

Hello 50th Company:

I hope you are all doing well and getting a chance to enjoy the beginning of Spring.

Not much to report this month so let's get to it.

**2026 REUNION.** By now you have no doubt seen newsletters and emails from our Commo Team on our upcoming reunion in Santa Fe, NM, from September 13-16 with an optional night on the 16th. Soon you will be receiving much more information and instructions for the Santa Fe reunion. However, I would like to point out a couple things. First, our reunion registration fee has been set at \$250 per person. This includes two dinners, a couple of hosted happy hours, three breakfasts and a couple of paid tours. Second, this year we are encouraging classmates to bring family members and friends. Last year Terry Hummel brought his family. We all enjoyed interacting with them. We believe that it is a great opportunity for you to have your kids and grandkids interact with men who helped shape your transition from young men to the men you are now. Again, much more information will be coming your way so please keep your eye on your in-box.

**A STAR IS BORN.** If you remember, last month I announced that our classmate, Mike Gilpin, was selected to be in a documentary featuring Gary Sinise and several other Vietnam Vets. This video will document their Vietnam experiences. I also mentioned that Mike will be

going to Vietnam for the filming. Well, Mike is back from Vietnam and notified me that on March 29, 2026 there will be a Vietnam Welcome Home Concert in Washington DC. It will feature Gary Sinise and the LT Dan Band. It is open to all VN Vets. The website has all the information, <https://www.veteransunited.com/welcome-home/>. Worth checking out plus you might get to see Mike.

**MEDAL OF HONOR.** Finally, classmate Rodney Shortell sent me an email telling me about a Medal of Honor winner that he recently had the privilege of meeting. I have met a couple of MOH winners during my army days and in my opinion they are extraordinary men, who were placed in extraordinary circumstances who did super extraordinary things. Truly are remarkable men! Rodney sent a link which is definitely worth your time to read. Check out: <https://share.newsbreak.com/kf06sifz>. Just copy and paste it in your internet browser.

That is it for this month. Keep thinking Santa Fe in September!

Stay WELL, stay HEALTHY and above all stay POSITIVE.

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