines. Ray Plesiewicz served with me in the O'duece. They both had cancer. Though their names like those of many others will never be on the wall there is a good chance that they are casualties of the Vietnam War because of agent orange. As we get older we are losing more and more Vietnam Veterans. I know a lot of it is because we are getting older but it seems to me we have more than our share of cancer.

This year's reunion is all set for Norfolk, VA. Even though it may seem a long way off, it is never too early to register. We have information and registration forms in this newsletter. Not only does it give you a little more peace of mind to know it is done, it also gives us an idea how many to set up for. Make sure you read the Secretary's news on page 10. As usual Dave is right on top of things and has much information you should read.

Even though we have the 2016 reunion taken care of, it is not too early to start thinking about 2017, 2018 and beyond. After the general membership meeting in Las Vegas I had several members approach me and say they would like to see a reunion by their home. This is great! However, we need YOU to do the ground work. Have a proposal with you, including hotel costs including hospitality and banquet rooms. We like to have the reunion close to a military facility but this is not necessary. The Board of Governors has the final say on where we hold the reunions but we are willing to go anywhere that gives us a good deal so lets get some proposals in.

Welcome home brothers!

Mike



## Chaplain's Corner



**Rod Green, Chaplain**

“My friend just died. I don’t know what to do.” This has been my mind set the whole month of December 2015 and the first few days of January 2016. I lost several relatives and family friends in December 2015 and on January 2, 2016, received news that Raymond “Butch” Garrett had passed away. I served in Vietnam with Butch, as members of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd PIR, 101st Airborne Division.

I wish you could say you get used to people dying. I never have. I don’t want to. It tears a hole through me whenever somebody I love dies, no matter the circumstances. But I don’t want it to “not matter”. I don’t want it to be something that just passes. My scars are a testament to the love and the relationship that I had for and with that person, If the scar is deep, so was the love. Scars are a testament to life. Scars are a testament that I can love deeply and live deeply and be cut, or even gouged, and that I can heal and continue to live and continue to love. The scar tissue is stronger than the original flesh ever was. Scars are a testament of life and are only visible to people who can’t see past them.

As for grief, you’ll find it comes in waves. When the ship is first wrecked, you’re drowning, with wreckage all around you. Everything floating around you reminds you of the beauty and the magnificence of the ship that was but is no more. All you can do is float. You find some piece of the wreckage and hang on for a while. Maybe it is some physical thing. Maybe it is a happy memory or a photograph. Maybe it is a person who is also floating. For a while, all you can do is float. Stay alive.

In the beginning, the waves are 100 feet tall and crash over you without mercy. They come 10 seconds apart and don’t even give you time to catch your breath. All you can do is hang on and float. After a while, maybe weeks, you will find the waves are still 100 feet tall, but they come further apart. When they come, they still crash all over you and wipe you out. But in between, you can breathe, you can function. You never know what is going to trigger the grief. It might be a song, a picture, a smell. It can be just about anything and the wave comes crashing. But in between the waves there is life.

Somewhere, down the line, and it is different for everybody, you find that the waves are only 80 feet tall or maybe 50 feet tall. While they still come, they come further apart. You can see them coming. An anniversary, a birthday, Christmas or some other special event and prepare yourself. When it washes over you, you know that somehow you will come out the other side. Soaking wet, sputtering, still hanging on to some tiny piece of the wreckage but you will come out. (The preceding was a letter from an 80 year old guy, explaining how to deal with death and grief).

For us veterans, many of us have seen death from another angle and those memories live with us. The older we get, it seems the more these waves are coming. I have mentioned this in previous articles, “If you are drowning in life, I know a savior that walks on water”. I hope you know him too, as he conquered death and promises eternal life.

Rod Green, Chaplain  
101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans

## FROM THE EDITOR,

Thanks to an email from Paul Console I was able to identify John Caradonna with the 501st Signal. That unit's picture is on page 5. Also on page 5 are 2 unit pictures I need information on. I also need 2 names for people in the 2nd of the 501st. I will keep these picture in one more issue hoping someone will contact me and give me the information I need. *PLEASE HELP!* It drives me crazy when I can't finish something and not knowing who these guys are is making me batty.

Other than not knowing names in some of the pictures this letter went pretty well. In fact I have a little extra room so I am enclosing something below that I did not have room for a couple of issues ago. Mike



Don Loomis (in middle) with Gloria and Jimmy Stewart

The ad announcing our reunion in the *DAV Magazine* generated numerous inquiries, some quite interesting...like the following email received from Don Loomis, CWO-2 who was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam from April 1968 to April 1969. He served with the 101 Aviation Battalion before being selected to start a new General Support Company with the 163rd Aviation Company. He states that is where he did most of his flying, making runs to the PX for some Colonel or General to combat assaults all over the AO or log missions where he would fly some battalion commander for the day and take on whatever job he had for him. He also was selected to fly VIPs from time to time because, "the chief of staff liked me" and "I was a little crazy and got \*#%& done". "We saved a lot of lives when Dustoff couldn't go in and get the wounded out". Don provided a photo of a VIP he flew around the AO in I Corps; it was of him, Gloria and Jimmy Stewart. In my reply I mentioned that my unit, A Co. 1/502, was supposed to see Jimmy Stewart but we had to leave FSB T-Bone on a mission and we actually saw the helicopter coming in for a landing as we left. He wrote back, "LOL, what a hoot as I was the guy who flew them into T-Bone and that's where the photo was taken". Small world, isn't it? Loomis reports that in 1994 he attended a Jimmy Stewart Marathon and after going through a bunch of cops and security people, that photo of him with the Stewarts kept opening the way and he got to their trailer. He had a guy take the photo inside and asked that the Stewarts autograph it. He says he heard Gloria Stewart yell out, "He's here?" Both Gloria and Jimmy Stewart came outside and spent time with him. Don Loomis hopes to make the reunion in Vegas. I hope we get to see him there too. He can be contacted at [haggiez@verizon.net](mailto:haggiez@verizon.net) --Dave Nesbitt

## BOOSTERS

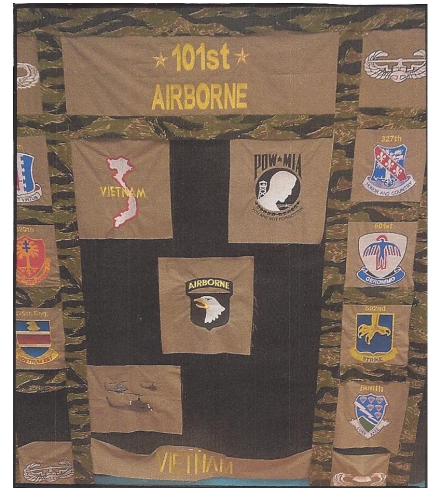
Members and non-members who donate to help defray mailing costs etc. Names will stay in 2 issues (an \* indicates an additional donation in that time frame).

(Any amount accepted: mail to 3570 Green View Pkwy: Sumter, SC 29150)

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### 2016 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 one-of-a-kind 101st Airborne Quilt that depicts the emblems of the various units of the Division. This is a digitized embroidered quilt with 50 to 60, 000 stitches in some of the masterful artwork squares. Made exclusively for us by Marilou's Quilting and Sewing of Vero Beach, FL, the design is by Al Hubbard, an associate member, and Marilou gets credit for the many hours it took to make this masterpiece. While the photo at right shows the quilt partially finished, it will be ready for presentation at the reunion. This quilt is valued at over \$700; You could be the winner; buy lots of tickets today!



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 ticket will be drawn at our reunion in Norfolk, VA.

**You do not have to be present to win!!**



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**501st Signal**

John Caradonna  
Danny Cabral  
Richard Lonsdale



No Name No Unit  
Please help



**2nd of the 501st Infantry**

Seated: Joe Harbright, Armando Galindo, ??????????????  
George Jimenez, Standing: ?????? James Wilson, John  
Marlowe, Larry Senko



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Please help

# NORFOLK, VA

WELCOMES

## THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION VIETNAM VETERANS



Our reunion this year will be held in Norfolk, VA during the week of September 7-11, 2016. When this location was first discussed, there was concern that this was a Navy town and perhaps it wouldn't be a wise choice. We have since come to realize there is more to see here than just ships. A great deal of America's history was formed in Virginia and Norfolk has many interesting things to see and do. For those of us who served in the Army, the Douglas MacArthur Memorial would be a site to visit. Other sites to see would be the Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, the USS Wisconsin battleship, the Nauticus National Maritime Museum and the Armed Forces Memorial. A little farther down the road is Virginia Beach, about 18 miles away, and to the north 46 miles lies Williamsburg, VA with its long history dating back to the 17th century. Our Vice President, Ed "Doc" Barbour and Sgt. at Arms, Bill Ramsey did recon on the city and hotel and assured us that it will be a great place to hold our reunion.

Our host hotel for this special event is the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, located at 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510. The dates for the reunion are September 7-11, 2016. The main events of the reunion begin early Friday and Saturday; but to promote camaraderie, we would like for everyone to arrive a few days early. This will give adequate time to see the sites and visit with our buddies from some 45+ years ago when we met in Vietnam. Our special room rate is \$109.00 per night plus 14% tax and a \$2.00 per day flat bed tax. This group rate will be honored for our members three (3) days before the group arrival and three (3) days after group departure, based on availability. 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 City of Norfolk will also reward us with \$200 paid toward our hotel master account if we have 50 rooms or more reserved for one night. Please reserve early and stay with the group. The cut-off date to reserve a room at our special rate is August 8, 2016.

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 that should be completed and returned to the 101st Secretary with your registration fee as soon as possible. Then you should contact the hotel to reserve your room. You may call the Hotel Reservation Department at 800-325-3535. In order to receive the group rate, callers must identify their affiliation with the **Vietnam Veterans 101st Airborne Division Organization.** \*You must tell them the name of the group in this manner to avoid any confusion with the 101st Airborne Association out of Ft. Campbell, KY who will hold its convention at the same hotel in August 2016.

Online reservations can be made at: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/VETS101>. If you encounter any problems reserving your room 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.***



**101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans  
22nd Annual Reunion  
Norfolk, VA  
September 7-11, 2016**



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant's Polo Shirt Size: Sm - Med - Lg - XL - XXL - 3XL - 4XL    Guest(s) Shirt Size: Sm - Med - Lg - XL - XXL - 3XL - 4XL

Number Registering \_\_\_\_\_ X \$80.00 per person before August 7, 2016.    Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Late registration fee after August 7, 2016 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 August 7, 2016**

**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 prior to August 30, 2016.

Registrant's Selection \_\_\_\_ Guest Selection \_\_\_\_ Additional Guest Selection \_\_\_\_

(Each person please select one meal option)

1. Roast Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Burgundy Wine Sauce
2. Seared Filet of Salmon with Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce
3. Chicken Marsala (Boneless Breast of Chicken) with Marsala Wine Sauce

*Each meal includes salad, roasted red bliss potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables,  
fresh rolls, dessert, freshly brewed coffee, hot herbal tea or iced tea.*

The registration fee includes an open 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 Norfolk 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 reunion 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.



## TAPS

Gentlemen,

I just received the attached notice of death for NANCY CUSHMAN, wife of LTG John H. Cushman. Most of you will remember LTG as Col. Cushman, 2nd Brigade Commander in Vietnam. His wife of 69 years passed away on Veterans Day, 11-11-15. Those wishing to send condolences can contact the General at 6200 Oregon Ave., NW Apt. 435, Washington, DC 20015-1531. (from: Secretary Dave Nesbitt)

One of our members Raymond "Butch" Garret passed away on January 2, 2016. He served with A company of the 1st of the 502nd from March 1968 to March 1969.

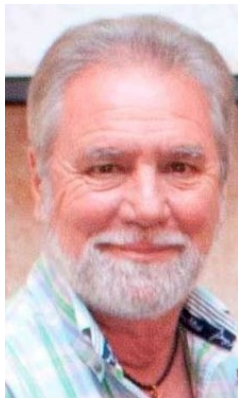


*Butch Garrett of Altamonte Springs, FL passed away suddenly on January 2, 2016. He was 69 years old. Born in Hopewell, VA to the late Raymond and Jean Garrett, he grew up in Miami, FL. He proudly served in the US Army and was assigned to A Co. 1/502 Infantry in Vietnam.*

*He is survived by sons Raymond M. Garrett, III, Eric D. Garrett and Ryan H. Garrett; two daughters, Kimberly Skipper and Amanda Garrett and 5 grandchildren with another on the way.*

*He was a past Vice President of this organization and a friend to all. He will be missed. Butch was buried at All Faiths Memorial Park in Casselberry, FL. May he rest in peace. —Dave Nesbitt*

*Raymond M. "Butch" Garrett  
8-12-1946 to 1-2-2016*



*David E. "Des" Desbin, 64, of Old Town, FL passed away Dec. 26, 2014 but we only learned of his death in January 2016 when his newsletter was returned. Des is survived by his mother, JoAnn Martin, a daughter Robyn Buchanan and son, David Desbin; five brothers and three sisters. Des served with the 101st in Vietnam with HHB 2/319th Artillery in 1970-71.*

*After service he was a Past Post Commander of the American Legion Post 383 in Old Town, FL and was chairman of the Americanism Committee, often speaking to school children to educate them on patriotism and proper handling and display of the American flag. He sponsored a soccer and little league team called the Screaming Eagles. Des is buried at Bushnell National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. —Dave Nesbitt*

*David E. "Des" Desbin  
4-21-1950 to 2-26-2014*

## SICK CALL

Jose A Avelar served with A Company 1st of the 502nd. He has a kidney condition and also has suffered 2 heart attacks. You can send him a card at 2314 Doral St.; Albert Lea, MN 56007-3323

Jim "Top" Mathews has been ill since last summer and was unable to attend the reunion in Las Vegas in September. He was diagnosed with a form of cancer on October 22, 2015 and has been through several tests and procedures since. When we spoke by phone on January 15, 2016 he was feeling OK but had some difficulty breathing and was coughing. He reported that he has to begin chemotherapy the following week. We need to remember Jim in our prayers. He is determined to beat this illness and says he will see us in Melbourne in April. (submitted by Dave Nesbitt)



# ODDS & ENDS

News of Interest to 101st Vietnam Veterans



Above is a photo of 2Lt. Richard Pershing, grandson of Gen. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing of World War I fame. 2Lt. Pershing was receiving his gold bars following graduation from the Army Infantry Officers Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA in August 1967. Doing the honors are his girlfriend, Shirley Gay, and his mother, Mrs. Francis W. Pershing of New York. Lt. Pershing finished sixth in the class of 143. Unfortunately, Lt. Pershing was killed in action while serving with A Co. 1/502 Infantry on Feb. 17, 1968.



Above is a photo sent in by Amy Dixon. It is of her uncle, Raymond Tambaschi (the GI with the light complexion holding the M-60). He served with the 101st for 18 months in 1968-69. If anyone knows who the other troopers are let her know at AmyDixon25@cox.net or Phone (401) 524-6968

## CORRECTION

On page 8 of the Fall 2015 Newsletter there was a picture of Wally next to a bear he had harvested. The bear was taken 09/16/2015 not in August.

Ray Plesiewicz passed away December 22nd 2015. He served with 1st platoon of C company 2nd of the 502nd in 1966-67. Though he received no recognition, he was right beside John Hogan when Hogan earned the DSC on May 18, 1967 on Hill 424.

The 2nd of the 502nd will be having a reunion in conjunction with the division in August. Info Can be found on the website [www.2nd502.org](http://www.2nd502.org) or contacting Dale Joritz at [dale@2nd502.org](mailto:dale@2nd502.org)

Retired Lt. Col John Hiemstra would like to hear from anyone who knew or served with his friend WO1 Donald Finn. Donald served with the 101st in 1971-72. He was a scout pilot with C/2/17thCav and than property books officer. You can contact John at [johnhiemstra@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhiemstra@yahoo.com).

Jose Manuel Zarate served with the 101st from 1970-72. He would like to hear from anyone who remembers him. He can be reached at (541) 521-7984 or email him at [jmz1114@msn.com](mailto:jmz1114@msn.com)

Art Samel, age 30, is confined to a wheelchair due to Muscular Dystrophy. He never had the opportunity to serve in the military but is a great supporter and admirer. He collects military patches and autographed photos of soldiers. I'm sure he has many of the 101st patch but if you have others consider mailing them to him at: 1700 Tuckerstown Rd., Dresher, PA 19025. He can be contacted by email at [Avram911@aol.com](mailto:Avram911@aol.com).



# From the Desk of the Secretary

Dave Nesbitt

**Reunion 2016:** The contract for our next reunion has been signed and we are ready for another great gathering, this time in Norfolk, VA. I'm not very familiar with that area but I know it's a military town, I would guess mostly Navy but that won't be a problem. We are all brothers of the military and if you're like me, you have the greatest respect for the young men and women serving this country today. We always have a great time and enjoy seeing each other and it's especially pleasing when someone new attends the reunion for the first time. Details of the reunion can be found on page 6 of this publication. I hope everyone will try to attend this year. We aren't getting any younger and I can't say how many more are left in me but I'm coming every year as long as I can. Bring a first-timer with you this year!

I do want to make it clear to everyone who might consider attending; you should know that the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel is so popular that the Military Order of the Purple Heart is holding their National Convention there during the week of August 9-13 and the 101st Airborne Division Association will be there August 17-21. I want to point this out to avoid any confusion. We contacted the Association and made an effort to hold a joint reunion with their group but the hotel could not accommodate both groups together. So, we will be at the same location for our reunion on September 7-11, 2016. When you call to make reservations, please be sure to register for our reunion. To help with reservations, the hotel has us listed as "Vietnam Veterans 101st Airborne Division". When you call for a room be sure to use this name to be registered correctly.

I know we are months away from the reunion but 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 plan to have an overhead projector for our use. We also need door prizes donated so clean out your closets. As people begin to register, we will post their names on our website, [www.101namvet.com](http://www.101namvet.com).

**Annual Raffle:** A beautiful quilt donated by Marilou Quilts and Sewing of Vero Beach, FL will be our grand prize for the annual fund-raising raffle. I met Al Hubbard and his lady Marilou at the Melbourne Reunion last year and they volunteered to design and make a special prize for us. This quilt is valued at more than \$700 and is a one-of-a-kind 101st masterpiece featuring patches of the units in the Division. There is a photo on page 4 showing the quilt still in production but I've been assured it will be ready by April and on display at the Melbourne Reunion. On page 3 you will find 6 tickets 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 ticket will be drawn on Saturday, September 10, 2016 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:** Every year the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc. sponsor one of the largest gatherings of veterans in the country. It is not unusual for 40,000 to 50,000 veterans to attend this event. This year the dates are April 21-24, 2016. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will arrive on April 17 and will remain throughout the event. This reunion is not an official event for our organization but many of our members do attend annually and participate in the activities at Wickham Park. In recent years, Jim Mathews has been our coordinator for the color guard. He's been ill for a few months now and in a recent phone conversation said he wanted to attend this year. He plans to bring the flags, web gear, helmets and rubber duck rifles so we can be a part of the massing of the colors event held on Saturday morning, April 23. Anyone attending and wishing to be in the color guard please bring black trousers, black shoes/boots and a white organization polo style shirt. Shirts may be available at the park if you don't have one. We will again this year set up our tent in the vendor's area. Last year we generated a lot of publicity and gained a few new members as a result of being there. Our quartermaster Bruce Roshong will also be there with his inventory.

**Election Year:** The officers of the organization hold their positions for two years. The current slate of officers were elected at Charleston, SC in 2014. All positions are up for election except the 2-Year Governor. If you are interested in being on the staff consider running for office. You can nominate yourself or any active paid up member. In the next issue of *INCOMING* an Absentee Ballot will be provided. In the meantime, if you send a political announcement we will run it in the newsletter.

**IRS Form 990:** So we can all rest easy and not have problems with the IRS, be advised that I have submitted the IRS Form 990 as required by law each year.

**Membership:** If you know a 101st vet who's not a member, ask him to join us. Membership applications are in this newsletter and on the website, [www.101namvet.com](http://www.101namvet.com). Thanks to all current members, we appreciate you!!



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 3570 Green View Pkwy., Sumter, SC 29150-7066. Should you have questions, call Dave Nesbitt at (803) 506-3120.**

### 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 friendships.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Where to Send Correspondence

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