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Chief Dick Fuller

Dick's daughter, Margie Fuller Lavander, sent me the following message on 17 July 2020:

Hello Del Oxford,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of my Dad Dick Fuller. I had the privilege of seeing the wonderful newsletter you sent out to the 315th Alumni Association regarding my father. I appreciate you and all of the Alumni member's concerns regarding my Dad. My Dad was officially diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimer's Dementia earlier this year. On April 30th, his doctor advised he was neurologically incapacitated from this disease and could not make medical decisions and was not capable of the operation a motor vehicle safely. Fortunately I had taken his car away from him a few weeks prior. I am not sure how familiar you are with this disease, however, doctors state it is extremely important to keep Dementia patients in their routine as much as possible, however with my Dad's routine consisting of him driving daily and attending various functions and no longer being able to drive has caused his health to decline drastically. Needless to say this COVID-19 has not helped either. He is extremely agitated and has no insight into his condition. I am currently working with case workers and psychiatrists to help determine the best course of action for his care. My Dad will be placed in a "Memory Care Facility." Regarding his cell phone, that number has changed. Doctors are not wanting him to have access to his cell phone at this time. Once he is allowed to have it, I will provide you with the number. He is no longer at home and that is why you are not reaching him there. As soon as I know more I will provide you with an update. Once again

words cannot express how grateful I am to the wonderful things you said in regards to my Dad in your July newsletter. It warms my heart to know how many people understand what a wonderful man he is and how much he has done throughout his career and retirement. I do ask that you and everyone to please pray for my father and family during this difficult time. Feel free to call me with any concerns you may have. If I don't answer I will try to get back with you at my earliest convenience.

Regards.

Margie Fuller Levander

On July 17th, Lt Col Wayne Capps of Public Affairs sent the following message:

Hello everyone,

I talked with Chief Fuller's family and they asked me to give you all the following information. Dick was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Dementia and is in a long term facility. The family has requested that there is no visitation or calls. Of course with COVID-19, visitation is not allowed anyway, but as he transitions to this facility it is important to keep him focused on his new environment. His family is very busy right now making sure he is taken care of and this is a very difficult time for them. If you need to contact them, they have requested that you work through me and I will help however I can. Also, if any of you receive a call from him, please let me know so that I can pass that along. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Wayne Capps, Lieutenant Colonel

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Newsletters published for the year 2020

January 29th Newsletter

February 1st Newsletter

February 7th Newsletter

March, no newsletter published

April 1st, #1 issue Newsletter, Chief Dick Fuller

May 25th, Special News Bulletin, Brenda E. Oxford

June 1st, 4th of July edition newsletter

July 6th, Special News Bulletin, CMSGT Clyde H. Clayton

August 7th, Newsletter, Chief Dick Fuller, more information

At this time, we have seen tensions rise, rioters have taken advantage of the peaceful protesters to burn and loot buildings, angry citizens have recklessly hurled objects and insults at law enforcement officers. It has to stop. Americans are better than this. Together, let's find common ground to stand on so that every American can enjoy the freedoms we vowed to protect with our lives.

For God and country,

Del Oxford, Communications & Historian

