

October 2014

Dear 630th Members:

We had our annual reunion September 18-19-20th, in Branson, Missouri, at the Falls Creek Inn. We had 36 630th members this year plus families and guests. We had two new members this year. Terry McNeilly and his wife are from Maryville, Tennessee. Perry Malone and his wife and family are from Bradley, Florida. Welcome, folks, and we hope you had a good time. We voted to return to Fall Creek Inn next. The reunion dates next year are: **September 17, 18, 19th, 2015.**

At the Saturday meeting, Wendy Boles read the names of the men we lost in Vietnam—a moment of silence was held. Al Higgins, last year's recipient of the traveling Outstanding Service plaque awarded it this year to Jerry Hansen. Carmen Higgins updated our information on the 630th website (www.630thengrco.com) and encouraged members to check us out on Facebook.

Cecil Brown has completed his book: The History of the 630th From World War II to the present. He said without the help of his wife, Linda, and Phyllis Hardin, he would never have gotten it finished. If anyone wants a copy of the book, contact Cecil Brown at: ceclinbrown@charter.net. Their telephone number is 761-415-6460. Cecil also wanted to remind anyone who is filing a claim with the V.A. and who needs information on where the Company was, he has the After Action Reports. Contact Cecil if you need this information.

Information was given on Agent Orange and the passing it on to your spouse, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Check the website: www.covvha.net for more information.

Allen Goldberg informed us that it has been 50 years since the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was passed on August 7, 1964. It's hard to believe that it has been 50 years since the Vietnam War began.

We would like to thank all the people who came to the reunion—that's what makes the reunion so great! We always have a real good time seeing our old friends and making new ones.

We had food trays each day at noon, the Fish Fry on Friday evening and the barbeque was Saturday evening. Our auction followed the dinner Saturday and it was quite spirited at times! It was a lot of fun and quite successful. It is how we fund the reunion.

We would like to thank all the people who worked so hard to make the reunion such a success: Al Higgins and Carl Brown for their many trips to the store getting food and supplies. Al, Carl and everyone else who helped with the fish fry. Gary Hermance, Jerry Quinn, Paul O'Bryan and their help for the barbeque. Jerry and Joyce Hansen for the delicious watermelons and tomatoes; Sandra Fitzgerald, Linda Brown, Vanessa O'Bryan and all the others who worked on getting the auction items ready and keeping everything on track during the auction. John and Wendy Boles for the ice cream and maple Syrup for our Saturday dessert and John for being our auctioneer and Al Doedtman as the auctioneer's assistant. Also thanks to John and Cathy Cullor for bringing T-shirts and hats; they do all the screen printing and machine embroidery on the hats, shirts and jackets. Jim Fitzgerald and Cecil Brown for their continued hard work on locating people. Carol and Grady Fuller for mailing our letters and Carol for being our bookkeeper. A big thank you goes to Jim Fitzgerald for organizing and keeping the reunion going. I hope we didn't miss anyone—thanks to all! If anyone needs information on the reunion, contact Jim Fitzgerald at jsf1981@gmail.com, ph. #870-637-3236.

Hope to see you all again next year.

Carl and Marianne Brown



P.S. Please remember our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers.