Hello 50th Company:

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the beautiful Fall weather.

All good news to share so let's get started.

<u>Bill Snodgrass:</u> I had the pleasure of speaking to Bill and Debbie Snodgrass last week. If you remember, Bill suffered a debilitating stroke last year after undergoing surgery on his back. Much to my surprise, Bill telephoned me and sounded very much like his old self. Bill says that he is able to walk with the aid of a walker; his speech is very much improved; and, his memory is returning. Bill and Debbie also expressed how much they appreciated hearing from some of you . Apparently, prayers and positive thoughts do help. Keep up the good work, Bill. Remember you are 50th Company strong.

<u>Where We Once Stood:</u> On November 1, 2026 Scott Davis, Bill Knudsen and myself (see picture below) had the pleasure of attending the premiere showing of the documentary, "Where We Once Stood". If you recall, our very own, Michael Gilpin, was one of the soldiers featured in this film. The documentary is very emotional and while it told the story of 10 warriors it had something in it that pertains to all of us. What struck me the most was how several vets described how they just didn't speak much about Vietnam since returning. While proud of their service they just didn't know how to explain Vietnam to their civilian relatives and friends. I felt like they were speaking directly to me and I bet a lot of you reading this. The good news is that this excellent documentary will start airing on Amazon Prime on November 11, 2026. I not only encourage you to watch this on Veterans Day but even more importantly ask your family to watch it as well. Again, to Mike -- Well done, we are proud of you.

By the way, the documentary was sponsored by an organization called, Veterans United. I have not heard of this organization before learning about "Where We Once Stood". My impression of the organization is that it is one that very much cares for veterans. If you would like to learn more about them, their website is: veteransunited.com/wwos.

Reunion 2027: Starting November 9, 2026, we will start the planning process for next year's reunion. There is a very important Planning Meeting on the 9th that everyone is invited to. An email invitation was sent out and a reminder will be coming out. Our plan is to have a location selected by January, 2027 with specific dates and hotel by February, so that you can start planning. As in years past I am willing to bet that this next reunion will leave everyone with that "feel good feeling" that we have had in the past. Please plan to attend, especially if you have never attended one of our reunions. You won't be sorry.

Happy Veterans Day: As we come upon another big day for all of us I would like to once again say how proud I am to have served with all of you. This is the one day of the year that we as veterans get to pat ourselves on the back and quietly salute each other. That salute between fellow soldiers means more to me than all the parades and "thanks for you service" from people who have no idea what it means to raise your right hand and give your future to the country. So, I salute you all!

Take care, Stay Well, Stay Healthy and above all else, Stay Positive.

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