

## 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion Held in Dallas

By John Otte



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Seated: John Martinez, Randy Keck, Bob Hemphill

May 13 - 16 saw the gathering of over 150 22nd Infantry Regiment veterans, wives and friends in Dallas, Texas. The reunion was hosted by MC (Mike) Toyer of Bravo 3/22. Mike is heavily involved with the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society as well as serving as Secretary/Newsletter Editor for our own Bravo Company Association. Mike did a fantastic job in hosting the reunion.

Some of the highlights of the 4 day event were - the entertainment provided by MC Toyer and his family and friends as well as Cindy Eberwine and Patti Schwindt on Friday night; the presentation of the current 1/22 Force XXI, and 4th Infantry Division by LTC Steve Mirr from Fort Hood, TX; meeting the soldiers that came up from Fort Hood to spend Friday with us; meeting PFC Ryan Bonk and SSG Bobby Crenshaw from the current 2/22 at Fort Drum; watching as the three 2/22 company commanders from WWII, Bill Greenlee, Lee Lloyd, and George Wilson lit the candle of remembrance on Saturday night; the Armed Forces Day celebration in Grapevine, TX; and the Sunday morning memorial service conducted by our founder, Chaplain Bill Boice.

One of the greatest thrill for yours truly, was the opportunity to meet the WWII veterans who served with the 22nd Infantry Regiment from "D Day" through the Hurtgen Forest, till the end of WWII.

I would just like to say that if you have the opportunity and the means to attend one of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunions it would be well worth the effort.

## Bravo Regulars Reunion 2000

The reunion committee has been meeting on a regular basis in order to put on one of our great Bravo Company Reunion. Enclosed with this newsletter is a survey regarding the reunion, Please return the completed survey as soon as possible. The information provided will go a long way in assuring a successful reunion. Remember it is less than a year away. Remember:

July 20th thru 23rd, 2000  
St. Rose Park

(40 miles east of St. Louis, MO)

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## *Association Dues*

It's time for collection of our annual dues. As most of you know, a dues system was established at the 1995 Louisiana Reunion in order to finance the operations of our association. The amount was set at \$20.00 per year. The dues are strictly voluntary. Enclosed, you will find an invoice for this years dues. When you look at the financial report you might think that we have plenty of money, but as our membership grows it is becoming more expensive to publish our quarterly newsletter, locating costs are also increasing do to the increased difficulty of locating our remaining guys. We also need seed money for our remaining guys. We also need seed money for our reunions. Again I would like to remind you that dues are strictly voluntary.

# PHOTO GALLERY



**Matt Flikkama - Company Headquarters, Tay Ninh**



**Gary Hymes - 1969**



**Village of Ap Cho - February 1968  
Before - After**



**John Kyzar - 1969**



**Ronnie Hunter - 1969**



## Presidents Message.....

### Reunion 2000

We welcome you to St. Rose Illinois, to find that peace you will surely enjoy.

It comes from so deep within, it doesn't matter the color of your skin.

It's something more precious than silver and gold. It's

something we want you to share with us, before we are old.

The memories of our comrades so courages and true, and also the memories of me and of you.

Their spirits will be there with us to celebrate and share the special day.

We will be doing a lot of talking, we won't have time to be baling any hay.

There will be a special guest of honor at this reunion as there has been in years gone by.

I have never really seen his face, but have felt his love in my buddies eyes.

For as he said so long ago and please don't dispare.

Where two or more gathered in my name, you know I'll be there!  
(Matthew 18:20)

With love from your President,  
Ted

## *Those that have passed away since Vietnam*

ED WATSON, ROBERT GUMM, ROBERT ROBEDEAUX, JOHN DARBY, GARY PAYTON, ROBERT ORTIZ, CHARLES ST. ONGE, JOHN SCHRAGE, JOHN MEDICINETOP, ANTHONY GIVONNI, ROY DAVIDSON, HECTOR ROSADO, DAVID REYES, DERALD LUSZLER, FRANK WIMMER, ROBERT GREGORY, ALFRED EVERETT, JOHN ELLISON, LAWRENCE BAUGHMAN, CHARLES SHELDON, ROSCOE GREENE, JAMES CLARK, ROBERT SCHLEGEL, CHARLES LONG, LARRY AUGSBURGER, TEX RICHARDS, BRUCE WILLIAMSON, DOUG DOUGHERTY, NOLAN ADAMS, HERB PRUITT, DAVID BLANTON, WADE MCGOWN, MARK ROWAN, JOE LAPPIE, JOHNNY REGAN, HENRY CROCKETT, DAVID STALKER, TOM VARGO, WILLIAM MOSLEY, CHARLES BURNS, TOMMY HARRIS, PETER MCKENNEY, JOHN GLASS, LARRY JENKINS, LEROY GREGERSON, ERNEST MENCHACA.

## ERNEST MENCHACA

I received a phone call from the son of Ernest Menchaca to advise me that his father had passed away on July 9th, 1999 from a heart attack. Ernie served with the unit from December 1967 through December 1968. Ernie's son, Ernest Junior, told me that our contacting his father had had a very positive effect on him. His father had problems dealing with his Vietnam experience, and our reuniting him with some of his old buddies had proved to be very beneficial. Unfortunately Ernie did not have the opportunity to attend a Reunion which is the greatest healer of all. I know that Ernie is attending that greatest of all reunions, the one that we must all attend someday. God Bless Ernie and all our Bravo comrades

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**In Memory of Those Who Died in Vietnam**  
**Bravo Company**  
**3rd Battalion 22nd Infantry**

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**NOT FOR FAME OR REWARD, NOT FOR PLACE OR RANK**  
**NOT LURED BY AMBITION OR GOADED BY NECESSITY**  
**BUT IN SIMPLE OBEDIENCE TO DUTY AS THEY UNDERSTOOD IT**  
**THESE MEN SUFFERED ALL, SACRIFICED ALL, AND DIED**

*From the Confederate War Memorial, Arlington*

JESSIE GOMEZ - 12/17/66  
WILLIAM J. MADSEN - 12/18/66  
SCOTT WEBBER - 12/18/66  
JAMES HARRIS - 12/20/66  
EDWARD L. BROCK - 12/21/66  
MARVIN T. HUGHES - 12/21/66  
WILLIAM D. MULLINS - 12/21/66  
NORMAN S. TOENNIES - 12/21/66  
VICENTE ZUNIGA - 12/21/66  
LOUIS J. WANDLER - 01/21/67  
MARLIN EVERSGERD - 03/19/67  
JACK GOSNELL - 03/19/67  
ROBERT L. LINN - 03/19/67  
PAUL J. MC GOWAN - 03/19/67  
LOUIS SAS - 03/19/67  
DONALD SCHROEDER - 03/19/67  
DONALD W. WALTERS - 03/19/67  
RODNEY R. WEED - 03/19/67  
HERMAN A. ANDERS - 03/21/67  
KENNETH G. BLANTON - 03/21/67  
JAMES R. HINTZ - 03/21/67  
BRIAN F. GIBBONS - 03/21/67  
CHARLES R. GREER - 03/21/67  
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EDWARD J. MULLER - 03/21/67  
THOMAS TALMADGE - 03/21/67  
HAYZELL C. TURNER - 03/21/67  
LARRY L. WARNOCH - 03/21/67  
ALLEN S. MICAN - 04/01/67  
JIMMY C. HARPER - 04/08/67  
SALVADOR M. NAVA - 04/10/67  
ALBERT GRAHAM - 06/02/67  
JERRY R. BEEBE - 07/06/67  
BAXTER H. ELLIS - 8/19/67  
JAMES R. WATANABE - 09/26/67  
LARRY R. MC DUFFIE - 10/22/67  
BERTMANN E. MILLER - 11/01/67  
DARRELL H. MOREY - 11/28/67  
GEORGE L. DUPLESSIS - 12/02/67  
ODELL STOKES JR. - 01/02/68  
KENNETH R. HOWELL - 01/15/68  
ERNEST T. MARTIN - 01/15/68  
THOMAS R. WATTS - 01/15/68  
RICHARD H. WALKER - 01/15/68  
CHARLES W. IRBY - 01/15/68  
LUEY V. HOLLAND - 01/31/68

ROBERT R. GRAY - 02/10/68  
DONALD P. ROEMER - 02/19/68  
BOBBIE E. SIKES - 02/19/68  
LOUIS A. MARTINEZ - 02/23/68  
EDWARD BECKWITH - 04/12/68  
JOHN E. CUNNINGHAM - 04/12/68  
ROBERT W. ELLSWORTH - 04/12/68  
WILLIAM E. MAXWELL - 04/12/68  
ROBERT L. MELTON - 04/12/68  
GLENN L. MOLLER - 04/12/68  
REYNALDO N. OROZCO - 04/12/68  
DAVID A. STRUPP - 04/12/68  
DONNY G. TIDWELL - 04/12/68  
DOUGLAS R. WEIHER - 04/12/68  
ALAN P. BUTKUS - 04/12/68  
RICHARD J. BECK - 05/14/68  
EDWARD D. CROW - 05/14/68  
GEORGE L. MUNDY - 05/14/68  
ELDON D. COLDREN - 09/11/68  
LONNIE E. LUNDY - 09/11/68  
DANIEL B. PERSONS - 09/20/68  
LEROY KING - 09/27/68  
RICHARD L. DIXON - 01/16/69  
GIUSEPPE MAGRI - 01/16/69  
RANDALL J. WICKLACE - 01/16/69  
FRANKLIN M. LANIER - 03/12/69  
LOUIS CASTRO - 04/13/69  
ROGER W. HOOD - 04/13/69  
MICHAEL D. HOWARD - 04/13/69  
DAVID A. TRINKALA - 5/11/69  
WILLIAM M. CRUSIE - 06/06/69  
BRUCE A. EAMICK - 08/08/69  
WALTER J. HOGANS - 10/05/69  
ELVIS E. MULLEN - 10-05-69  
GEORGE O. BOATWRIGHT - 02/16/70  
BOBBY G. SWANSON - 03/28/70  
GARY R. METZ - 08/31/70  
JAMES E. DUCKWORTH - 08/31/70  
WILLIAM I. ALLSBROOK - 10/02/70  
BRUCE J. STICKEL - 10/02/70  
DAVID F. TINSEY - 10/02/70  
JIMMY W. WESTBROOK - 10/02/70  
STEPHEN J. KASTER - 11/02/70  
ROBERT H. GUMM - 11/13/70

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**HERE LIE WE DEAD BECAUSE WE DID NOT CHOOSE**  
**TO SHAME THE LAND FROM WHICH WE SPRUNG**  
**LIFE IS, PERHAPS, NO GREAT THING TO LOSE**  
**BUT YOUNG MEN THINK IT IS, AND WE WERE YOUNG**

*C F (Author otherwise unknown) 19 November 1943*