

SOCIETY OF THE VIETNAMESE AIRBORNE

SOUTHPORT, NORTH CAROLINA 28461

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PRESIDENT'S NEWS LETTER

Fellow Red Hats/Red Markers:

Greetings once again from the coast of North Carolina. My purpose in writing is bring you all up to date since my last newsletter.

**MONUMENT DEDICATION:** After many months of planning and coordination, our monument has become a reality and is in place at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, GA. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for 29 September at 1000 local time at the museum in conjunction with our reunion. Red Hat Herb Lloyd will be our key note speaker at the dedication. A luncheon will follow the dedication at the museum at 1130. I want to again thank the following Red Hats for their work in bringing this project to fruition: Paul Devries, John Martin, Mike Flynn, Wayne Dill and Bill Block. It was a labor of love to be sure, and the monument is one of which we can all be proud.

Many thanks as well to all who contributed to the monument fund. Thus far we have collected more than \$6000.00. We are still open for donations. Our total Out-Lay for the monument was \$15,000.

**BI-ANNUAL REUNION:** IAW our bi-laws we will hold our business meeting after the monument dedication at the Infantry Museum. Our agenda will include election of officers to serve for the next 2 years, appointment of the board of directors, and the location for the meeting in 2014. Anyone interested in serving in these positions should contact our Secretary Mike Flynn ASAP. Additionally, we need to appoint a Historian, and a Newsletter Editor. Again, if you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Mike.

**MEETING AGENDA:** I would like to solicit your input to the meeting agenda. In addition to the normal items – reports etc, if there are issues or items that in your opinion warrant discussions by the membership please be forthcoming with them. Get them to Mike Flynn for inclusion on the agenda.

BANQUET AT THE HOLIDAY INN NORTH: We will terminate our reunion with a banquet at the Holiday Inn North in Columbus, GA. Our guest speaker will be CSM Spanno, the incoming CSM of the 1-507<sup>th</sup> PIR (Airborne School) at Fort Benning.

END OF TOUR AS PRESIDENT: Presiding over the September reunion will be my last official act as your President. To be sure it has been an honor for me to serve all of you these past 2 years. With the help of our dedicated officers, it has been a most rewarding experience. I thank each of you for your support, and while I will step down as President, I will continue to be a viable member of the Red Hat Team.  
Very Respectfully,

Joseph W. Kinzer  
President, The Society of the Vietnamese Airborne