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" ON THE RIGHT TRACK "

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Our mission is to publish a newsletter and to maintain an Internet Home Page. The Association will use these publications to inform its general membership about events within the Association and about current or proposed legislation that might affect veterans of all wars.

FROM THE
COMMAND TRACK...

First things first -- Enclosed with this short newsletter is an updated Directory, current as to 29 April 1999. Any information that is incorrect, please forward a note to me ASAP with the revisions. As you can see, it is a bit more detailed than previous ones. For some of you, I have sketchy information, so if you could update that, please send me a note with the correct missing information. Several members suggested I include the company the member served with and the time frame. You will notice I have the company and platoon listed for each member, along with the time served in country. (For those who have provided that information). If this information is not listed for your name, please provide me with this for the next Directory we issue.

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It is but a short four months until our next Reunion. I have not heard from a lot of you as to whether you would be there. If you plan on attending, send me the registration form that was provided in the previous newsletters, so I may settle dinner arrangements and the bus tours. If you do not have that form, let me know!

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Also, several of you received "Cow Pie" raffle tickets from me back in February and March and still have not returned the stubs. We need those returned before 15 August, so they are on the chart. Send them to me now please! Hate to see you pay for a ticket, then not have your name on the chart when the event occurs. For those who have not ordered any tickets yet, we do have several hundred left. Won't you take a minute to send me a note, ordering your tickets now?

As of today's date: (the date on the newsletter):

Tickets bought and paid for: 1,452

Tickets ordered to be sold: 586

Tickets left to sell: 962

Remember -- the person who sells the winning ticket will receive a check for \$150.00 for his/her efforts!

HOWEVER -- the main reason I am sending this out between normal mailings is to inform you that the President of our Association, NORMAN "SANDY" POTTINGER, is in the hospital as we speak for treatment of cancer. As of this date, he appears to be holding his own, however, things could be a lot better for him. Sandy was admitted to National Institute of Health in Bethesda Maryland on 13 April 1999. Because of a previous operation for Thyroid Cancer several years ago, they ran several tests on him to make sure there was no complication from the previous disease in existence at that time. He underwent surgery on Monday, 19 April. Since that time, he has been on Ventilators. What I know right now, he is still unconscious.

Sandy was with Bravo Company, arriving in country 11/9/68 and departed 11/9/69. Sandy was in HQ, Maintenance during his tour with us. He was on the VTR, with Anderson and Crawford being the drivers.

Please take the time to drop him a note, letting him know you care. I have his mailing address below, for his home address. After speaking with his wife last weekend, it would be more appropriate to send any mail to his home address. He would receive it quicker, from what I am told. PLEASE -- take a moment to send a note, card, or call. I am sure he would like to hear from us all! Even if you did not know him, take a moment to jot down a "get well", a hello; anything.

The hospital information is listed below, for anyone who would like to visit him:

National Institute of Health
Building H 10, 10th Floor, MICU
10 Center Drive
Bethesda MD 20892-1758

A direct phone line to his nurse is: 301-496-2352
(You will not receive much information for this number however.)

His mailing address at home is:

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