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## IN MEMORIAM

DANIEL L. LEARY	BRAVO CO.	DOD: 07-05-18
HARRY W. ROGERS	DELTA CO.	DOD: 12-11-17
THOMAS M. MURRAY	ALPHA CO.	DOD: 07-28-18
CHARLES R. CALLAWAY	ALPHA CO.	DOD: 07-22-14
PEODOR "TED" ONISZCZUK	DELTA CO.	DOD: 02-01-17
HOWARD E. YOUNG	ALPHA CO.	DOD: 05-07-18
JOHNNY L. JOHNSTON	ALPHA CO.	DOD: 03-22-18
NICHOLAS R. WALKER	DELTA CO.	DOD: 07-22-16
MAJOR ROBERT W. WEEKS	BRAVO CO.	DOD: 08-19-18
JAMES L. McCRONE	DELTA CO.	DOD: 09-11-18

The above mentioned Members were honored, along with (21) additional Members, who were previously reported on, during our reunion in San Antonio, Texas. (total of 31)

Since that reunion, information has been forthcoming in regards to the following Members who have since passed away.

LT.COL BUTCH WADDILL	DELTA CO.	DOD: 10-09-18
STANLEY D. THOMISON	ECHO CO.	DOD: 10-20-18
FRANK G. PITCHELL	ALPHA CO.	DOD: 11-29-18
ANTONIO R. DIDONNA	ALPHA CO.	DOD: 06-20-16
DENNIS D. MILLER	ALPHA CO.	DOD: 12-15-15

Their names will be proudly recognized and displayed at our next scheduled reunion in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Should any members have information concerning the recent passing of any additional members, please contact Roy Rager at (404) 520-3059.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's greetings and a very "Happy New Year" and hearty "THANK YOU" to all the members who attended the reunion in San Antonio, Texas. Speaking of that reunion, I must express my deepest appreciation to everyone who contributed monetarily, donations of gifts to be raffled and just physically being able to attend. Alpha Company, its representatives and members showed up in force and were warmly welcomed. It appeared as if, they had just returned from one long-ass deployment and were embraced as brother warriors do, when they return to base. It was great seeing everyone together again.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert J. Hoover



## SAN ANTONIO REUNION

The Association's business meeting on Wednesday was well attended during the opening ceremonies. The business meeting was presided over and recorded by Steve Lowery, Secretary. Reports were submitted and recorded by all the respective committee members and executive officers. As submitted by John "Doc" Winters, Treasurer, the financial status of the Association is in good order and all pending bills have been paid. The Medal of Honor achievement/scholarship programs were monitored and executed under the direction of Ron Dornetta, Sergeant-At-Arms. Bob Vitiello, Publicity/Membership Director, gave an updated report, that over the previous year he has accepted the applications from (7) new members. Also during this meeting it was brought to the Association's attention, that due to health issues, Bob Mayo would no longer be able to represent the position of Chairman of the Chesty Award program. At this time **Jeff Brami** was nominated and agreed to accept the position of Chairman, overseeing current members, Leland Upshaw, Sy Yurbich and Bob Hoover.

During the election of the Association's officers, the following is offered. All

current elected officers in position were re-elected to serve another (4) year term. The new SOCIAL DIRECTOR (Executive Committee position) for Echo Company is **Daniel L. Varajas**. Sandy Reid has stepped down as Bravo Company President and that position was filled by **Floyd A. Nagler**. Thanks to Sandy for all his diligence over the years and "welcome aboard" to Floyd, who has hit the ground running.

The banquet on Saturday night was attended by 239 members and guests with Master Gunnery Sergeant Chris May (ret) as our guest speaker. Two new members joined our Color Guard Unit, those being **Tom Boland** and **Floyd Nagler**. All performed flawlessly, along with the bagpiper, during Thursday's Memorial service and Saturday's banquet. During the banquet event, the following three recipients were issued "Chesty Award" testimonials for their dedication to 3<sup>RD</sup> Recon Association over the years; **CLIFF LEONARD, TOM HARTUNG AND GENE HAUX**.

We had some new sponsors this year, which included the GLOCK Corporation and Tom McKown from FORUM DIRECT. Forum Direct donated (3) of their premium camouflaged Gortex outerwear

garments for our raffles. GLOCK had donated one of their handguns (of your choice) for raffle. The sale was limited to (75) participants and was a huge success bringing \$1,500 to the Association's scholarship program. GLOCK was so impressed with the return on their product that they have committed to supply us with another handgun next year. **THE WINNING TICKET, AS DRAWN BY OUR GUEST SPEAKER, WAS 8101904, WHICH WAS PURCHASED BY CHUCK VAUGHAN OF STAFFORD, VIRGINIA. CONGRATULATIONS CHUCK!**

5.11 Tactical Gear donated \$500 worth of their gear and equipment that was raffled off each night at Tun Tavern. Jasper Mueller from GENERAL ELECTRIC also donated to the auctions/raffles and covered the cost of our liquor bill on Thursday at VFW Post # 76. Several members donated checks, picked up the cost of snacks or drinks, got involved with each raffle that came around to the tables. As a result of their generosity, the Association's profit for the entire event jumped to **\$14,235.11**. A detailed account of the assets and expenditures has already been submitted and will be available at our Myrtle Beach reunion.

## SAVE THE DATE

During the San Antonio business meeting, two proposals were submitted to those members in attendance. A presentation was made on behalf of Safety Harbor resort/spa in Florida and that of Crown Reef Hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Due to the persistence of our Vice President, Doug Heath, excellent room rates and concessions were afforded our group and the members ultimately voted that our next gathering will take place in Myrtle Beach, S.C. from Tuesday the **24<sup>th</sup> of September** through the **30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. So, set those dates aside and watch for the reg/app in the next Harborsite.

On a final note: Reginald Knight has informed me that he is no longer capable of performing his duties as our Service Representative. We appreciate and "THANK" him for his service to the members of the association and hope and wish him well in taking care of his loved ones. **Floyd Nagler** was solicited to fill this position, which he graciously agreed to do and is so appointed. Floyd joins Tom Boland as our other Service Representative and both will compliment each other and stand eagerly to assist our members in their VA questions and endeavors. Floyd's contact number is (952) 440-1553.