



The BOBCAT Bulletin

5th INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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Next Reunion - Valley Forge PA

12 - 17 September 2023

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Future Reunions

2024 - Dayton OH &

2025 - Lexington KY

"A Board Meeting was held"

Join us in September for a reunion in maybe our country's most historic area. It is where our country and freedom were born.

Some of the things you can experience while in Valley Forge are:

Valley Forge Park



"While the park's trails are reason enough to visit, the show's real star is the area's historical significance. As the site of George Washington's camp from December 1777 to June 1778, Valley Forge can lay claim to one of the most important periods of the American Revolution. Historians and park officials have painstakingly recreated the encampment itself, and some of the original buildings even remain, like Washington's headquarters. If you are interested in the Revolutionary War or just want to learn a little something and check out some cannons, Valley Forge

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A Good Reason to Attend Reunions

"About 28 years ago I was busy making dinner for my family, when the phone rang. Being from Michigan, you can imagine my surprise when the person calling had a heavy southern drawl. He asked for my husband, Michael Koehs.

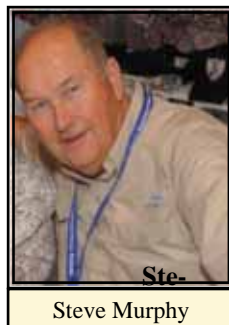
It only took a moment for my husband's facial expression to change to a huge smile. It was his friend, Steve Murphy, from South Carolina. He hadn't spoken to Steve in over 25 years when they served together in Viet Nam.

Steve was calling to encourage Mike to attend the upcoming reunion of the 25th Division and the 1st of the 5th Regiment. He said it was being held in Washington D.C. and Arlington VA. It was going to be great with the highlight being the dedication of the Korean War Memorial.

Steve had to do some fast talking since Mike had never been to a reunion and really wasn't very interested in going. But somehow, Steve changed Mike's mind and we made plans to drive to D.C.

When we arrived at the hotel, everyone we met was very welcoming. Mike was thrilled to see so many guys he served with back in '68. And I got to put some faces with the names I had

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Steve Murphy

NEW

5TH INFANTRY REGT. ASSN. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SEE PAGES 6-8 FOR DETAILS

Member Rick Brown plans to write an article titled "My 2¢ Worth" to appear in every edition of the Bobcat Bulletin. Below is his 1st article.

"My 2¢ Worth"

By MSG(R) Rick Brown
Introduction

"Hello Bobcats, Bobcat Family and Friends of Bobcats! My name is Rick Brown and I'm a Life Member of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association. I retired after 34 uninterrupted consecutive years in the Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve in 2008. My Army career started as an 11B Light Weapons Infantryman with the 5th Infantry "Bobcats" at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. My career ended as an 88M/Z (formerly 64C/Z) Senior Operations Sergeant/Chief Instructor for all Army Reserve Transport Schools (Boat, Motor Transport, Movement and Rail). While on Active Duty with the Bobcats, we mobilized and deployed



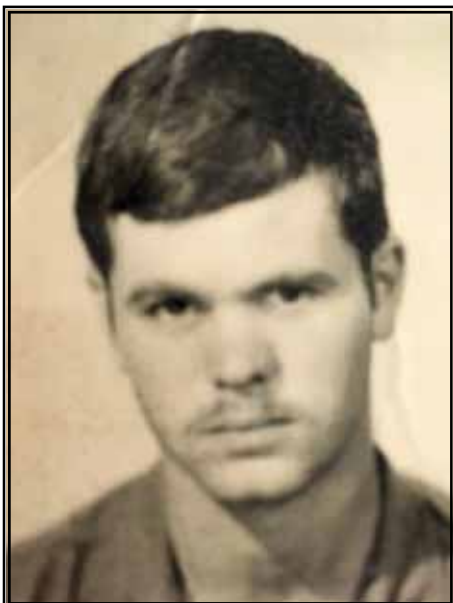
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"I'll Try Sir"

The Summer 2023 Newsletter will be out June/July 2023 - Send me articles, pictures and stories for publication.

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heard stories about.

Mike and I were married about 7



Mike in Vietnam

months after he came home from Viet Nam. Sometimes he would talk about the time his track was hit by a rocket. He seemed to have "Survivor's Guilt" because Dave Dahlin and Donald Butler were on either side of him when the rocket hit. They were killed and Mike survived. Whenever we visited The Wall, he would find their names and place his hand there and say, "This is where my name should be."



He explained to me what happened that day. His track was the last vehicle in a convoy. The enemy set up their rocket launchers and shot at the track, which took a direct hit. It blew Mike up into the air, cutting shrapnel into his head. He grabbed his helmet and rifle and hurried into a thicket, making a path as he crawled through. He couldn't hear

because of the head wound. But it didn't take him long to realize that someone was following him. So he doubled back and watched to see who was following him. The guy had blonde hair, so Mike knew he was a friend. I'm sure I'm not spelling his name correctly, but his name was Jerry Grebauer. Jerry had shrapnel in his eyes and couldn't see. But Mike could see, so between the two of them, they made their way. Jerry motioned that there was a helicopter overhead. They shot off a flair.

It took what seemed to be forever, but was probably 3 or 4 hours. Firepower was called in to make the enemy retreat. Eventually, the medevac helicopter arrived and took them to the hospital. All the while, in the helicopter, at the hospital and every place after that, Mike was trying to find out who called in the fire power, which of course, saved his life.

No one knew.

It haunted him.

Fast-forward to 1995, 27 years later, in Washington D.C.

During that long weekend reunion, Saturday evening was planned to be the big banquet for the 25th Division. However, Friday night, the 1/5 reserved a room at the Steak and Ale in Arlington VA, with a smaller dinner.



Norma & Steve Murphy

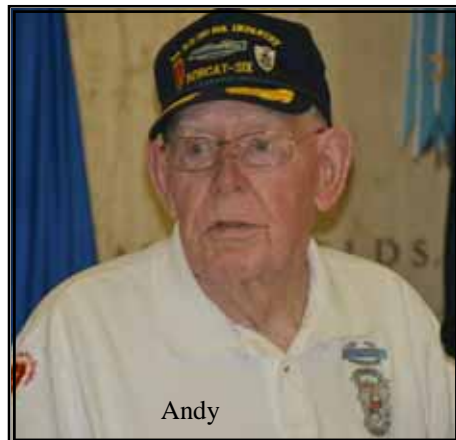
We drove over there with our friends, Norma and Steve Murphy. We were a little early and only a few people were there. We headed over towards a man who had white hair and by himself, to keep him company.

We thought he might be a relative of one of the soldiers, since he was older than we were.

We all introduced ourselves, and met our new friend, Andy Anderson. Mike asked Andy if he knew anyone who served in Viet Nam, and Andy said, "Yes! I did!" Needless to say, we were all stunned.

After speaking with Andy for a while, Mike realized Andy must have

been in-country in September, 1968... the 12th, I believe, and asked him if he recalled a certain road and a convoy, etc.



Andy

Andy told us that when he arrived in Viet Nam he was given the title of Bobcat 6. He wanted to see where "his boys" were fighting so he would have a better understanding of what they were up against and could lead them better.

So, he asked his helicopter pilot to take him up and over to where the fighting was. The pilot said, "Sir, I can't take you up there. Helicopters are the first thing they try to shoot down." Andy was insistent and said, "Do I have to order you up there?!" That's all it took. They went up in the helicopter.

The pilot was looking in one direction, presumably ready to dodge a rocket. And Andy was looking down below where he could see his tracks in a convoy. Suddenly, the last track took a direct hit from an enemy rocket. He saw two GIs take cover in a thicket. But the others laid dead. Andy exclaimed to the pilot that they had to help those guys. The pilot only could see the damaged track and said, sir, we can't help them. Andy said he saw two of his boys take

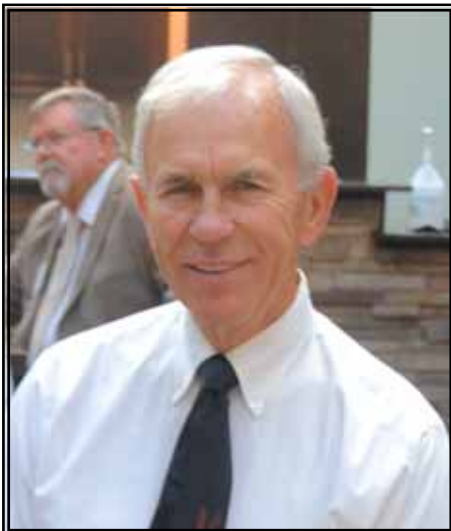


cover. That's when he called in fire power and eventually medevac.

Then Andy said to us, "I always wondered what happened to those boys,"

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greeting Bobcats,

"I trust that you all had great holidays. Deb and I were able to make it back to Illinois right after the 1st of the year to celebrate 4 birthdays, 1 anniversary, then watch 3 of the grandsons play 5 basketball games. It was a fun but exhausting week...then the 900 mile drive home. I hope by now all, or most, have had time to review the events for our next reunion and made reservations for the hotel. Randy and Carolyn have set up some amazing tours for the week. Sign up early to insure you get the tours you want! The news lately has been really negative, the war in Ukraine, North Korea nuclear test, classified documents popping up like corn after a spring rain. The good news is that the US remains the strongest nation on earth. We can be proud of the legacy the U.S. military has when confronted with those that would do us harm. The Board of Directors will have had the first meeting for the scholarship move from the 25th Division to the 5th Infantry Regiment Association. Lots of questions still to be asked and decisions to be made but this will be a welcome event. Looking forward to presenting options to the membership at the reunion. As we enter the last phase of winter and head into spring remember it's a dangerous world out there so stay safe and enjoy life."

Gary Robertson - President

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And Mike responded, "Sir, that was me!"

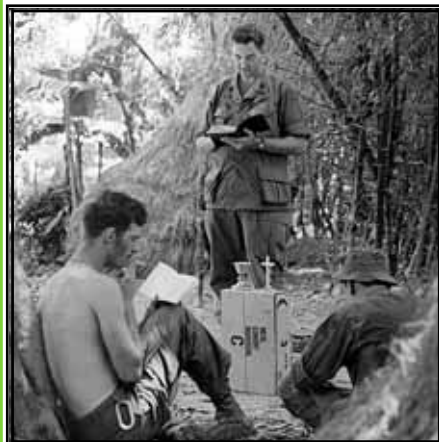
By attending the reunion, Mike finally got the answer to his question, "Who saved my life? The answer was, Lt. Col. Andy Anderson, Bobcat 6. Now Ret. Major General Andy Anderson. God bless you, Andy."

The family of Michael Koehs:

Cheryl Koehs
Michael D. Koehs II
Julie Koehs Tackett

Chaplain's Corner

"Chaplain (Capt.) Merle D. Brown was the last Army Chaplain casualty of the Vietnam War. On Easter Sunday, April 11, 1971, he was killed in a helicopter crash in the Quang Ngai province. Brown is honored on Panel 4W, Row 118 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



The American Lutheran chaplain is pictured in Vietnam on the National Day of Prayer on October 21, 1970. He had to use a C-ration box as an altar while he read from the Bible with the men of the Americal Division's 11th Infantry Brigade's 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry.

As the Association's Chaplin, I want to share stories of Chaplains in Combat service. Many types of people were embedded in infantry units.

I love you all, respect and have gratitude from my heart. Remember I'm always praying for the 5th infantry Regiment."

Kerry Collins

(please reach out if you need me)

* Kerry is our Association's Chaplin

5th Infantry Association

President - Gary Robertson
Vice President - Bart Stanzione
Treasurer & Quartermaster- Chester Johnson
Membership Secretary - Tom Frame
Historian - Sam Kier
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Webmaster - Randy Kethcart
Past Presidents - Nicky Fasselin and George Chavez
Bobcat Board of Directors consists of the above and the following elected directors:
Robert Kiehm, Jeff McGrath, Bill Silva
Chaplain (Appointed) - Kerry Collins

Reminder !

1. Notify Tom Frame about changes in address and phone number etc.
2. Check your membership - If there is a **red 22** on the address label after your name, your dues expires 31 DEC 21. Please renew now!

Reunions

Valley Forge PA 12-17 SEP 2023
Dayton OH 2024
Lexington KY 2025

HONORED BOBCAT MEMBERS

Honorary Colonel of the Regiment
Andy Anderson (MG-R)

Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment

George Chavez (MSG-R)

Distinguished Members of the Regiment

SSG Eddie Barba(1/5), Jon Blickenstaff, Joe "Red" Burdick, Jon Cartwright, Jim Caudle, Fred Deverse, James Garner, Ron Henry(1SG-R), Randy Kethcart, Sam Kier, Ralph Laubecher, Denis McDonough, Victor Mercado (CSM -R), SGT John Paul Morgan 2/5, Daryl Niles (CSM-R), Jerry Peal, Paul Robinson, Roger Smith, John Snodgrass (MAJ-R), Bart Stanzione, Bob Wood (COL-R)

Honorary Members of the Regiment

Sue Caudle, Carolyn Deverse, Shannon Henry, Carolyn Kethcart, Teri Tringali

Bobcat of the Year

Roger Smith 03, Ron Henry (1SG-R) 04, Denis McDonough 05, Randy Kethcart 07, Hank Engelke 08, Gary Young 09, Joe "Red" Burdick 10, Paul Moir 11, Bart Stanzione 12, Jerry Peal 13, Jim Caudle 14, Sam Kier 15, Ed Kawczynski 16, Carolyn & Randy Kethcart 17, Gary Robertson 18, Chester Johnson 19, Nicholas Vogt 20, Tom Frame 22

The **red** numbers after your name on the address label tells what year your dues expires. Need to renew?

ROSTER

Additions, Changes & Corrections

The information provided below is new since the last Newsletter was printed.

(Please let us know when any of your information like phone #, address or E-mail address changes or is incorrect. Contact Tom Frame at:

460 Center School RD - Perkasie PA 18944
toppop68@gmail.com or 215-514-6613

Lost Members:

We have no information on these members. Please contact us if you have information (Address, Phone number and or E-mail).

McFadden, Terri, Blanton III, Carl
"Trey" A., **Jones, Charles, Reiter, Kenneth, Amedio, Carl D., Cope, Sean**

Roster Changes/Corrections:

>>> If your E-mail address changes you need to notify us if you want to continue to receive Chapter E-mails and to have your correct E-mail address in the roster.

Lentsch, James M.- Address change
518 3rd ST NW
Valley City ND 58072-2806

Need Information:

The following members information is needed.

Need E-mail Address for:

Edwards, James "Dusty"

Hill, Gary

Landry, Robert

Please send needed information to:
fpd@bobcat.ws

Taps:

Shearin, Earl - from Butch Petit & Billy Smith that Earl Shearin has passed away. No other information is known.

OUR MINUET WITH DEATH

17JAN 23

"This piece appeared in the most recent newsletter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart newsletter released just yesterday. I thought that it was rather poignant and that many of our comrades in arms would appreciate the sentiment contained in this brief treatise of combat.

All the best for the New Year,"

Jim Cuthbertson

OUR MINUET WITH DEATH

"War is the province of death . . . and herein lies the paradox. War forces men (and women) for a time to be more intensely alive than they ever were, or ever will be again. What a soaring elation to eventually be enveloped in the quicksand of daily existence . . . a life sentence of eight to five . . . with no parole. Nobody comes back from war the same person and it never ends for those who fight it. War is a specter which follows them to the grave. No matter what they do afterwards, the apparition lingers and says, "There is nothing compared to me." And this haunting presence is right. Intense emotional attachments flower and over time, most fade and grow old . . . mere wisps remind us of bygone days. Yet, in the winter of our lives, our grisly companion boldly steps forward into our misty reveries and brings forth with vividness our youthful minuet with death. When you meet a veteran who has experienced war, you should remember that no matter how ordinary he, or she, looks and sounds, he, or she, is different from you. He, or she, knows things that you do not know because your life does not teach the things he, or she, had to learn. You were never asked to kill your fellow man . . . or to die. You have never emerged a hair's breadth from death and experienced the elation of just being alive, nor have you had to endure the presence of death stalking you day . . . after day . . . after day . . . and for some, even when the danger has long passed.."

Author unknown WWII Veteran

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is the place for you."

Philadelphia PA

"The country's first World Heritage City, Philadelphia is also the birthplace



of the United States, where our Founding Fathers met, discussed, debated and formed a new country.

Lucky for 21st-century visitors, so much of Philadelphia's history has been preserved. That includes, of course, two of the city's most important attractions: Independence Hall (one of the only World Heritage sites in the country and where the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were drafted and signed) and the Liberty Bell....

It also includes the historic houses, government buildings, museums, churches and cemeteries that make up Independence National Historical Park, the "most historic square mile in America" run by the National Parks Service that sees millions of visitors every year."

Help Find Jan Teschner

Hello Fred,

"As I was reading Letters from Vietnam by Joe Lex a name jumped out at me. I tried to find him years ago but alas I didn't know how to spell his last name correctly and never knew his first name. We just called him Doc and he was with us August 19th 1968 when I was wounded and we lost a few Bobcats in that ambush. Jan Teschner is his name and



we were friends. Enclosed is a picture I took probably in Dau Tieng. I really would like to reconnect with him, even at this late date. Any info would be very much appreciated.

Thank you and Happy New Year,"

Wayne Grindstaff

Bravo 2-3 3/68-3/69

Jim Caudle Dies

I have just been informed that our former Treasurer/Quartermaster died on 21 MAR 23. More information later.

Members' Comments, Letters, E-mails & Information

Please send me your thoughts, comments, impressions, criticisms & suggestions etc. along with pictures for "your" Bobcat Bulletin!

The Bobcat With The Upside Down Track

Regarding the picture in the Winter newsletter of the track that got turned upside down when it drove into an unforeseen bomb crater.

"About the pictures of track 32, A Co, third platoon, sometime before Jan 3 1968, looks like E-6 Sergeant Elping, after Beckler sees this we'll know for sure, I went to the field Jan 3, happened before my time, but I was there with this Sergeant.

Chuck Kennedy

Regarding Rich Hautekeete

"A True Hero"

Richard's death (Dec 2. 2022) was



reported in the last (Winter 2022) newsletter.

"Rich Hautekeete was my Platoon Sergeant, a decent man and a true hero.

He was out in the field for most of his tour and in areas heavy sprayed by agent orange. Add him to the list of so many of our comrades whose lives were cut short by the exposure."

Regards

Jim Quealy

Regarding Sue Caudle

"We instantly felt at home!"

"Julie and I are so very saddened to read of Sue's passing. We so recall her at the registration table at our first reunion. She met us with such a warm and cheery greeting, that we instantly felt at home with our brothers and sisters of the Bobcat nation.

There are very few in our association who rival the work, dedication, and LOVE of Sue Caudle.

We do hope that her final days were painless and comfortable, and we look forward to the registration table when we next see her."

Paul Robinson

The Frames Have Lunch With A 5th Afghanistan Veteran



"Josh Quigg is a 5th infantry soldier who served in Afghanistan in 2011-2012 as a sniper.

He was also in Kara's video, "I Will Go Back Tonight"

He's in Allentown Pa. visiting family and thought to give me a call and we went and had lunch together last week. He lives in Texas right now but soon

will be leaving for Anchorage Alaska for work but not sure when that's happening.

He's not leaving until the 28th so next week we'll meet for another lunch.

I asked if he'd like to join the Regiment and he said he would. I sent him to the web site and told him I'd take care of his first year dues after completing the paperwork and giving it to me next week.

I also explained that if he's in contact with any of his buddies from Afghan we'd love to have them join us."

Hope all is well,"

Tom Frame

Appearing on the Internet

Along with Joe Lex's letter to his parents dated 19JAN 69 and the picture below.

"Notes from Nam, dated 19 Jan 69, in which I hear from my Australian "girlfriend" after my mother and father send her family a "thank you" note for



Soupy on the left and Blinky on the right

entertaining me during my visit in December, and Ronald Soppe, aka Soupy, is designated to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, and I heap praise on him and Bruce F. Cotta, aka Blinky. Battalion Action Report: none "

Did You Know?

You can renew your membership or make a donation and pay by credit card. Just go to :

<http://fifth-infantry-regiment-assoc.herokuapp.com/registration>

NEW

5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND and COMMITTEE APPROVED FOR OUR OWN!

E-mail sent 19 FEB 23

By MSG(R) Rick Brown

"At the Colorado Springs General Membership Meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2022, under New Business, Rick Brown opened a discussion to talk about the possibility of forming our own 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship Fund with a Scholarship Committee to manage and administer it.

Discussion: In June of 2022, the Department of the Army uncased the colors of the 11th Airborne (Arctic) Division and reassigned the 5th Infantry Regiment "Bobcats" to it from the 25th Infantry Division (ID) where they had been assigned for nearly 60 years! A very long time indeed!

It was further discussed that there was not likely to be an 11th Airborne (Arctic) Division Scholarship Fund anytime soon as the new division is still being stood up. Sooner, rather than later, a 5th Infantry Regiment Soldier once assigned to the 25th ID (Tropic Lightning) will no longer exist but they will always be a "Bobcat." If there's another bright side here, it's that to the best of our knowledge at the present time, the 5th Infantry Regiment will still be known as "Bobcats," although they may possibly be referred to as "Arctic Bobcats." Only time will tell.

For many years, the 5th Infantry Regiment Association has sent a yearly donation to the 25th ID (Tropic Lightning) Association supporting their Scholarship Fund. While we did not have to make a donation to their Scholarship Fund in order to be able to have scholarship opportunities from them, we did so because we could, we did so because we wanted to.

It is a personal choice of our members to belong to the 25th ID (Tropic Lightning) Association and it is that affiliation that qualifies a person to apply for a scholarship from them. If we were to start our own 5th Infantry Regiment Scholarship Fund, it would likely come to pass that our yearly donation could be reduced or even possibly eliminated completely in favor of supporting

our own scholarship fund.

At the conclusion of the discussion, a motion was made to form an Exploratory Committee for the purpose of starting our own 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship Fund. The motion was seconded and approved at this Annual General Membership Meeting.

It was suggested that there initially be five (5) volunteers for this Exploratory Committee and five (5) people volunteered. The volunteers are Rick Brown from Arizona, Bruce Cotta from Rhode Island, Jeff McGrath from California, Greg Moon from Minnesota and Frank Villanueva, also from California. Once these individuals met, it was decided to wait until the first of the New Year to meet via a Zoom Video Tele-Conference Call (Zoom Call).

On Saturday, January 7, 2023, Jeff McGrath set-up a Zoom Call for the purpose of forming the exploratory scholarship committee and to make a determination on whether the 5th Infantry Regiment Association could support its own scholarship fund. Everyone who volunteered was on this first Zoom Call except Greg Moon who was traveling. However, there was a quorum for official business purposes. After going over a detailed information sheet of pros and cons prepared by Jeff McGrath, other discussions and input, it was decided to transition the Exploratory Scholarship Committee to a formal, viable 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship Committee. And to formally recommend to the Board of Directors that the 5th Infantry Regiment Association start, administer, fund and fundraise its own Scholarship Fund and it be administered by a new, permanent, Scholarship Committee.

The next agenda item from Jeff McGrath's list was selecting a chairperson to head up the Scholarship Committee. Jeff McGrath made a motion to select Rick Brown as he was the catalyst who initiated this possible new endeavor. Bruce Cotta seconded the motion and it was approved.

The next agenda item was to select a Recorder and/or Recording Secretary for proper record keeping and recording

of ALL business of the Scholarship Committee. Rick Brown made a motion for Jeff McGrath to fill this position based on his skills, time availability and a working knowledge of scholarship funds. Both Bruce Cotta and Frank Villanueva seconded the motion and it was approved.

On Monday, February 6, 2023 the 5th Infantry Regiment Association Board of Directors met in executive session via a Zoom Call for the purpose of reviewing the proposal from the original Exploratory Scholarship Committee and after discussing what the committee proposed, a motion was made to start our own 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship Fund and have it be administered by the Scholarship Committee. The motion was seconded and passed with a short list of preparatory stipulations to be addressed by the new Scholarship Committee. **SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE ON THESE PREPARATORY STIPULATIONS.**

Therefore, effective on February 7, 2023 our 5th Infantry Regiment Association has its own Scholarship Fund and the transitional Exploratory Scholarship Committee was approved by the Board of Directors to be effective on February 7, 2023 also, a permanent Scholarship Fund Committee. It is comprised of Chairperson Rick Brown; Recorder Jeff McGrath and Members Bruce Cotta, Greg Moon and Frank Villanueva.

We are in for some exciting times in the coming years! I personally cannot wait until we award our first 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship for the academic year of 2024! Purposely skipping 2023 to fundraise.

And fundraising will be the absolute most important thing that needs to be accomplished. As an individual, I like to think, "outside of the box" and I never want to have to rely on the same individuals being asked to donate time and time and time again. As far as I'm concerned, that's how the well eventually runs dry. I know how to leverage the points to communicate that donations are tax deductible to the extent that the law allows. I'm a firm believer in opportunities to match donations as a way to incentivize individuals or groups. The possibilities for fundraising are only as limited as the mind wants them to be. What are your ideas?

As the Scholarship Committee ramps up fundraising, we will also be creating our own version of a viable (working), yet living (ever improving),

Scholarship Criteria Guidance document or Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). We are fortunate in having a couple of the Scholarship Committee Members being both familiar and comfortable working with these kinds of SOPs.

In closing, it is very important to mention that there will be growing pains with this new endeavor. There will be an almost constant flow of information for quite some time to come. Most, if not all, of the vast amount, yet necessary information, will be shared with the membership by means of articles in the "Bobcat Bulletin" and at our Annual General Membership Meeting at each reunion. The Scholarship Fund Committee is committed to full disclosure and transparency. Always. Period. The entire membership will have too much information before you will ever not have enough information."

"I'll Try, Sir"

Scholarship Fund Questions/ Requirements from the Board of Directors (2)

By MSG(R) Rick Brown

== Listed below are the questions or requirements that the 5th Infantry Regt. Assn.'s. Board of Directors wanted the new Scholarship Committee to address as a condition of recently approving our new Scholarship Fund:

1. The Board of Directors would like to see our first scholarships awarded in 2024.

Answer: The Scholarship Committee agrees with this requirement and will coordinate with the Assn. Treasurer as soon as possible. The Assn. Treasurer will administer (bookkeep) this separate fund for the Scholarship Committee.

2. Scholarship Fund should be a separate fund from the regular 5th Infantry Regt. Assn. checking account.

Answer: The Scholarship Committee agrees with this requirement completely and will coordinate with Treasurer Johnson as soon as possible. Treasurer Johnson will administer (bookkeep) this separate fund for the Scholarship Committee.

== The Board of Directors had two (2) questions concerning who may apply for a 5th Infantry Regt. Assn. Scholarship:

3. Should our Scholarship Fund be open

- for applications from active-duty Soldiers from the 5th Infantry Regt.?
4. Should our Scholarship Fund be limited to only qualified members of our 5th Infantry Regt. Assn.?

Answer: The Scholarship Committee has decided that only qualified members of the Assn. will be eligible to apply for a scholarship. If an applicant happens to be on active-duty (regardless of current unit) but is BOTH a member of our Assn. AND has been a member for at least the 12 preceding months, as a result of a previous assignment with the 5th Infantry Regt., then they are eligible to apply for a scholarship, including legacy affiliation. Essentially, the answer is the same for both questions.

5. The Board of Directors would like to see two (2) scholarships per academic year; one (1) for a Four (4) Year College/University Degree Program and one (1) for a Trade or Vocational/Technical (Vo Tech) Diploma.

Answer: The Scholarship Committee agrees with this requirement BUT ADDS that the VoTech/Trade School Scholarship MUST be at an Accredited VoTech / Trade School AND cannot be for more than two years NOT INCLUDING Internships and/or Work/Study periods. Further, it should culminate in a Completion Certificate and/or Diploma. This scholarship may also be used for an Associate Degree Program at an accredited college.

== The Board of Directors had two (2) questions concerning the monetary amounts of the scholarships:

6. The Board of Directors want to know if both scholarships will be for the same amount?
7. The Board of Directors want to know if the scholarship amounts will be fixed or based on available funds in the Scholarship Fund?

Answer: The Scholarship Committee discussed this and decided that since one (1) scholarship was for a Four (4) Year College/University that it would be for either \$1,000 or \$1,500 and since the other scholarship is for a two (2) year (maximum) Vo Tech Trade School that it would be for \$500 or \$750 but this could be adjusted based on the Vo Tech Trade School expenses and/or available funds in our scholarship fund. Also, at this time the Scholarship Committee tabled a brief discussion on an idea from Chairperson Rick Brown on exploring the idea of renewing a scholarship based on scholarship funds. The subject will be readdressed after a period of fundraising

to determine its feasibility.

== The Board of Directors had two (2) questions concerning the Scholarship Committee/Scholarship Selection Committee:

8. Would the Scholarship Committee also be the Selection Committee or should anonymous volunteers make up a separate Selection Committee?
9. How many anonymous volunteers should make-up a possible separate Selection Committee?

Answer: The Scholarship Committee discussed this in depth and felt that we as the Scholarship Committee could also perform as the Selection Committee with one (1) exception: To avoid any possibility of favoritism, impropriety and/or nepotism, if an applicant for a scholarship has any FAMILY connection whatsoever with a member(s) of the Scholarship Committee, that Scholarship Committee Member MUST recuse themselves from that particular scholarship application. Further, because of that possibility, however slight, the Scholarship Committee will seek two members of the Assn. to perform as Alternate Selection Committee Members in order to always meet quorum. These safeguards negate the need for a separate anonymous Selection Committee. UPDATE: We have those two alternates; Life Members Joe Harris and Butch Wills.

== This satisfactorily answers all of the concerns of the Board of Directors, so, as you can see, YOUR new Scholarship Committee is already hard at work to make our very own Scholarship Fund a success like we've never seen before!

INTRODUCING THE: Major General (Retired) Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship (3)

By: MSG (Ret.) Rick Brown

There it is! As you can see, we have selected and voted on the name of our new 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship to be the: **MG (Ret.) Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship.**

The newly approved 5th Infantry Regt. Assn. Scholarship Committee met on Saturday, February 18, 2023 and several names for the scholarship fund were fielded, suggested and discussed. Some

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of the suggested names were:

- 1) 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship
- 2) Three (3) versions of the following:
 - A. General Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship
 - B. MG (R) Andrew H. Anderson's 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship
 - C. Major General (Retired) **OR** MG (Ret.) Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship
- 3) 5th Infantry Regiment Association
- 4) "Bobcats" Scholarship

A motion was made and seconded for the name to be 2(c) above and a quorum approved it. Therefore, effective immediately, the new 5th Infantry Regt. Assn. Scholarship will henceforth be known as the **MG (Ret.) Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship** and we as your Scholarship Committee wholeheartedly agree that this is the right choice. This name also adheres to strict military protocols worthy of the man, his rank and the respect he earned; before, during and after his service in Vietnam.

Additionally, any future official correspondence to our new scholarship will be printed in either of the two above or below stated formats whenever possible. However, since the General is well known within the 5th Infantry Regt. Assn. and knows many of its members personally, a shortened title when referring to the scholarship fund should be acceptable. Possibly along the lines of "General Anderson Scholarship" which would also be helpful when making donations, talking among ourselves or in publication and writing where space does not allow for the full title. Finally, we feel it would do the man a disservice by simply referring to it as the "Scholarship Fund" and we discourage the use of that inference.

Members of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association, Bobcats, your new Scholarship Committee proudly presents to you the new:

Major General (Retired) Andrew H. Anderson
5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship

FUNDRAISING (5)

== I'll Try, Sir is the 5th Infantry Regiment's motto and has been for over 210

years and our new Scholarship Committee is about ready to start trying! Trying to raise funds like never before for our new Scholarship Fund! I have done extensive research on past fundraising and fundraising activities. I have personally talked to a half a dozen of our members on this subject and have been given quite an earful. Before I talk about fundraising, I want to share some of what I have learned:

== Let me list a few bullet comments, with answers, below:

- 1) The 5th Infantry Regiment Association is financially healthy so the Association should fund or help fund the scholarship fund, right?

No. One of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association's tenets, in simple terms, loosely paraphrasing, is friendship, esprit de corps, morale and camaraderie derived from sharing our blood, sweat and tears spanning several decades, by meeting, relaxing, talking to each other and enjoying each other's company. We are not a bank or a savings and loan association. The organization's funds go toward postage, printing the Bobcat Bulletin, web site service fees, plaques, day-to-day expenses and so forth. In my humble opinion, our Scholarship Fund should come from the heart. From our desire to help as many as possible in the pursuit of their education. Just about everything we do and every expense we have is driven by donations. Membership has been about the same for years; but has been going down slightly. For obvious reasons; we ain't gettin' any younger! A lack of younger, annual members, our main source of revenue at one time, has all but dried up. And two years of the pandemic didn't help at all.

- 2) For nearly 30 years the 5th Infantry Regiment Association has asked for donations for the scholarship fund and since we did not award our own scholarships, we made an annual donation to the 25th ID Association's Scholarship Fund in Hawaii, correct?

Yes; sometimes different amounts but we have consistently donated. Now, however, the 5th Infantry Regiment is no longer a part of the 25th ID in Hawaii. And their new divisional assignment in the 11th Airborne (Arctic) Division is still in the process of standing up.

- 3) There were some years where a reunion was not held and donations spe-

cifically for the scholarship fund were solicited so we could send that donation to Hawaii.

True; not very often but it has happened. Now, if a reunion doesn't happen, like during the pandemic, we could still fundraise **BUT** the money stays with us for **our very own scholarship fund!** How exciting!

- 4) The same members can literally be counted on every single time to always step up when asked for a donation for a worthy purpose or endeavor.

True; this method risks having the well run dry and overall, should not be used regularly. We hope those who always give until it hurts do not tire of doing so but we should not always have to rely on them. There are other ways to fundraise! Keep reading, see below!

- 5) In some past years, our scholarship fund has literally lived year-to-year in order to allow us to make that donation to the 25th ID Association's fund.

True; kinda like living paycheck-to-paycheck. It's hard and is **NEVER** easy. There is a way out though. Read on to see how.

- 6) More years than not, fundraising for the scholarship fund has been by means of a "Pass the Hat" at our reunions.

True; augmented occasionally with a Facebook Fundraiser or an "all call" to give until it hurts. Since this is OUR scholarship fund now, I firmly believe we can do better! I hope we can do better! I want to do better!

== Bobcats are the mascot of both the 5th Infantry Regiment and our own 5th Infantry Regiment Association. We can trace our mascot back to inter-unit baseball games at Bobcat Field at Monteith Barracks in Germany, around 1957 or about 66 years ago. Just six years longer than the 5th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the 25th ID (Tropic Lightning). I'm sure most of you knew this. I, for one, did not, but I'm educating myself every day.

== Now this I did know: The bobcat is a tenacious, ferocious, wild animal. You should see one when they're cornered! I would like us as a generous association to be just as tenacious, just as ferocious,

just maybe not as wild because it will get easier as we march on; in fundraising, for **our very own scholarship fund that benefits just members of our 5th Infantry Regiment Association and family.** Fundraising is not a one-person job but I promise every member of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association that I will be ferocious in fundraising! It's not even the primary job of our five-person Scholarship Committee but we will be the first tenacious ones to fundraise. We'll try not to be like that wild, cornered bobcat even though we know how difficult fundraising can be but there should be no doubt whatsoever that **fundraising MUST be priority one** if we are to build a scholarship fund that eventually can award more than two (2) scholarships a year or to be able to renew some existing scholarships.

== While writing this, I paused for 10 minutes and thought of different ways we could fundraise just off of the top of my head:

- 1) Add a few auction items at the reunion auction that are specifically set aside to benefit the scholarship fund...
- 2) We all love to eat! Whether we eat healthy or otherwise, most of us like to try new recipes from family and friends; I'd like to build, print and sell for a small price a cookbook for our members from our members of local or regional fairs from where we live. I would love full participation for submissions... A man's meal from a man... a couple's meal from a couple's... a comfort food meal from a woman or anyone. I'm not opposed to selling it outside of our association but let's take care of ourselves first...
- 3) How about a calendar? It seems we can't have enough calendars! We could gather pictures, have the calendar professionally printed, and, again, for a small price, sell them. It could be military or Army pictures BUT it would be neat to think out side of the box (Remember, I like to do that!) and since we are all around the country and a lot of us enjoy traveling, how about we submit our favorite picture, whether from the home front or the vacation front, write one or two sentences about the picture, pick a month to link it to and share it with everyone?

4) There are two ideas that should not be cost prohibitive in order to profit and watch **our very own scholarship fund** start to grow!

5) Though not a material idea, I very much like shouting from the highest peak that since we are a non-profit organization, we can reap the benefits of being 501(c)(3) sanctioned and our donations are tax deductible up to the amount allowed by law. In this day and age, stretching our hard-earned bucks and wanting to get the biggest bang for our bucks, this is priceless and can be extremely beneficial. Some don't know that charitable donations are tax deductible regardless of how you file your taxes. And in some states, it also applies to state taxes! What's not to like about that?

6) The last thing I thought of was Matching Funds. It almost always has to be addressed on a case-by-case basis but Matching Funds can be a good way to make a fun competition, a spirited contest if you will, between friends who want to "one up" each other. I still don't know if anyone beat out SGM Chavez on bidding on item after item at last year's reunion auction! LOL! Can anyone tell me? Did he have to rent a U-Haul for the trip home?

== Ok! Like I said those were off the cuff ideas while taking a break from typing this article! Let me close with this: There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that as important as fundraising will be for **YOUR** scholarship fund, from your side of the street I know that many will tire of hearing me beat the proverbial drum for it. It **IS** that important though. There! I've thrown down the gauntlet. Who's with me? **I'll Try, Sir!**

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND GOAL OF \$12,000 ANNOUNCED! (6)

After lots of proposals (and counter-proposals!), discussions and careful consideration of all aspects of our new **MG (R) Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship Fund**, the Scholarship Committee has

set a goal! It is audacious! It is bold! And it's unlike anything ever thought possible in the past! Anyone wanna try to prove me wrong? **Ready? Set! GO!**

The Scholarship Committee has set a goal of **\$12,000 by October 1, 2025** for our very own **MG(R) Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship Fund!** We feel that amount will make the fund viable enough to award our first scholarships beginning with the 2024 Academic Year! And then every year thereafter. **As of March 1, 2023, there is already \$2,005 in the scholarship fund!** So, as you can see, fundraising has already started out with a big **BANG!** A goal of \$12,000 is **only** \$4,000 a year between now and October 1, 2025 and **it is 100% directed to our qualified applicants from our very own 5th Infantry Regiment Association!** That's qualified members, member's immediate family **AND** legacy applicants!

We did not just pick a random figure. 1) We looked where our next three reunions are being held. 2) We discovered that attendance is always higher at Eastern United States locations (Valley Forge, PA; Dayton, OH; Lexington, KY). 3) Most fundraising will be structured. 4) Fundraising will be dynamic, exciting and, now, a challenge! 5) Fundraising will be a team effort; the Scholarship Committee will encourage our members for ideas and looks forward to input and suggestions from **EVERY-ONE!** 6) If all that fails, we'll call in Randy Kethcart and have him repeat, "Give until it hurts!" until we reach or exceed our goal!

Our first four scholarships will be awarded this way: The first two awarded scholarships will be \$1,500 each toward an Undergraduate Degree; one each for Academic Year 2024 and 2025. Concurrently, two more scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$750 each toward an Associate Degree OR Accredited VoTech/Trade School Certificate; one each for Academic Year 2024 and 2025.

Right about now, someone is saying, "that doesn't equal \$12,000 in any math class I've ever taken" and they would be right. It equals \$4,500 and **OUR GOAL** as your Scholarship Committee is to have at least **another** \$4,500 available as a reserve for four more scholarships. Now even more are saying, "that still doesn't add up to \$12,000" so WTH? **OUR CONTINU-**

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ING GOAL as your Scholarship Committee is to have some money for fundraising projects. In a previous article I listed some of our fundraising ideas.

The bottom line is that it costs money to make money. The Scholarship Committee does not want the 5th Infantry Regt. Assn. to fund anything for us! We want to be 100% self-sufficient. To do that we need a small amount of rotating capital in order to fund our projects for a few years. Until such time as we raise that capital by 01OCT25, I'm willing to front our first round of fundraising expenses. I'll be repaid from that eventual capital of \$3,000 **AFTER** we reach the first two scholarships fundraising goal of \$2,250 but only as the fund can stand it. I don't expect to be paid back all at once. I'm considering it an interest free loan of at least up to 18

months. My time and labor are donated free. My only reimbursement will be for actual projected fundraising expenses **WITH RECEIPTS!** After that, our **MG (R) Andrew H. Anderson 5th Infantry Regiment Association Scholarship Fund** will be forever self-sufficient. Fundraising might be able to be dialed back a bit but it will never stop. At least not on my LimaPapa!

So, for all intents and purposes, this goal can be looked at two different ways: \$4,000 a year OR \$12,000 (including a total of \$4,500 which would have already been awarded in Academic Years 2024 and 2025. Six is the same as a half a dozen... You choose how you want to look at it. If – and that's a big IF, we meet the goal before 01OCT25, fundraising does not stop. It can't as I mentioned above. To

do so would make all of our previous efforts for naught. We can no longer simply rely on, "Pass the Hat" with goals like this. Why should we?

As Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, the reason I believe that fundraising does not stop is because I believe others in the 5th Infantry Regt. Assn. think like I do; that this is the right thing to do, at the right time, right now. **Awarding our own scholarships for our very own qualified applicants and legacy applicants** is way overdue. And in some cases, it's too late, but now, it is one of the most important missions we have had in a very, very long time. We are no longer "competing" for a scholarship with thousands of other applicants from the 25th ID Assn. Later, if the applicants thin out, we seriously explore the idea of renewing scholarships, which is very common in higher education circles in this day and age. But we'll cross those bridges down the road; the most important thing right now is to not burn any of those bridges in case we have to cross them later and raise \$12,000 or more!

Finally, let's do "General Andy" proud beyond any perceived expectation! Let's honor his legacy. Let's honor the legacy of our combat veterans. Let's honor the legacy of all of our veterans and our families, significant loved ones, children and grandchildren. And let's watch Randy Kethcart beam from ear to ear by giving until it hurts!

READY!... SET!... GO!

Board of Directors Meeting

On 1 March the Board held a "Zoom" meeting

"Zoom meeting March 1st.
Members present: Jeff, Chester, Bill, Rob, Fred, Sam, Randy, and myself.

--- the last co-named person on the bank accounts is George C. That needs to be changed to the current president going forward.

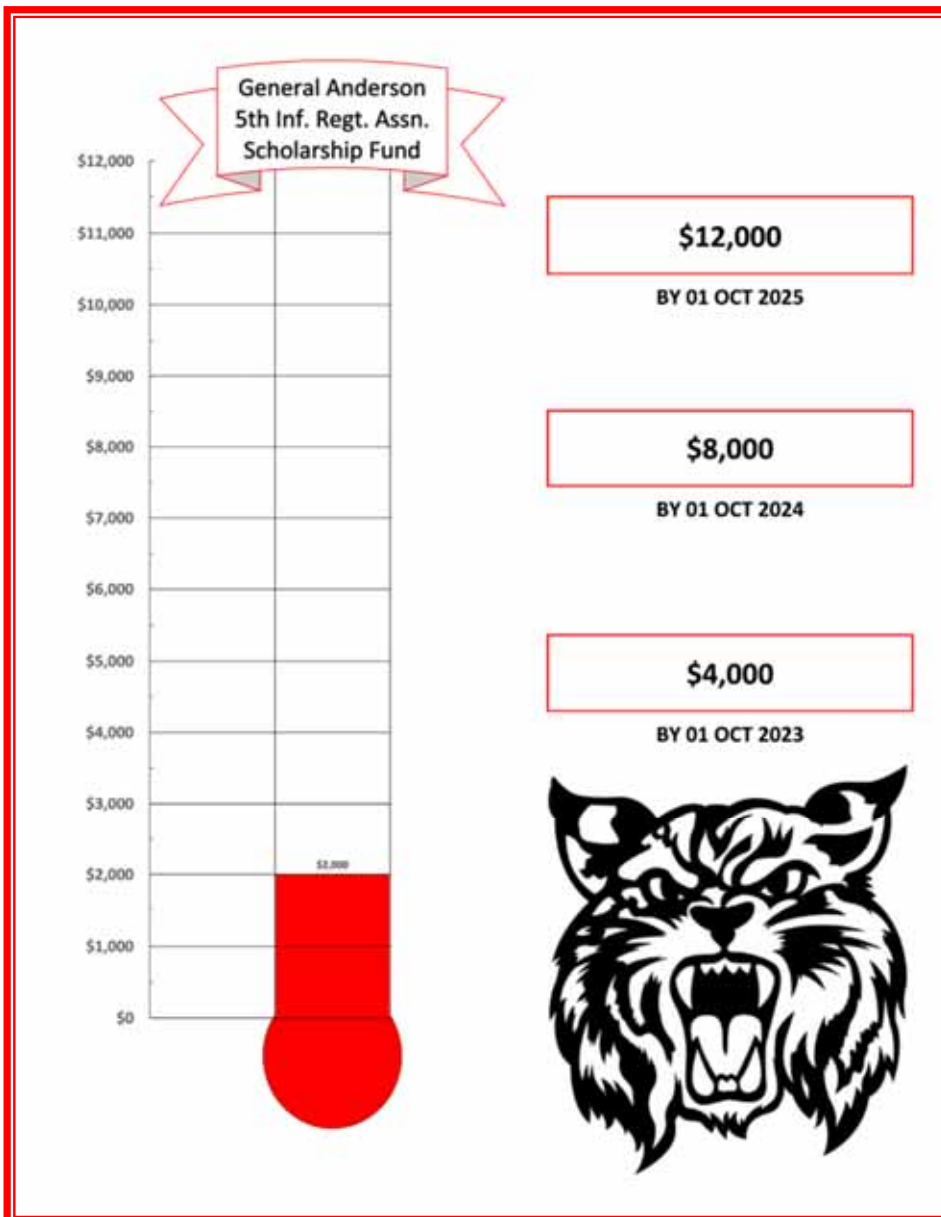
--- Chester will invest approximately half the funds for the 5th Infantry Association in medium term CDs.

--- the scholarship funds will be kept in a separate account.

--- the Association has offered Randy the Alaska 5th Infantry Ball visit. The association will pay for the plane (approximately \$900) and up to 4 nights accommodation.

--- the scholarship committee will have

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to Guam for six months to be the Task Force HQs for Operation New Life – the processing of refugees after the fall of Vietnam in April 1975. Twenty-eight years later, while in the Army Reserve serving as a First Sergeant (1SG) of a Motor Transport Co., my unit was mobilized and deployed to Iraq for over a year. The days of reserve units being called up for only six months is long gone! While in the Army Reserve, I also worked full time for CSX Railroad as a Signal Maintainer, retiring in 2012 after 31 years. To say I have had full and active careers is an understatement. I moved from Northern Kentucky (across the Ohio River from Cincinnati) in 2016 and my life partner and I now live in Southwest Arizona, where I enjoy the retired life and Susan teaches high school Advanced Placement and Honors Chemistry.

Enough for an introduction. My intent here is to write a recurring article titled “My 2¢ Worth” to pass on useful, important and/or worthwhile information for your reading pleasure. Each submission of “My 2¢ Worth” will be subtitled with the relevant topics title or a tease for the relevant subject title. It could be about a current or past event, military related or not; a worthwhile tip or shortcut, something in between and maybe something “tongue-in-cheek” humorous or semi-serious. It takes 12 muscles to smile and 11 muscles to frown so I’ll strive to accomplish maximum smiling exercise and maybe we will all live just a little bit longer! We all grew up with having someone in our lives always saying that three subjects were never discussed, so in keeping with that, “My 2¢ Worth” will not broach those subjects. If you do not know what those three subjects are, ask someone.

Okay then, look for “My 2¢ Worth” in the next edition of the “Bobcat Bulletin” and I’ll close by saying if anyone has any ideas or suggestions for a topic, please feel free to email me at: retiredarmye8rickbrown@gmail.com and I check my email twice daily. If you email me something, I will acknowledge it in case I need any clarification on what you sent me.”

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Follow The Leader

By Roger Sperl

Early one morning in Viet Nam, we worked our M-113 tracks up on a horse shoe ridge-line surrounding a valley that we were to sweep. Acting as the blocking force our plan was to march an artillery barrage up the valley floor below us, trapping the enemy between artillery and our surrounding troops.

As the new bravo company radio operator, I was not needed at battalion, so I headed over to my old 1-4 track and climbed up on top to watch the show. Track 1-4 had pushed into the spike bamboo and had the best view of the action. The spike bamboo formed an impenetrable wall of barbed wire like entanglement, to the front and sides of our track. There was only one way off the top of the track, and that was through a cluttered path to the rear of the track and a climb down to the low-ered ramp.

We had a great view and others noticed it. Soon another six troops had climbed up on top to watch the show. Lastly, an unknown 2nd lieutenant climbed up on top. I was confused. Who was this Lt? I thought perhaps he was with Battalion or Artillery. I will refer to him as Lt. Peachfuzz since I didn’t get his name but I did notice that he was blocking the only path between those of us exposed on top of the track and the ground.

The show started. An awesome perfect line of explosions drew a line across the mouth of the valley and the sound shook us in a second or two. Well, almost perfect. One explosion was just slightly behind the others and very slightly off center. Hardly noticeable at our distance but maybe off by an almost indistinguishable 10 meters. The second barrage was adjusted and a closer and louder line of explosions drew another line further up valley. I noticed that one impact was again out of place, this time by about 50 meters.

Having observed both errors I mentally drew a line between the two and realized the next one would be right on top of us. We had about six seconds. I looked over at Lt. Peachfuzz and saw him looking down at the valley floor with a dazed and confused expression on his face and it was obvious that he just didn’t get it. His body blocked the only path off our exposed location on the top of the track, and into the possible protection of the inside of 1-4. Inside the track we would be protected from anything

except a direct hit, or a hit to the rear as the ramp was down. Lt. Peachfuzz’ rank caused a pause in the troops as it was his job to lead and he wasn’t moving.

I realized that we had six seconds to save six troops and for every second’s delay, one person would die. As the next person in line, I took action. I bent over to reach for the towing hook handle we used to swing down to the rear ramp, making sure my shoulder hit Lt. Peachfuzz’ chest sending him flying off the top of the track into the spike bamboo at the same time shouting “EVERYBODY INSIDE” !

Lt. Peachfuzz flailed his arms as he went over the side and disappeared into the bamboo. With the obstruction removed, the bottle was uncorked. As the first person inside, I counted as people flew into the rear of our track. One second, two, at six seconds six more troops were inside. At seven seconds, with what must have been near superhuman effort, Lt. Peachfuzz fought free from the bamboo and into the track just as a massive explosion rocked 1-4.

The lights went out. A cloud of dirt, smoke and rocks drifted across the open back ramp blocking out the sun. Rocks rained down on our entire hilltop position. The artillery round had impacted just twenty five feet directly in front of our track, shredding the paint job and gouging the metal on the front of our armored personnel carrier. The undergrowth in front had been mowed down like a thirty foot diameter weed whacker.

The artillery was shut down but, just in case, I suggested that the ramp be raised as another round could impact behind us. Later someone reported back that there was heated discussion and a lot of finger pointing going on over at the battalion command track. Artillery saying no. Not us, no way, it must have been enemy fire. Obviously if the enemy had us that well-sighted in, they would not have ceased fire. Helicopters carrying high-ranking officers buzzed in to the command post and I’m sure more finger pointing occurred. The high-ranking officers inspected the impact crater. It seems that one gun out of several batteries of artillery, was working its way up the gun-observer line and not the gun-target line. How does that happen?

I never did figure out who Lt. Peachfuzz was. If he was with artillery, I hope he learned a lesson. Sorry about your flight through the spike bamboo, Lt. Peachfuzz. Well..... no, I’m not.

1-5th INFANTRY - ARCTIC BOBCATS - FT WAINWRIGHT AK



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
1st Battalion 5th Infantry Regiment
3214 Santiago Avenue
Fort Wainwright AK 99703-8000



CDR LTC Don Kanase &
CSM Travis Ellis

Bobcats!

Arctic greetings! As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we received D Company, previously A Company 3-21, early this January. Since the day they became Bobcats, they have integrated seamlessly into our Battalion. We love having our D Co and our D Co loves being Bobcats.

We are in the full swing of preparation for our biggest training event of the year as Task Force Bobcat (Opposing Forces, aka OPFOR) fights against the entire 2/11 Spartan Brigade at our Regional Combat Training Center in the Yukon Training Area (equivalent to NTC and JRTC). Over the past 3 months, our focus has gone into training for this big fight. Included in our train-up, we conducted a Fire Support Coordination Exercise (FSCX) where we orchestrated artillery, mortars, Attack Aviation, and small arms fires. We then conducted a large-scale Task Force Field Training Exercise that included an Air Assault to seize objectives in the extreme cold. We had over 600 Bobcats dominating throughout the Yukon Training Area!

After we completely destroy the 2/11 Spartan Brigade, we will shift our focus to two significant missions for this summer. Half of the Bobcat Battalion will deploy for an exercise in Malaysia known as EXERCISE KERIS STRIKE. The other half of our Bobcat Battalion will remain on Fort Wainwright to earn our Expert Infantry Badges (EIB), Expert Soldier Badges (ESB), and Expert Medical Field Badges (EFMB).

We're all excited for our upcoming Bobcat Battalion Ball on Saturday, 3 June! We look forward to our Bobcat veterans who can make it to reconnect! We're anticipating 800 Bobcats having a Ball! I'll Try, Sir!" Bobcats win!

Respectfully,
LTC Don Kanase, Bobcat 6



Wolf Winter Games Champions

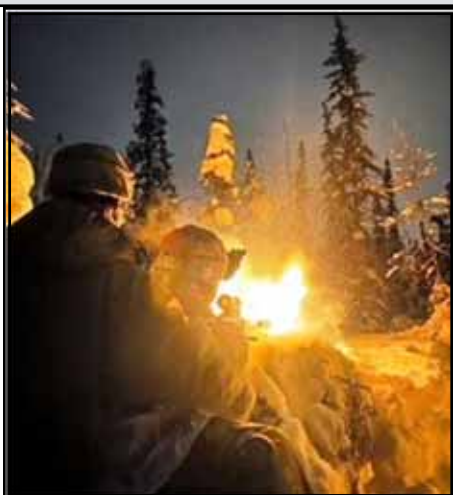


Dagger Company Re-Flagging Ceremony



Thank you LTC Kanase for the update and pictures!

Anger Company conducting Squad Simulated Tactical Exercise



Brigade Fight Like a Wolf Combatives Tournament Champions



Brigade Fire Support Coordination Exercise



Pictures with a  are from a
"Platoon Live Fire Exercise"



Searching For Our "Missing In Action"

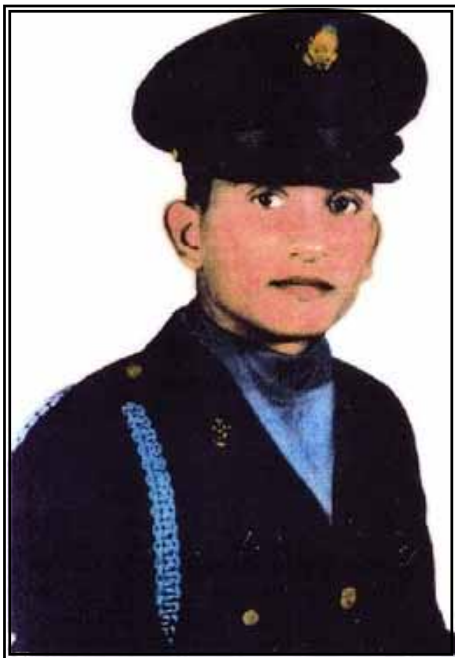
You can help!

Fred,

"Shirley and I attended the 25 th Infantry Division reunion in HI. One of the tours was a briefing by the, POW / MIA facility, that has the mission of locating MIA's. In a discussion with the director, I discussed our MIA, SSG Humberto Acosta-Rosario. Shirley and I have taken on the mission to see if we can find out what happened to him. Some things that can be used to help, a DNA sample from his family (preferably a woman), chest X-rays, any location member of his family, his brother was a VSO in New York or New Jersey, and any recollection, no matter how small, of that day.

The University of Wisconsin, Madison, has a staffed, Missing Action Recovery and Identification Project. I have met with them and will be receiving two volunteers to help in this project.

I am looking for the name of B Company's commander and his platoon leader.



Dan Curran

ACOSTA-ROSARIO, HUMBERTO

Name: Huberto Acosta-Rosario
Rank/Branch: E3/US Army
Unit: Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized); 25th Infantry Division

Date of Birth: 15 January 1947
Home City of Record: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Date of Loss: 22 August 1968
Country of Loss: South Vietnam
Loss Coordinates: 111535N 1062023E (XT462468)

Status (in 1973): Missing In Action

Category: 2

Acft/Vehicle/Ground: Ground

Refno: 1258

Other Personnel in Incident: (Philip T. DeLorenzo, Jr., killed, body recovered)

REMARKS:

Source: Compiled from one or more of the following: raw data from U.S. Government agency sources, correspondence with POW/MIA families, published sources, interviews. Updated by the P.O.W. NETWORK in 2020.

SYNOPSIS: Huberto Acosta-Rosario was born January 15, 1947. His home at the time he was lost was Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

On August 22, 1968, PFC Acosta-Rosario was serving as a machine gunner on a reconnaissance enforce operation when his unit came under heavy attack by North Vietnamese Regulars and were forced to withdraw. They were in the area of Ben Cui rubber plantation, Tay Ninh Province, near Highway 4 in Tactical Zone III.

The unit had established blocking positions in the vicinity when they came under attack. During the withdrawal, Acosta-Rosario became separated from the rest of his unit.

After regrouping, it was determined that PFC Acosta-Rosario and another machine gunner, Philip T. De Lorenzo, Jr, were missing from their platoons.

After artillery and helicopters had passed suppressive fire into the area, Company B moved back into its original position.

In the hours that followed, extensive searches were conducted by B Company. De Lorenzo's body was located and extracted, and both men's M-60 machine guns were found. Fresh graves in the area were investigated, but no further U.S. remains were found. There was no other trace of Acosta-Rosario.

Two subsequent intelligence reports received and analyzed by the U.S. Government indicate that Acosta-Rosario was captured in this operation,

although the Vietnamese continue to deny knowledge of him or his fate.

Huberto Acosta-Rosario was last seen wearing a t-shirt, jungle fatigue pants, a steel pot and a gold Seiko watch. If he is one of the several hundred Americans that evidence indicates are alive, he has spent all of his adult life in captivity. His family would like to know if he is dead or if he is alive.

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SSG HUMBERTO ACOSTA-ROSARIO

Return to Service Member Profiles

Conflict Service Status
VIETNAM WAR
UNITED STATES ARMY
Unaccounted For

On August 22, 1968, elements of the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division conducted a reconnaissance in force operation in the area of the Ben Cui rubber plantation in South Vietnam. Company B established blocking positions and then came under enemy attack. They withdrew, and determined that two of their machine gunners were missing. They called in suppressing fire from artillery and helicopters, and returned to their original positions. They located the body of one of the machine gunners and the weapons of both.



The body of the second machine gunner was not recovered.

Private First Class Humberto Acosta-Rosario, who joined the U.S. Army from Puerto Rico, served with

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Treasurer's Report

4th Quarter 2022 Financial Report

(1 OCT - 31 December 2022)

October 2022

Income:

Membership Dues	\$55.00
Stephen Duerk - Donation General Fund	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$155.00

Debits:

Mastercraft Printers - Newsletter - SUM News	\$710.00
Randy Kethcart- Small Markets Convention Re- union Planning	\$387.95
Newsletter Postage	\$214.51
ORM Computer Services - New server	\$614.64
Perkioman Tours & Trav- el - Valley Forge Reunion Busses	\$624.00
Randy Kethcart Reunion Planning	\$395.59
Schulenburg Printing - Quartermaster Supplies	\$134.90
Vista Print - Gary Robert- son Business Cards	\$33.16
TOTAL	\$3,114.75

November

Income:

Membership	\$5.00
TOTAL	\$5.00

Debits:

None

December

Income:

Membership	\$85.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$211.95
TOTAL	\$296.95

Debits:

Mastercraft Printers - Newsletter	\$668.25
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Newsletter Postage **\$246.92**

TOTAL **\$915.17**

Checkbook Balance **\$2509.27**

Savings Balance **\$60,065.03**

TOTAL **\$62,574.30**

Treasurer/Quartermaster
Chester Johnson

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Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He went missing while on the reconnaissance mission and his remains were not located. After the incident, the Army promoted PFC Acosta-Rosario to the rank of Staff Sergeant (SSG). Today, Staff Sergeant Acosta-Rosario is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Based on all information available, DPAA assessed the individual's case to be in the analytical category of Active Pursuit.

If you are a family member of this serviceman, DPAA can provide you with additional information and analysis of your case. Please contact our casualty office representative. Service member profile discrepancy? Please help us ensure the accuracy of each profile by submitting documentation about a service member profile.

SSG HUMBERTO ACOSTA-ROSARIO

Unit CO B 1BN 5DNF 25 INF DIV

Historical Country of Loss

South Vietnam

Current Country of Loss

VIETNAM

Home of Record

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input as to what investments that Chester makes on behalf of the S.C.

--- the current web site and F.B. Page currently do not support online payment options.

Fund raising on those sites would require checks only to the "5th Infantry Regiment Association". (Viability?)

--- have the phrase "scholarship funding is always dependent on availability of funds".

Fred,

"Just ran across this old photo of some of the leadership of Alpha company from early 1967.

In order of appearance from the left, Allan Chaney, my RTO. He retired after thirty years as a CSM and lives in Texas. MAJ Bill Pelfrey Alpha 6. A great and dedicated leader. When I served with



him, he was on his 6th tour! He actually moved his wife to Japan so that he could jump back in for another tour. He was a Green Beret SOG and loved the jungle! He died in 2007 of lung cancer. Next is yours truly Jim Cuthbertson, 2d Plt Ldr. Lastly, Warren Pike my PLT SGT. Warren retired as a E-8 and lives near FT. Sill in Oklahoma.

Warren saved many lives during his tour, including mine numerous times. Was awarded a SS and two BS.



L to R = Unknown, Allan Chaney & SGT Williams

Hope that you're surviving the winter. We've had no snow this year in eastern Virginia."

All the best,

Jim Cuthbertson

---the scholarship committee needs to insure a 5th committee member.

--- motion to adjourn made, seconded.

Thanks to Jeff for setting up and hosting the Zoom meeting. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Gary Robertson

2023 Reunion - Valley Forge PA

12-17 September 2023

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Call (610)-834-8300 and, when booking, tell them "5th Infantry Regiment Association". Booking prices are good up to 3 days before and after the reunion dates. Reservations must be made by Friday, August 12, 2023.

Tuesday, September 12th

Hospitality Room Open

Wednesday, September 13th,

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Valley Forge Guided riding tour,

Lunch and Winery

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Valley Forge



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Inside G. Wash. Memorial Chapel



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Valley Forge PA - 12-17 SEP 2023

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City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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Number attending _____ Date arriving _____

Saturday September 16th

Morning Schedule:

9AM - 10AM - General Membership Meeting

9AM - 10AM - Ladies Breakfast
10:30AM - 11AM - Fragging

Feel free to explore the surrounding area, Valley Forge, while waiting for the evening banquet.

Evening Schedule:

5PM - 6PM - Cocktail Hour
6PM - Bobcat Banquet

Dinner Choices

- ♦ Classic Chicken Piccata - \$49
Lemon-Caper Beurre Blanc, Rice Pilaf
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Herbed Jasmine Rice, Tarragon Supreme
- ♦ Petit Filet Mignon & Grilled Shrimp - \$59
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- ♦ Vegetable Lasagna - \$49
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*All Dinners Include Three Courses

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3. **Dessert**; Strawberry Short Cake

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FRI 15 SEP - Memorial Service and Lunch - \$65 per Person		
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3. Salmon Dijon - \$49		
4. Vegetable Lasagna - \$49		
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Valley Forge



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Letters From Vietnam

From Joe Lex (Medic 5/68-5/69) to his family

11 JAN 69

Dear Mom, Dad & Mark,

"As you see, I got another fountain pen. I don't know that I told you they were only 50 cents.

I heard it was -20 today.... I sure



hope they were kinder to you downstate. I hear about things like that and it makes my 85 to 90 sound pretty good... except for the dust. It's worked its way up to 4" now and I bet it will be up to 12" deep before the dry season is over. I should be home right at the start of the rainy season.

Well tomorrow I'll be E-5 for 9 months. I think I'll celebrate by going out and slashing my wrists or something. I now have more time in grade than anyone in the platoon. Ponder the change in thought process, but I was just listening to a conversation between two of our medics and one said that if your second toe is larger than the big toe then the wife will be the boss of the family. How about that?

There is nothing going on here again so I'll have to sign off. I hope that business gets better in the shop and the weather gets warmer. More later.

Love, Joe

13 JAN 69

Dear Mom, Dad & Mark,

"Today was definitely not my day. We were informed today that no one is allowed to sleep in the dispensary anymore, so we had to move to a hootch on the other side of the Battalion area. New... I'm scheduled to go back out in the field on the 15th, I said I didn't feel like setting up a cot, mosquito net, putting all my clothes in a foot locker and

walking that distance for only two nights but Tiny said I had to and if I had any complaints to see the lieutenant. Well I saw Lieutenant Mac and talked to him and he said that I didn't have to go to all the trouble and could stay here. I told Tiny just before formation and he got vey angry about this matter. He then volunteered me for garbage detail and while I was out getting my boots and pants covered with noodles and potatoes and strawberry ice cream, he ran back to talk to the lieutenant and when I got back off of detail and back to the dispensary they both informed me that I would move. I then proceeded to call Tiny every word I could think of and even some words I didn't even realize that I knew. I think whatever chance I had for promotion was shot tonight, but at that point I was so mad I didn't care. I've cooled off now and have done as they instructed, but vey begrudgingly.

The only bright part of the day was the letter from Dad. That's only the 3rd one I've had since I came over here and it's just like finding an oyster with a pearl... it wouldn't be exciting if you found one every day.

Not much else going. I have CQ tomorrow night so I'll be able to write again. More later.

Love, Joe

16 JAN 69

Dear Mom, Dad & Mark,

Well, I was wrong about today being uneventful. We had a rainstorm this afternoon that wouldn't let up. I believe that I told you that we are dug in out here about 5' down in the ground for protection from the enemy. But we only dig in during the dry season for obvious reasons. Needless to say, the rain today almost wiped us out. We had about 6" of rain in the bottom of our hole and it took us about an hour or so to bale out. Almost wiped us out. Even now the floor is solid mud.

The Donut Dollies from the Red Cross were out today and they had some kind of a show in the Chaplain's tent. I let the other guys go and I stayed back to watch the aid station. About 5 minutes after the show started we received an incoming 82mm mortar and from what I understand, the girls were almost trampled to death from the GI's heading for the bunkers. (Yes, Virginia, Chivalry is dead!!) It was the only round we received from the enemy today, but they use artillery for counter mortar fire... about 100 meters outside the perimeter. We spent the better part of the afternoon ducking

shrapnel from our own rounds. The top of the tent was hit twice but it didn't rip. We are still caring for the little boy who turned his parents in."

(There apparently was another page to this letter but I could not locate it.)

17 JAN 69

Dear Mom, Dad & Mark,

"Another day typical of the upside down weather... it rained for the 3rd day in a row, again flooding our underground shelter. It wasn't as bad as it was yesterday, though.

Lacking anything else to do this afternoon I found a pair of old combat boots and made sandals out of them. They really don't look too good, but they at least feel comfortable. The only problem is several other guys have seen them and knowing that the medics don't do a thing all afternoon, have asked me to make them some. Goodie!!

I wrote another letter today to the Surgeon General requesting an instructorship when I get back. Since I never received a response from the first letter I sent, I was very tactful in my response saying it was misplaced or a response was now in the mail. I mean after all I can't just bawl out a 3-star general.

I guess you're all still down with the flu or the letters are going someplace else because I haven't gotten a letter in 3 days now. I won't start worrying too much until it reaches 5 days or so.

2/14th had some contact about 3000 meters outside our perimeter and it was interesting to stand on a hill and watch something that didn't involve us. We had an excellent view of the air strikes, especially when a 100 lb bomb exploded less than a second after it dropped out of the plane. As far as we could see it was not hit, since he continued with his mission.

They caught the mine planters on the road... they killed one, wounded one and captured the 3rd.... We've had 2 killed, over 20 wounded and lost 6 tracks to those mines.

Our little Vietnamese protégé just sprayed the place with insecticide, so I have to go outside and get some fresh air.

More later.

Love, Joe

== "It's OK to have your eggs in one basket as long as you control what happens to the that basket.

- Elon R. Musk

A BOBCAT READING LIST

by Sam Kier

- Baldwin, Alice B., *An Army Wife on the Frontier* (A memoir by the wife of Lt. Frank Baldwin, covering the period 1867-1877)
- Beal, Merrill D., *I Will Fight No More Forever: Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce War* (describes the running fight between the Nez Perce warriors and the 5th Infantry from Yellowstone country to the Bear Paw Mountains.)
- Chang, Albert, *This Way to War* (A compilation of M/SGT Chang's photographs of the 5th RCT during the first year of the Korean War)
- Clinger, Fred and Arthur Johnston, *The History of the 71st Infantry Division*. (An accounting of the division's World War II record from 15 July 1943 to 12 March 1946. The 71st was the parent organization of the 5th, 14th, and 66th Infantry Regiments.)
- Crockett, Edward P. *Sundown in the Valley of Death* (A short novel based on the experiences of LT Ed Crockett while serving with 5th Tank Company near Pisi-gol, Korea.)
- Cruse, J. Brett, *Battles of the Red River War: Archeological Perspectives on the Indian Campaign of 1874* (Excellent account of 5th Infantry ordnance of that period.)
- Evans, James W., *A Morning in June: Defending Outpost Harry*. (Three Platoons from Company A and two machine gun sections from Company D defeat a reinforced Chinese regiment during the night of 12-13 June, 1953.)
- Falabella, Fr. J. Robert., *Vietnam Memoirs: A Passage to Sorrow*. (Chaplain for 1/5 Mech, 1967-68)
- Gaff, Alan D. & Donald H., *Ordered West; The Civil War Exploits of Charles A. Curtis*. (Curtis' memoir of garrison duty in Arizona and New Mexico during 1862-65.)
- Greene, Jerome A., *Indian War Veterans': Memories of Army Life and Campaigns in the West, 1864-1898*.
- Griffin, Darrell, *Last Journey: A Father and Son in Wartime*. (Correspondence between a soldier in Bravo Company in Iraq and his father in California)
- Hayes, Roger, *On Point: A Rifleman's Year in the Boonies; 1967-68*.
- Joy, Dean P., *Sixty Days in Combat; An Infantryman's Memoir of World War II in Europe*. (An account of Company G, 5th Infantry Regiment)
- Jeruchim, Simon, *Frenchy: A Young Jewish French Immigrant Discovers Love and Art in America and War in Korea*.
- Kelly, Luther S., *Yellowstone Kelly: The Memoirs of Luther S. Kelly* (Story of COL Nelson Miles' chief scout)
- Kier, Samuel M., *Thirty-Six Points: A Novel of the Korean War*. (A young rifleman's quest to accrue 36 rotation points so he can go home)
- Kier, Samuel M., *Two Centuries of Valor: The Story of the 5th Infantry Regiment*. (2015 Edition)
- Luecke, John C. and Barbara K., *Snelling: Minnesota's 1st First Family*. (Life at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota in the 1820's)
- Marcy, Randolph B, *The Prairie Traveler*, (A handbook for overland expeditions written in 1859 by Captain Randolph Marcy, 5th Infantry Regiment)
- McAdoo, Albert J & James E. Marshall, *The 5th RCT in Korea: The Pusan Perimeter Battles, 1950*.
- McAdoo, Albert J, *"I'll Try, Sir!": Soldiering with the 5th RCT in Korea, 1952*
- Morgan, R. Kent, *Our Hallowed Ground: Guide to Indian War Battlefield Locations in Eastern Montana* (A good handbook to use when touring 5th Infantry battle sites from the war with the Sioux.)
- Rusiecki, Stephen M, *In Final Defense of the Reich: The Destruction of the 6th SS Mountain Division "Nord"* (A well-researched account of the collaboration of the 71st and 5th Infantry Divisions in Western Europe in 1945)
- Shay, Michael E, *Hunter Liggett: A Soldier's General*. (After serving with the 5th Infantry for 19 years, Liggett went on to provide some badly needed brain power behind General Pershing's campaigns in World War I)
- Slater, Michael, *Hills of Sacrifice: The 5th RCT in Korea*. (A detailed account of the first 18 months of the Korean war.)
- Soppe, Ronald, *Diary*, (The daily thoughts and experiences of a medic who received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action in Vietnam)
- Sweatmon, Robert, *Five Four Whiskey: A Memory of War*. (A memoir of time spent in Company C, 5th Mech, 1969-70)
- Wooster, Robert, *Nelson A. Miles & The Twilight of the Frontier Army* (A narrative of Colonel Miles' life from the Civil War through the Spanish-American War.)
- Zebrowski, Edward, *My Brother, Hail and Farewell!* (A memoir written by Dr. Ed Zebrowski about his experiences with the Intelligence & Reconnaissance Platoon of the 5th Infantry Regiment during World War II)
- (List amended: 19 Feb 2023)

OUR BOBCAT FOREBEARS

by Sam Kier
Association Historian



George William Baird

In a previous article, I described the Nez Perce campaign of 1877 that resulted when Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce tribesman were told by the Federal government to leave their ancestral homeland in northeastern Oregon and settle in a less desirable location in Idaho. The 800 indigenous people packed up and headed north.

Chief Joseph's tribesmen had no intention of settling on a reservation in Idaho. Their goal was to cross over into Canada and link up with Sitting Bull, who had taken refuge there after the battle of Little Bighorn. The Nez Perce did not know that Colonel Nelson A. Miles had been dispatched from the Tongue River Cantonment near Miles City, Montana to intercept them. Miles' command included elements of the 7th and 2nd Cavalry Regiments and the 5th (Mounted) Infantry Regiment.

Unaware that 400 soldiers were drawing close, the exhausted Nez Perce stopped to rest along Snake Creek, just north of the Bear Paw Mountains. They were about forty miles south of the Canadian border.

On September 30, Colonel Miles' adjutant, LT George Baird, wrote the following in his diary: *Started at daylight of a cold morning and moved westward to a fine, running stream. At 7 AM, Indian scouts report that the (nez perce) village is but a few miles off. Command moves at ordinary pace for some 3 to 4 miles.*

7th Cav and 5th Infantry go along

*our right flank . Two first battalions attack village. Indians fight hard and shoot well. Large loss in 7th Cav in men, especially Company K In conveying orders along the line of 7th Cav, I got a wound through left arm and left ear (His arm was fractured and his ear lobe was shot off). Day closed with a greater part of Indians shut in the village or in our hands. On October 1, he wrote *Indians show signs of giving up. Chief Joseph and some others come out and talk with General Miles* near our lines.* On October 4, he noted that Joseph and his followers had surrendered during the day, giving up arms and ammunition.*

At the time of the scrap with the Nez Perce, Lieutenant Baird had been soldiering for 15 years. The native of Milford, Connecticut, dropped out of Yale in August, 1862 to enlist as a private in the 1st Connecticut Light Artillery Battery. At that point in the Civil War, the 1st Connecticut Artillery was actively engaged in the fighting near Charleston, South Carolina.

In March of 1864, Private Baird was appointed colonel of volunteers of the 32nd U.S. Colored Troops, one of a number of regiments of black volunteers led by white officers. The 32nd U.S.

lieutenant and transferred to the 5th Infantry at Ft. Hays, Kansas, part of General Sheridan's Department of Missouri.

While the army had been engaged in the Civil War in the east, the Indian tribes on the western plains had become bolder and stronger. In late 1875, the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne left their reservations and gathered in Montana with Chief Sitting Bull, intent on fighting for their lands. The War Department responded in June of 1876 by sending three columns of cavalry to force the Indians to return to their reservations. When one column, George Custer's 7th Cavalry, was annihilated in the valley of the Little Big Horn, the 5th Infantry boarded steamers on the Missouri River and headed for Montana to establish a garrison on the Yellowstone River.

Two companies of the 5th went in advance and began construction of a fort in a stand of cottonwoods west of the mouth of the Tongue River and south of the Yellowstone. When Nelson Miles, his adjutant, LT George W. Baird, and the rest of the regiment arrived in August, 1876, Miles christened the new fort, calling it the Tongue River Cantonment.

Tongue River Cantonment



Colored Infantry had been recruited near Philadelphia and served in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida from April 1864 until mustering out in August of the same year.. The regiment did see combat, during Sherman's march to the sea, and lost a total of 150 men during its service; 37 killed and 113 from disease.

Colonel Baird then entered the regular army on May 11, 1866 as a second lieutenant and was assigned to the 19th Infantry Regiment. Sensing that his career was finally on the right path, he asked Miss Julia Rogers to be his wife. They wed on July 31, 1866.. The following year, Baird was promoted to first

Through the winter of 1876-77, the wives and children of the members of the regiment remained at Ft. Leavenworth as the men pursued the Sioux. When the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers thawed in 1877, the families were able to sail up river to join the men. Disaster struck forty miles below Sioux City when the river steamer, *Don Cameron*, hit a snag and sank within 25 minutes. No one was killed but most of the officers' families' personal effects were lost. As you might expect, it took George and Julia Baird seven years to receive compensation for the loss of their property valued at \$800.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY?

"Hello Sam,

"I just got off the phone with Don Clancey . He received his copy of your book with the inscription that you wrote to him. He was very pleased with the recognition that you accorded him, and is proud to display it and share with his fellow veterans (at Kerrville VA Hospital). Thank you for your kindness and eloquence – he is quite deserving.

I also received my copy. Your book is quite an intensive research endeavor, considering the minute details that you have included over the span of the history of the 5th Regiment. Every

person who has ever served in the 5th Regiment should have a copy of this book for personal reference, and for a sense of pride in our military heritage.

Thank you for all of your efforts to provide this very valuable piece of history for us to cherish."

Ric Myers,

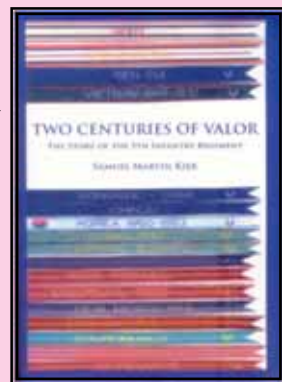
Medic, Recon PLT, 1967-68

History of The 5th Infantry Regiment

This book "*Two Centuries of Valor: The Story of the 5th Infantry Regiment*" written by Sam Kier our Historian traces the history of the 5th Regiment from its beginning up to the present day. Many of

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We know that George and Julia's marriage was fruitful. Alice Baldwin, wife of Captain Frank Baldwin, lamented , at the birth of the third Baird child, that " this is the third time that George has been off chasing Indians when his wife has been in this condition."

In April, 1877, General William Sherman visited the cantonment and presented Medals of Honor to four officers and twenty-eight enlisted men for gallantry during the winter of 1876-77.

George Baird was one of the recipients for his actions at the Bear Paw Mountains.

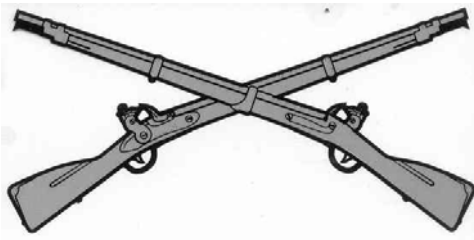
In June of 1879, Baird was promoted to major and assumed the job of regimental paymaster. He left the 5th Infantry in July 1899 to serve as deputy paymaster general in Washington, DC. He was promoted to Brigadier General one day before retiring in February, 1903.

George William Baird died on November 26, 1906 in Asheville, North

Carolina at the age of sixty-six. He was buried in his home town of Milford, Connecticut.

George S. Patton IV Quotes

- ◆ If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thing
- ◆ The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his.



Honoring Our Bobcat Heroes!

Two Distinguished Service Crosses
Awarded to:

1st LT Neilson V. Brouillette

Brouillette, Neilson V. (posthumous)
Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea
General Orders No. 66 (February 1, 1952)
Action Date: October 19 & 20, 1951

The President of the United States of America, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Neilson V. Brouillette (ASN: 0-2206728), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as an Artillery Forward Observer with the 555th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. First Lieutenant Brouillette distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Kongsu-dong, Korea, on 19 and 20 October 1951. On that date, Lieutenant Brouillette moved forward with an infantry company as it engaged a numerically superior enemy force occupying heavily fortified hill positions. Despite the devastating volume of fire concentrated on the friendly force by the enemy, Lieutenant Brouillette, acting as an artillery observer, consistently moved with most forward elements in order to direct the fire of the friendly artillery with maximum effect. The fierce battle had raged throughout the day and into the night when the friendly force, pressing the advantage of superior artillery support provided by Lieutenant Brouillette, finally drove the hostile troops from the hill and organized a defensive perimeter to await the inevitable counterattack. In the early morning hours of 20 October 1951, the hostile force launched a fanatical attack against the friendly positions in an attempt to regain their lost ground. Realizing that the overwhelming numbers of the enemy would soon make the defense perimeter untenable, Lieutenant Brouillette voluntarily moved to an exposed forward position and called on more artillery fire. Although the enemy troops were in close proximity to his position, he fearlessly brought fire to bear directly in their midst. This devastating barrage brought the enemy assault to a standstill and enabled the friendly troops to withdraw to a stronger defensive position. With his mission complete, Lieutenant Brouillette attempted to fall back to the friendly lines from his forward position but he was killed by an exploding enemy mortar shell.

Our Historian Sam Kier Helping Others

1/5th and "D" Company

LTC Kanase asked Sam about the history of D Company's in the Battalion.

Don,

"Just off the top, I believe that the last time 1st Battalion had a Company D was in late 1968 when several squads from Headquarters Company were diverted to a Company D and had their tracked vehicles armed with flame throwers. Regimentally speaking, the last Company D was part of the 2nd Battalion that was deployed to Afghanistan from Ft. Bliss. When I spoke to the battalion commander about it, I recall him saying that he had the option of using the fourth company as a heavy weapons company or just another rifle company. I believe he opted for the latter. When I get some quiet time (here on the Central Coast we're being battered by Mother Nature) I'll try and confirm the above."

All the best,
Sam Kier

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"Thanks, Sam! I mentioned that today at the activation ceremony. The Bobcats are growing!"

r/don

Father Served With 5th In Korea

15 January 2023

Sir,

"My name is CSM(R) Richard LEIRDAHL, my father served in the 5th RCT in Korea. His member number is 3754-0982. He died 30 July 2006. I am requesting any information you may have on him and if I need to reinstate him as a member so that his name can be put on your memorial page. I also served as a 1SG in C Co/HHC 1/5 INF."

Thank you
Richard Leirdahl

.....
Rich,

"You didn't mention your father's name so I will assume that he was Robert L. Leirdahl, who served with King Company, 5th RCT, in 1950-51. Your

father is listed in the deceased members' section of the 2013 5th RCT Assn roster. The 5th RCT Assn disbanded recently but I'm bucking your message on to Frank Jennings who has retained some basic information on every man who served with the 5th RCT in Korea." Sincerely,

Sam Kier

Historian, 5th Infantry Regiment Assn

Frank,

"What information do you have for Robert L. Leirdahl, King Company, 1950-51?"

Thanks,

Sam Kier

Hello Sam,

I do not have much info on:

Robert L. Leirdahl

K Co 50/51 3754-0982

1 Aug 06 was notified of passing

Spouse Jane

605 Forest Ave. Great Falls Mt. 59404

last dues--2013

Sorry no other info-

Frank Jennings

Sar'n Major,

"As you can see, Mr. Jennings' information is pretty much limited to the information on the 2013 association roster. What kind of material are you seeking? Do you have a copy of your father's DD214 and any other paper work that would give us a picture of his reporting date to the 5th RCT and the date he left Korea along with any record of wounds and decorations received. If you have those, I can certainly give you a picture of what Company K, 3rd Battalion, was up to when your father was there. When I got to HHC/5 in 1954, I was involved in updating the regimental history. It had, understandably, been neglected during 1950-53. May I ask where and when you served with the Bobcats?"

Sam Kier

Searching For Family Of KIA

"I am writing this email to make an inquiry about CPT Robert Lee Timmons (KIA).

Please follow the link below for

more information:

<https://www.koreanwar.org/html/30142/korean-war-project-district-of-columbia-o-1325681-cpt-robert-lee-timmons/>

We would be happy if family members of CPT Robert Lee Timmons could join us this year.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you provide us with the contact points of his family members, so we could contact them.

We are hoping for your understanding that the detailed information on the program will be provided further (by March 15).

Any information on this matter would be highly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time of your convenience."

Mike Badzioch -

mikebadzzz@gmail.com

Hi Sam,

"Hope you don't mind but Andy Kethcart gave me your contact info. I realize you may not know the final answer here but perhaps you might be able to point me in the right direction.

I work with the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, Republic of Korea, on their Revisit Korea Program for Families of MIA/KIA Servicemen. See www.heroesremembered.net for a not-up-to-date description of our Revisits.

Anyway, the MPVA is seeking any living relatives of CPT Robert Lee Timmons who was KIA in Aug 1950 (see below for their message and link). The Korean War Project has had no contact with the family and I'm not even sure if anyone would have it listed.

The website I mentioned on the phone is www.heroesremembered.net

Thanks so much,

Mike

Mike,

Amazingly, two of Captain Timmons' survivors have already been to Korea. His son, General (ret) Richard F. Timmons, commanded the 8th Army in Korea from 1994 -97 and his Army officer grandson was stationed there in 1996. Richard F. Timmons is apparently living in retirement in Hampton Roads, Virginia and I can't pin it down any closer than that. There is an article in the May, 2021 issue of The Korea Times entitled Three Generations Dedication to Korea's Freedom that suggests

that the author, Choe Chong-dae, may have had contact with General Timmons during the past couple of years. My online search gave a former address in Fairfax, VA and another source mentioned that he now lives in Hampton Roads, VA. Perhaps Mr. Choe has contact data for General Timmons. Choe's e-mail address is: choecd@naver.com. Incidentally, a good description of CPT Robert Timmon's last fight on 23 August 1950 on Sobuk San Mountain can be found in Michael Slater's book, Hills of Sacrifice; the 5th RCT in Korea.

I'm sorry I don't have specific contact information for Robert Timmon's descendants. Robert's wife passed away and she and her husband's remains are buried at Arlington National Cemetery."

Sam Kier

"This is great Sam. Thank you so very much. I'll follow-up on your leads and pass the results on to the MPVA. It looks like they should have been able to do this since Gen. Richard Timmons served so prominently in their country in the '90's. Please don't hesitate to call on me at any time if I can return the favor in any way."

Best wishes,

Mike Badzioch, son-in-law of S/Sgt Joseph Stephen Dougherty, USAF MIA October 23, 1951

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"Greetings! We'd like to invite you, your guests, and all Bobcats past and present to our Bobcat Battalion Ball.

We are having our Bobcat Battalion Ball on 3 June 2023 at the Carlson Center, Fairbanks, Alaska. Our guest speaker this year is COL (R) Tom Hough who was Bobcat 6 about a decade ago.

We realize it's a long trip for anyone who is able to make it out here. We're planning to have a Battalion Organizational Week prior to the Ball in which we're hoping our current Bobcats can engage and learn from our Bobcat veterans. We will make it worth your time and effort!

Ball tickets are \$50 and our POC is 1LT Patrick Channell" who can be reached at:

patrick.m.channell.mil@army.mil;

"Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. r/don"

Respectfully,

LTC Daijro "Don" Kanase
Bobcat 6

Presidential Unit Citation



Under the Command of now Major General (retired) Andrew Anderson, The Fifth Infantry (Mech) received its third Presidential Unit Citation.

**** The 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and its attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in combat operations against numerically superior enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 18 August to 20 September 1968. During this period the 1st Battalion Task Force, through reconnaissance in force, ambush, counterambush, and reaction missions effectively destroyed a regimental size enemy force and prevented the enemy from seizing the initiative in its "Third Offensive." The officers and men of the Task Force displayed outstanding bravery, high morale, and exemplary esprit de corps in fierce hand-to-hand combat and counter offensive action against well disciplined, heavily armed and entrenched enemy forces. An example of the outstanding bravery and aggressiveness occurred 21 August during a reconnaissance in force mission. The lead elements of Company C, 1st Battalion came under heavy mortar, rocket propelled grenade, machine gun, and automatic weapons fire. The company deployed against the enemy forces while the scout platoon protected the company flank and prevented reinforcement by a battalion sized enemy unit. Through skillful use of close supporting fire from artillery, helicopter gunship and tactical air, the officers and the men of the Task Force repulsed "human wave" counterattacks and defeated a numerically superior enemy force, which left one hundred eighty-two dead on the battle field. The individual acts of gallantry, the teamwork and the aggressiveness of the officers and men of the 1st Battalion Task Force continued throughout the period of prolonged combat operations, resulting in the resounding defeat of enemy forces in their operational area. The heroic efforts, extraordinary bravery and professional competence displayed by the men of the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry and attached units are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves, their units, and the Armed Forces of the United States.***(text of the Presidential Unit Citation)***

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