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Due to the Coronavirus, AU General Meetings will be held via Zoom

Activities Unlimited General Meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:00 PM via ZOOM

TOUR OF DUTY: A YEAR IN VIETNAM

Jim McGinnes AU Member 2019

Former Unit: 196th light infantry brigade, Delta Co 3/21 Recon Platoon. 1966 - 1967

View of the Vietnam War through footage and personal stories of Jim's deployment.

Jim served as a senior scout observer in a Recon Platoon. He was able to chronical events through photographs.

Jim McGinnis retired from the Drug Wholesale Distributor Business after 40 + years in Sales, attended Rutgers University, He was drafted into the U. S. Army in October 1965 and served with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade until July 1967 as a Senior Scout Observer in a Recon Platoon. Jim's MOS 11-Bravo served with Delta Company 3/21, with a one-year Tour of Duty, in South Vietnam.

Jim lives with his wife Beverly, in Waldwick N.J. Beverly of 40 + years and has one son, Jim Jr. who lives in Waldwick, N.J. He has two grandsons, Jackson and Jameson. Jim is a Life Member in the 196th. Light Infantry Brigade Assoc., VFW Post 5702 in Franklin Lakes, N.J. DAV Post 32 in Bergenfield, N.J. VVA Post 800, in Little Ferry, N.J.

Jim truly enjoys being a Tour Guide at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Museum, and Learning Center to educate all the groups as only a Vietnam Veteran can do, and to keep alive the memories of the 1563 Heroes on the Vietnam Memorial.

I encourage you to join Jim and your AU brothers to be reacquainted with something so very long ago, but still in all of our memories that we lived through.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well summer is officially here and AU is still making progress in this environment of reopening during the Corona pandemic.

On June 9th we had our first General Meeting in 90 days via Zoom. We had 53 members attend. The meeting progressed smoothly. We did not have our normal attendance of 75 to 90 members nor did we have a speaker. The purpose was to update membership and solicit their opinions on the three major events planned for the remaining portion of this year-The September Luncheon, the October Breakfast and the Annual Christmas Party as well as any other thought and concerns members may have. In June, we also had our first Public Discussion Group and Investment Study Group Meetings since March. Both were well attended.

As you may have noted and participated in, we held two surveys at the beginning of the month on members interested on attending our September Luncheon and October Breakfast based on our guess at what the restrictions will be at that time. There were e-mails sent out to members. Of that number approximately 190 were open. We received 117 responses on the September Luncheon- 32 saying they would attend with their spouses or significant other and 85 saying they would not attend. On the October Breakfast we received 118 responses-63 members said they would attend and 55 said they would not. The Board at this time plans to hold these events and will re-evaluate them as we get closer to each event. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and stay healthy. **Bob Dauer**-President.

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http://www.activitiesunlimited.org/Introducing_AU%E2%80%99s_Website.pdf

Please remember that WRC is a smoke-free environment. This includes E-Cigarettes.

Trips, Tours & Special Events Calendar

Checks for these events, payable to Activities Unlimited accepted at the monthly meeting.
Sign up sheets are nice, but money talks. Get your check in ASAP, don't wait 'til it's too late.

Due to the Coronavirus

All Trips and Tours are Postponed, Rescheduled, On Hold or Canceled

CANCELED, April 27, 2020, Tour of the Shore - Sea Girt to Long Branch

Dick Botta at dickbotta@hotmail.com for those that are scheduled for this trip a full refund will be mailed to you shortly.

Rescheduled to September 15, 2020, TUESDAY, Annual Spring Luncheon/Dance at

Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes, NJ. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Buffet lunch served at 12:30pm. Music by the AU Guys Band. Please sign up as early as possible so we can set the number of tables required. The price is \$29.00 per person. Wives/significant others are invited. Make checks payable to: Activities Unlimited and mail to: **Doug Cooper**, 15 David Alan Way, Montville, NJ 07045. Any questions contact Doug at 908-907-1112 or dcoop1025@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

TO BE RESCHEDULED - AU WINE TASTING We will hold the AU WINE TASTING event on a date to be determined by the Governor's phased opening. **TOTAL WINE, 1001 Main Street, River Edge, NJ**, (right off Route 4). It will be a fun AU social gathering with pizzas being served (soda & water is also available). Wives/significant others are invited. This event sold out very fast last year. We only have room for 40 people, so send in your checks for \$15 pp ASAP payable to Activities Unlimited to: **George Lewis**, 45 Walnut Street West, Mahwah, NJ 07430

CANCELED, Lake Hopatcong BOARDWALK BARBECUE at the Jefferson House.

On Hold September, 2020, AU Annual Social

On Hold October, 2020, AU Breakfast

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, Christmas Dinner/Dance at Seasons.