

Second Battalion, Third Marines
Vietnam Veterans Association

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Marines,

With the Coronavirus pandemic reaching every corner of our country and the uncertainty of how to contain this threat, we as representatives for the association decided it was in the best interest of all members if we were to hold a telephone conference to decide the fate of our 2/3 V. V. A. Annual Reunion St. Louis 2020.

Telephone conference was held on April 17 with all elected officers and company representatives. All were present except for Bravo 1/12.

On April 8 Treasurer Art Ferguson initiated an email polling of members to determine if the Membership wanted to push ahead at this time with planning for St. Louis 2020 or if the Reunion should be cancelled. Members voted 50-4 to cancel St. Louis for 2020. All participants of the telephone conference unanimously agreed to cancel St. Louis 2020.

St. Louis 2020 was chosen to be our Reunion venue, as per the By-Laws of the Association. Circumstances dictate that St. Louis 2020 be cancelled. In keeping with the spirit of the By-Laws, our 2021 Reunion should be in St. Louis. The work to have a St. Louis Reunion has been done by your 2/3 V. V. A. Association, your elected officers, and Armed Forces Reunions.

I have asked Art Ferguson to conduct a poll as to where in the middle of the USA the 2021 Reunion should be held. This way, we can get a fresh look at St. Louis 2021 as the vote took place in 2018.

I know many members, spouses and friends will be disappointed by our decision to cancel this year's reunion, but it was done primarily out of concern for the welfare of our members. We can not charge ahead like we did in our youth under different circumstances. We, as responsible representatives, are entrusted to make safe and sound decisions for the membership, and I feel we did that professionally and compassionately.

John Fuller
President, 2/3 Vietnam Veterans Association
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