

3rd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)
Memorial Reunion Tribute
45th Anniversary
1968 – 2013

Whereas, Brigadier General Frank Brusino was the Commander of the New York State Special Forces with locations in White Plains, Albany and Buffalo; and

Whereas, the open land on Grand Island was ideally suited for parachute jumps; and

Whereas, the Green Berets of the New York Army National Guard completed nine parachute jumps on the Island on Whitehaven Road near Harvey Road from 1966 – 1970, involving 12 – 60 jumpers for each one, jumping from aircraft provided by the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base; and

Whereas, a plaque “In appreciation to the people of Grand Island from the Men of the Green Beret” containing the United States Army Special Forces distinctive unit insignia and their motto “De Oppresso Liber” was presented to the Town on June 12, 1970 and displayed on the Court Bench in the Town Hall; and

Whereas, a 45th Memorial Reunion of the members of the 3rd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) New York Army National Guard is being held at the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base on April 20 and 21, 2013; now therefore

Be It Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island congratulates the members of the Special Forces on the occasion of their reunion, thanks them for their service to our country and wishes them good health and happiness for many more years.