

# HEARTFELT THANKS

## LETTER SAYS IT ALL

### Robillard family writes letter of thanks

My wife Pam, sister Renette and myself wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Red Warriors and their loved ones who found courage and strength to attend the 2018 Red Warrior Reunion in Milwaukee. We did not have time to meet everyone there, but a number of acquaintances stood out in our once in a lifetime experiences.

### Learning experience

Thanks to FNG (Fantastic New Guy) Walter Running Crane and his beautiful wife Sarah. We learned more in three days about the wonderful culture of the Native American people than we have in over 70 years on earth.



*Greg Robillard, white shirt behind the podium, addresses Delta Company members, while other Charlie Company guests look on. Robillard was there to pay tribute to Dick Orndoff, far left.*

I now truly believe if people in the world learned your values and traditions about life and beyond we would all have a much better chance to live side by side.

### Honor and privilege

To my fellow C Company members who followed in my footsteps after I left Vietnam. It was an honor and privilege to stand alongside of you on that very special night. I believe you still hold the record in C Company for earning respect and a Combat Infantry Badge in the shortest period of time.

To Ken Luebke, his wife Carol and daughter Jennifer, a thank you for your kindness and sharing of material that I never knew existed about my closest friend in Vietnam.

## Adopted brothers

To my adoptive brothers in Delta Company, many who I had the pleasure and honor to meet for the first time. We now understand that we have so much in common that we truly are 'brothers in arms' by a different mother.

## Delta Outlaws

To Larry Boyd and his heart of gold. I was ecstatic to be chosen by you to work on our "almost top secret project." You always made me smile and laugh or simply wonder what's coming next from your ever working mind. After it was all over I must still admit I am jealous of you and your band of Delta Company outlaws.

We have saved our most important thank you for last. to Rickard (Dick not Charles AKA Honorary Little Maddog) Orndoff, his wonderful wife Merianne and special children Jessica and Scott. It was an honor to serve with my now special friend in Vietnam. It was yet another honor to meet his tremendous support team. Finally it was the greatest honor to stand with him before his family to present a long overdue show of respect and love to a true American hero.

We are sure his treasured grandson will now share many stories and memories with his "papa" about what happened one night in Milwaukee.

Everyone in attendance at the 2018 reunion deserves to be proud, stand tall and share in their special stories and memories with the rest of the world that weren't part of our elite group known as Vietnam War survivors and the keepers of the truth.

In closing, you will always be our heroes until the last Red Warrior stands saluting all those who passed before him. Stay strong, enjoy good health and cherish the loved ones who stand by you every day. We hope to see you all again at future reunions and gatherings.

In peace,

*Pam, Renette and Greg*

*(Maddog 3/3) Robillard*



*Dick Orndoff, above, was given an honorary Silver Star during day 2 of the 2018 Red Warrior Reunion. Greg Robillard gave an emotional battle synopsis as to the unique situations that a young LT Orndoff was thrust into on May 27 and June 5, 1969*