

The BOBCAT Bulletin

5th INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, Inc.

For all who ever served with the "5th Infantry Regiment"

US Army's 3rd Oldest Regiment - Established 1808

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Volume III

2016 Reunion Columbus/FT Benning GA

TUE 17 May - SUN 22 May

HI BOBCATS!!

"It's time to get ready for the 2016 Annual Reunion in Columbus, GA,



hometown to Ft. Benning, home of the Infantry. There are so many exciting things planned for this Reunion, you will not want to miss it. The dates are May 17 through 22, 2016, but the hotel has given us the block for 3 days before and 3 days after, so get there early and get things started.

Official registration starts on Tuesday the 17th and the Hospitality Room will be open for us starting then. The hotel block room rate is an unbelievable \$83 a night and it includes a free breakfast, Wi-Fi and parking. The location is great for shops and restaurants.

We are planning 3 full days of events and tours, all of which are shown on the website with the complete details, <http://www.bobcat.ws/reunions.html>. Start by going there and sending me your pre-registration form so I know you are planning to be there. This helps me when I am watching the hotel list. It is important that I get yours sooner than later, so please do that now if you have not already done it.

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Our President Bart Stanzione Addresses the 1/5th

On 10 July 2015 the 1/5th at FT Wainwright celebrated the Regiment's illustrious history and the beginning of the 3rd Century of defending this great nation by having a "Dining Out". We were all invited to attend and two of our members were able to attend. Roger Spert who lives in

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"I'll Try Sir"

School Named After Bobcat Medal of Honor Recipient

*Wilson & Young Middle School
dedicated*

"Although they didn't know each other, Marvin Rex Young and Alfred Mac Wilson are forever linked as war heroes and namesakes of Wilson & Young Medal of Honor Middle School. The school formerly known as John B. Hood Junior High was dedicated as Wilson & Young during a ceremony Thursday evening on the

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B Company 3rd Platoon 1969-70 - Reunion

"Patti and I Just returned from the 3rd Platoon 5th Infantry Regiment reunion in Fargo, North Dakota, where I reunited with a number of men whom I had served with decades ago. At this year's conclave we had approximately 30 people attend, counting spouses, friends, etc. The event encompasses a Friday night buffet style meal and on



Members of 3rd Platoon Bravo Company & two ladies at graveside are sisters of David Johnson

Saturday night we have a sit down dinner. Sunday morning is

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The Winter 2015 Newsletter will be out DEC/JAN 2015-16 - Send me articles, pictures and stories for publication.

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nearby Fairbanks and our President Bart Stanzione from Rhode Island attended.

When you read Bart's message on the next page you will see that what started out as a request to give a short speech evolved into his "becoming the 'Guest of Honor' and the main speaker".



I believe Bart gave a great speech and I want to reprint it here: "I want to thank LTC. Thomas Hough for his kind invitation and to 1LT Seth Williams for his help in making it possible to attend.

It is a great honor to be here tonight and in the Company of the latest contingent of "Bobcats" who continue to uphold the tradition and standards of the 5th Infantry Regiment and adding new chapters to its legacy.

A few years ago, well actually, many years ago, I had the privilege of serving with an outstanding group of soldiers in Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon, of the 1-5, and upon discharge, change of duty station, or other Army decisions, we all expected to keep in touch with each other, actually swore that we would. And truthfully, some did for a couple of years; but then life steps in and with the passing of time, family and career, we drifted apart. Contact became infrequent to just about non existent.

I often wondered how these guys were doing, how their lives were, their health, and did they look as old as I did, and truly wished that we had kept in touch. Then in 2002, my son Jason, who was stationed at Fort Lewis, somehow found the contact info of one of my Company Commanders' from Vietnam. I called Ralph and we spoke for a very long time. We both had just found out about a 5th Infantry Regiment Associa-

tion that held a reunion every year. That year we, along with another friend we both served with, met in Branson, Missouri for the first time in 34 years. Believe me when I say that it was an extremely emotional moment.

As a result of our service together, being in combat together, and yes, scared together, we forged an ever lasting bond. A bond that will never break, and remains as strong as ever. Ralph died a couple of years ago but I am forever thankful that we got together again, spoke quite frequently over the phone and continued to get together every year at the reunions. Our wives also became close friends and we still remain in contact and visit with Sylvia. So, as you can imagine our wives or significant others also make lasting friendships.

We were comrades, as are you and your fellow soldiers. We, and I include the past and present, have experienced events that not many people could ever imagine, unless they are also vets. We were "Brothers" and are still Brothers; we looked out for each other, supported each other, and protected each other. Our time in service, time in combat, will never be completely forgotten; and it should not be. We have served our Country with courage dedication and honor doing what many others could not



do or did not want to.

Be proud of your duty, your accomplishments, and your Unit. The 5th Infantry Regiment has been in existence for over two hundred years and has compiled a combat record which will stand beside any other. You have contributed greatly to its storied history. I am a "Bobcat"; you are a "Bobcat".

You are all aware that we have a 5th Infantry Regiment Association which



hosts an annual reunion through out the States. We rotate the location each year, from the East Coast, to the Middle and Southern States and then the West Coast section. We have been to places like Niagara Falls, New York, Tucson, Arizona, New Orleans, Louisiana, San Antonio, Texas, and even Cleveland, Ohio. In 2016 we will be at Fort Benning, Ga. We have a Reunion Coordinator,. Carolyn Kethcart, and her trusty sidekick husband Randy, who put in untold hours and travel going to the proposed locations, meeting with business personnel, finding things to do in the area, negotiating hotel prices and banquet menu options. They then bring back the offers to the Board of Directors to be reviewed

and voted upon. They do a wonderful job.

Our events are held over a 5 day period, usually starting on a Tuesday and ending on a Sunday morning. A hospitality room is set up and is open to all, and has always been the focal point for socializing. On the Friday we have a Memorial service for those 'Bobcats' from the area and state who

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer.

In July, Patti and I traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska to attend the "Dining Out" Dinner being held by the 1-5 Bobcats. Initially, I was asked to give a short speech but then that scenario changed into my becoming the "Guest of Honor" and the main speaker.

It appears that I beat out George W. Bush, Gary Sinise and Sarah Palin for this honor; of course, the fact that they had other commitments at this time may have played a part in the matter. We had a great time meeting many of the soldiers, coming away very impressed with their professionalism and dedication to duty. I was also able to mingle with many of them at the golf event that had been planned as a way to offset some of the cost of the "Dining Out" gala. After the golf tournament there was a cook out for all. It was a great time. However, let me say that I did not play golf; I was there to mingle with the troops.

My transition from event to event was made possible and conflict free by the assistance of 1Lt. Seth Williams who was my guide, liaison and occasional chauffeur. The Dinner was quite an affair and it was wonderful seeing all of the soldiers in their dress blues as we stood in the receiving line and met each of them as they came through.

I managed to get through my speech which centered on staying in touch with comrades after their service together and the advantages of being a member of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association which could help them maintain that contact through our reunions. Afterwards I was in a number of photo sessions with the troops and the Command

Staff. LTC Thomas Hough, CDR, 1-5 In Bobcats, and his staff were very gracious, accommodating and helpful and truly made us feel welcome. I was able pass out a number of our challenge coins to the soldiers as well as presenting one to a Gold Star Mother who was in attendance.

It was a time that made me proud to be there and in the company of so many outstanding examples of today's military personnel and greatly honored to speak to them. I would also mention that Roger Sperl, an Association member who lives in Fairbanks, attended this event with his daughter, and afterwards graciously invited us to his home. Thank you Roger. I would also like to extend my appreciation to our Board of Directors for allowing me the opportunity to attend.

Recently we lost two more of our Association members, Roberto Garcia and Paul Moir. Our sympathies go out to their families. I wish to thank those of our members who took the time to attend the funeral services for our comrades.

Now we are getting ready for the 2016 Reunion in Fort Benning, Ga. and it may be our largest yet in terms of attendance. Get to our website, sign up, and plan to have a great time. There will be plenty to do, and I am sure that many of you have your memories of training there. It is an opportunity to get back to a location that played a big part in our time in the service and we should take advantage of it.

For those of you who want to think even further out, look towards the year 2017 and a Reunion in New Mexico. Cowboy boots and hats are optional. God bless America!

Bart Stanzione

"The most important thing in communication is hearing what is not said."

"Rank does not confer privilege or give power. It imposes responsibility."

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things."

"Time is the scarcest resource and unless it is managed nothing else can be managed."

-Peter Ferdinand Drucker

5th Infantry Association

President - *Bart Stanzione*

Vice President - *Tom Frame*

Treasurer & Quartermaster - *Jim Caudle*

Secretary & Membership - *Paul Robinson*

Historian - *Sam Kier*

Media (Newsletter) Editor - *Fred Deverse*

Webmaster - *Randy Kethcart*

Past Presidents - *Robert (Bob) Wood and Jon Cartwright*

Bobcat Board of Directors consists of the above and the following 4 elected directors:

Jon Blickenstaff Andy Gimma

John Snodgrass George Bates

Chaplain (Appointed) - *Myron Peterson*

Reminder !

1. Notify Paul Robinson about changes in address and phone number etc.

2. Check your membership - If there is a **red 15** (only the last two numbers) on the address label your dues expires 31 DEC 15. Please renew now!

Reunions

25th IDA -Springfield IL -28 SEP-3 OCT 15
Columbus/FT Benning GA ... 17-22 May 16

HONORED BOBCAT MEMBERS

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

Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment - *Ray Barrett (CSM-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 Lau-becher, 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), 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

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

ROSTER

The Denis McDonough MORNING REPORT

Additions, Changes & Corrections

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

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

paulandjulier@gmail.com or

PO BOX 569, Frankfort MI 49635-0569 or 231-651-0052

E-mail Changes & Additions:

>>> 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 on the roster.

Correia, Bill - Change

rustywp66@verizon.net

O'Hara, Mike - Change

bobcata2467@outlook.com

Schooler, Jack - Change

jackschooler@gmail.com

Lost Members:

We have no information on these members. Please contact us if you have information.

Anderson Jr., John "Andy" - He was a LT in Vietnam and is a Life member.

McFadden, Terri - A life member.

When he joined in 2013 he was active duty assigned to the 1/5th at FT Wainwright Alaska

Roster Changes/Corrections:

Formica, CPT Anthony

CMR 473 PO Box 1877

PO, AE 09606-0019

*Randy,

"Greetings from Vicenza, where I am currently in-processing to join the 173rd Airborne Brigade. While I am proud to be a future Sky Soldier, I have not forgotten my Bobcat roots and would like to update the Association with my newest mailing address."

Miller III, Charles "Cliff" - Change

4610 Hidden View PL

Sarasota, FL 34235

Payne, COL Brian - Change

PO BOX 6309

FT Hood TX 76544-6309

Claffy, John M. - Change

3389 Lunarridge ST

Las Cruces NM 88012-7771

Silsby, Arthur J. - Change

162 Main ST

Gordan GA 31031-3830

Clegg, Marshall - Phone number &

E-mail Change - 205-534-7973

marshallclegg080447@gmail.com

New Members:

Hill, Gary D.

281 Wornall Lane

Cynthiana, KY 41031

Gary_d_hill@yahoo.com

A Co, 4th PLT 5/69 to 6-70

* Gary "trained as a 11Bravo at FT Dix NJ and FT Polk LA. 3 weeks APC school at FT Knox KY.

Arrived in country at Cam Ranh Bay May 1969. Sent to Cu Chi and 25th maybe 3-5 days later. Reclassified 11 Charlie and sent to 4th Platoon Company A 1/5th. Survived 12 months, 28 days and went home to a less than friendly country."

After the Army "farmed for 20 years and raised a family. Went to work for TMMK Georgetown KY in 1989 and retired in 2009."

Illness: None reported

Taps:

Wallis, Jr., LTC (Ret) Luther Daniel died on 12 May 2015. Dan served with Company G, 5th Infantry, 1944-46 and HHC, 5th RCT, 1953-54. He served as COL Strickland's adjutant..... His remains will be interred at West Point on July 2."

* Information provided by Sam Kier

Moir, Paul - Died 2 August 2015 - C Co. 1st PLT of Brunswick Ohio

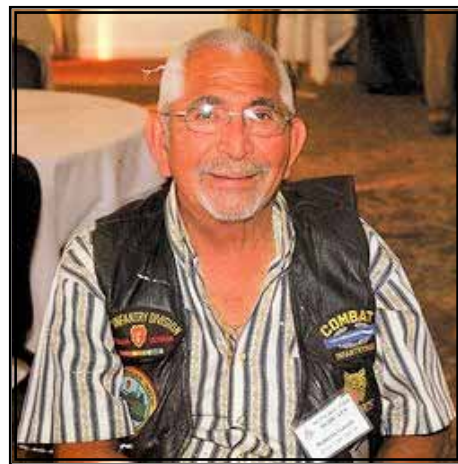
*See article on Page 7

Garcia, Roberto - of Terrell Texas died

on 28 June 2015. His wife Benja

died on 7 FEB 14. Roberta served in B Company 1/5th from 7/68 until 3/69. He was buried at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Roberto attended most reunions in



the recent years and he was with us in May at our New Orleans reunion. You



could always recognize Roberto because he always wore the black leather vest that you see him wearing in the picture.

In the picture taken at the Cleveland



reunion he is with a smile, as he always was, when with his Bobcats.

One of Roberto's hobbies was

(See Roster on page 6)

Members' Comments, Letters, E-mails & Information

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

Anyone recognize these Headquarters Company Bobcats?

Photo taken by John Michael Massey in MAR or APR 1968 and posted on Facebook by Tom Goins.



Ben Cui Remembered

On August 21st Gary Robertson posted on Facebook, "47 Years ago today 17 good men lost their lives at Ben Cui. They will always be remembered by those who survived that day. The loss of one of the survivors was felt by all. RIP Paul! God Bless America."

Remember this picture?

It was in the last newsletter

Pat Manuel, from Louisiana, called me. It was his picture and he identified those in the picture. Left to right: Pat is on the left then Woods, Baker and shirtless is Ralph Terry.



*Pat was in the 1st Platoon (Track14) of A Company from 8/70 to 8/71.

*Ronnie Wright also wrote identifying Pat on the left and Ralph on the right.

"You're still here!"

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"Yesterday, at the VA clinic, a security guard approached me. He was one of the same officers who escorted Vicky and I from the urologist's office back in July 2014, who said to me, 'You're still here!', explaining to me, that he remembers from that date, when my estimated life expectancy, with no treatment, was 4 months."

Picture of a Picture

I took this picture of a picture at the reunion and forgot whose picture it was and also lost the list of names of those in the picture. Sorry!

Jerry Curry

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Jerry Curry,

"I saw your recent Facebook posting. I'm glad you're still here! What were you diagnosed with?"

Fred



"Stage 4 Bladder Cancer. I am in a experimental treatment program out of MD Anderson in Houston performed through TX Oncology here in El Paso. There has been some small successes, but my life expectancy will be shortened."

Jerry,

"So sorry to hear of your diagnosis! I have a friend who had bladder cancer about 3 years ago. Was operated on and did chemo and is doing OK. Saw him yesterday and he seems fine. So keep a positive attitude!!

Is it OK with you if I put in the newsletter what you said below?"

Fred

Only 2 choices - live or die

"Of course you may post it.

Only 2 choices about attitude, live or die. In the Star Trek Universe, Klingons going into battle say, "Today is a good day to die".

I say, "Today is 'not' a good day to die".

Jerry

A 12 SEP Update from Jerry

"While at AD Anderson this past week the oncologist came into the room with a smile rather than the neutral look he usually had. He said the tumors are shrinking, then showed us the before and after CT scan chemo pictures. They were definitely shrinking. This is great

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Treasurer's Report

2nd Quarter Financial Report

(1 APR - 31 June 2015)

April

Income:

Dues	\$325
PayPal Internet sales, Reunion, tours etc.	\$7022.63
NO Reunion Tours, events etc	\$2813
TOTAL	\$8398.63

Debits:

Quartermaster - Crests	\$28.80
NO Reunion award plaques	\$83.74
NO Tours & events	\$500
NO Reunion - Busses	\$800
NO Reunion Museum, events	\$4027.08
NO Reunion Oak Alley tour	\$2436
NO Reunion Bagpiper	\$300
TOTAL	\$8175.62

May

Income:

Pay Pal Deposit Internet sales	\$656.46
Membership Dues	\$140
Quartermaster Sales	\$142
NO Reunion Reg., Tours etc.	4454
TOTAL	\$5392.46

Debits:

NO Reunion Programs	\$90.95
NO Reunion Banquet	\$665.56
NO Reunion Refund	\$389
Postage	\$43.80
Office Supplies - Ink & Paper	\$22.73
Bank service charge	\$4
TOTAL	\$1216.04

June

Income:

Dues	\$155
NO Reunion Tours & events	\$736
1/5th Gala Event	\$1050
TOTAL	\$1941

Debit:

Bank Service Charge	\$4
Quartermaster purchases	\$128
1/5th Gala Event	\$160
Albuquerque Site Visit	\$633.24
TOTAL	\$925.24

Assets

Checkbook balance	\$8261.98
Business account - Savings	\$48704.39
TOTAL	\$56966.37

Jim Caudle,

Treasurer/Quartermaster

Donations to the Association

We are a 501c19 organization. Donations to our Association are tax-deductible.

Richard Myers - 1/5th Gala (See letter to the right)	\$250
John Keenan - 1/5th Gala	\$100
Bart Stanzione - 1/5th Gala	\$100
Randy Kethcart - 1/5th Gala	\$100

Distinguished Service Cross

awardee

Peter Bernardo

Picture taken at Paul Moir's funeral



Raising Money for A Purple Heart Monument

Sam Alvarado & Rod Fuller were presented a check for \$1000 for a Purple Heart Monument from Dave Lalonde & employees of Aoto Credit Express!



A Facebook posting

Letter to Jim Caudle

July 5, 2015

Hello Jim,

"I just checked my e-mails and saw Fred's Bobcat Newsletter, June 20, 2015 (obviously, I don't get on the computer very often). It mentioned donations for the current 1/5th Bn. Ball on page 18.

I will put a check in the mail for \$250.00 today to be applied to that event. I have a great deal of respect for these soldiers, and am very proud to have served in the same unit as them.

Thank you so much for all of the time and effort that you are contributing to preserve this heritage!

I hope this finds all going well for you and Sue!"

Ric Myers

1/5 Recon '67

Jim,

"Thank you so much for all your dedicated service, past and present!"

Ric

(Roster from page 4)

working with stained glass and you can see one of his works hanging in the widow in the picture.

"All went very well with the memo-

(See Roster on page 7)

(Roster from page 6)

rial service last night for Roberto and so did the funeral service today at the Dallas-Ft Worth National Cemetery. They had a two man Honor Guard there in dress blues for the folding and presentation of the flag that was draped over his casket to Roberto's son. Roberto was buried in the vest that he always wore to the reunion and was buried, after the service was over, in the same grave as his wife Benja who died a year or so ago. Another Bobcat named Hector Saenz was there also and he performed as one of the pall bearers. George Chavez took several pictures at both services and said he would send them to both of you the first chance he gets.

A nice story about Roberto that I feel should be shared with everybody was that at the funeral home service they had Roberto's shadow box with all his medals displayed. His grandson and son asked me if I could explain what each of the medals meant because they didn't know, and I did explain them to them. But his SGT E-5 stripes were upside down so I asked them if they knew why, which neither one did. The grandson said that after the service was over he would personally correct them but I told him not to do that because there had to be some significance to them being that way. When I got home this evening I called Jose Guerra to let him know how things went and told him about the stripes and he said he knew why they were upside down. Benja had put together the shadow box herself as a surprise for Roberto and when she gave it to him he said he would correct the mistake himself. She apparently got tears in her eyes and apologized for the mistake. When Roberto saw the tears he told her something to the effect that he was going to leave the stripes alone because the love she showed for him by putting the shadow box together as a surprise for him was very special for him and the stripes being upside down made it even more special."

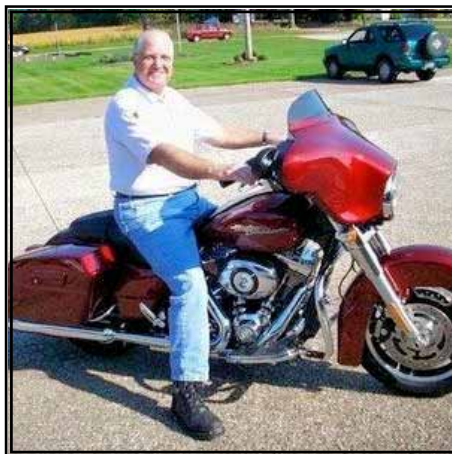
Gary Young

**Pictures posted on Facebook by George Chavez. He and Gary Young attended the funeral.*

Paul Moir Dies

Paul Moir a longtime loyal member and former Board of Director's member died on 2 August 2015 of a massive heart attack while riding his motorcycle. Paul attended most recent reunions.

Obituary - "Paul M. Moir, 66, of Brunswick, Ohio died on August 2, 2015 of a massive heart attack while on vacation in Illinois. Paul was very proud



of his service during Vietnam in the United States Army and was a lifetime member of the VFW. Paul was the author of the novel, "The Most Beautiful Woman in the World". He was a trustee



L-R Joe & Mary Tate, Bob Drake and Paul Moir

of the Brunswick United Methodist Church and he had 31 years of sobriety in AA. Paul was a 32nd Degree Mason and Past Master in his Lodge, member of the Scottish Rite. He loved riding his Harley and was a proud member of the Carpenters Union."

In an Email from Gary Young on 5 AUG:

"For those of you who don't already know Paul Moir passed away yesterday morning while returning home from a motorcycle trip to Yellowstone National Park. A passerby saw the headlamp of his motorcycle in a ditch in Boone



John Snodgrass with Paul

County, Illinois and called the police. He was pronounced dead at that time.

I talked to Paul's daughter Katy this evening and she said that Paul was feeling real bad so he stopped at a VA Hospital in Chicago and they told him he had pneumonia. They gave him some strong medication and told him to stay around the area so they could check his condition again in a couple of days. He didn't do what they told him to do and left town around 3:30am the next morning. His body was found about 6:30am that same morning. Illinois (probably Boone County) performed an autopsy on him and found that he had a heart arrhythmia and died instantly. His body is now on the way back home and should be there tomorrow. He turned 67 this past December."

Gary Young

Above two photos were posted on Facebook by Andy Gimma.

"As a young soldier and grenadier for the 1st platoon of Charlie Co, 1st Bn, 5th Inf, Paul Moir was involved in an intense battle on 21 Aug 68 with fierce fighting closing in on three sides. He ran out of ammo and the fight wasn't even over.

Today the fight is over and Paul has left us with enough ammo to remember him with honor and respect both as a man and a soldier. Goodbye, Paul. May you rest in peace."

Stewart Eidem

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Paul was

(See Paul on page 8)

(Paul from page 7)

held on Saturday 15 August in Brunswick Ohio.

Paul's sons Jason and Scott and daughter Katy were in attendance. Katy had to take a leave of absence from the Air Force Officers Candidate School at Vandenberg Air Force Base California in order to attend.

Seven Bobcats attended this service along with three of their wives. Fred and



Carolyn Deverse from Maryland, John and Cathy Snodgrass from Alabama,



Thomas and Chris Frame from Pennsylvania, Gary Young from Texas, Peter Bernardo from Ohio, Ed Kawczynski from Illinois and Bob Drake from Pennsylvania were in attendance.



U.S. troops opposed to war now find Canada less Hospitable

By Carolyn Thompson, The Associated Press 2:23 p.m. EDT July 12, 2015

"BUFFALO, N.Y. — When Army Sgt. Patrick Hart decided a decade ago that he would not serve in the war in Iraq, he expected to follow the same path as thousands of American war resisters during the Vietnam era and take refuge across the border.

But after five years of wrangling with the Canadian immigration system, he came back to the U.S. — and ended up in a military prison.

The country that once welcomed war resisters has developed a much different reputation during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan: Supporters say no U.S. service member who has sought legal residence in Canada, either as a refugee or on humanitarian grounds, has been successful.

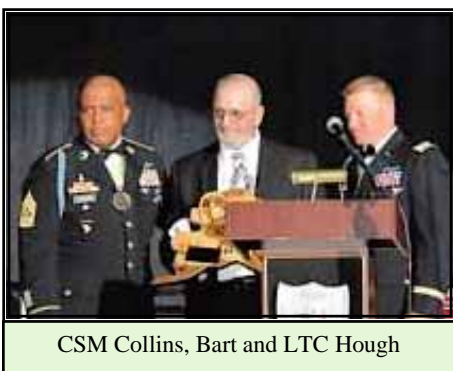
"Nobody's won," said Hart, a Buffalo native who exhausted his legal options then turned himself in to the Army, was court-martialed for desertion and sentenced to two years in prison...."

Reprinted from the Army Times "Daily News Roundup"

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were KIA and a remembrance for those members who have recently passed away. There are also optional tours scheduled which you may sign up for to take in the sights of the current location.

On Saturday night we have a banquet followed by an auction at which the auctioneer will try his best to separate



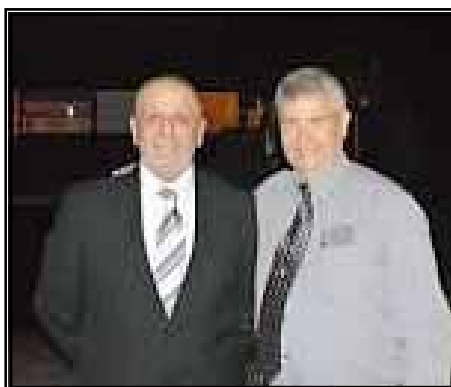
you from your money, and many laughs

are guaranteed. Ask 1LT Williams about that. A reunion is a great way to stay in touch with, share your memories with and be with your comrades.

You will also get to spend time with the "older Bobcats". Those who preceded you, those who served at a different time, a different war, but with the same objectives: stay alive, get the job done, come back safely. They look forward to meeting you, greeting you and making you welcome. You will be with old friends and make wonderful new friends. I promise that it will be a pleasant and unique time for you.

I want to share a quick story about how attending a reunion can be both enlightening and healing. At the reunion in Tucson I met a Vietnam Vet from California, named Bud who was attending his first reunion. We had a conversation which lasted a long time. He professed to being very apprehensive about being there and whether or not he made the right choice by coming. I assured him that it was certainly the right thing for him to do. I told him that he would find comfort and acceptance with this group. He did mingle for the rest of the night and met many other vets.

I saw Bud the next morning and asked him how he was doing. Bud told me that he had slept through the night for the first time since he came home from Nam 38 years before. The group made him one of them. He seemed to find some peace from his time with us. These old guys that you will meet know what you have faced, what you went



Bart & Roger Sperl

through and know how elements of your tour(s) of deployment come home with you and stay with you. They have dealt with and still deal with similar issues from their own service.

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news but I'm not out of the jungle yet.

Thanks for all your prayers."

Being Wounded Today

According to the Congressional Research Service there are over 1,600 individuals with battle-injury Major Limb Amputations as a result of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom OEF, from the time period of October 7, 2001-June 1, 2015. There are over 138,000 service-members with new Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) diagnoses in all services, 2000- June 2015. And there are over 327,000 cases of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), October 7, 2001-June 1, 2015. (<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RS22452.pdf>)

Since the Persian Gulf War, followed by the global war on terrorism, almost 55,000 Purple Heart medals have been awarded to service-members. Of these, over 35,400 went to military members or their next of kin who were wounded or killed in Iraq, and another 19,600 in Afghanistan.

(<http://www.purpleheart.org/Downloads/MOPHToday.pdf>)

To better understand what being wounded today means and what many service-members are suffering through, read --- "Coping with combat injuries: An interview with Dr. Mark Bagg, chief of orthopedic surgery at Brooke Army Medical Center". (http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/health-july-dec03-bagg_extended/)

*This information was sent to me by Gary Young.

We Told The North Vietnamese Where Our Planes Would Bomb

"Bob, I spent a lot of time at DaNang, South Vietnam in 1966 and 1967. I was friends with some F-4 pilot who told the same story that the V-C knew exactly where and when the aircraft would be arriving. It really cost a lot of F-105

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"Out the Wire"

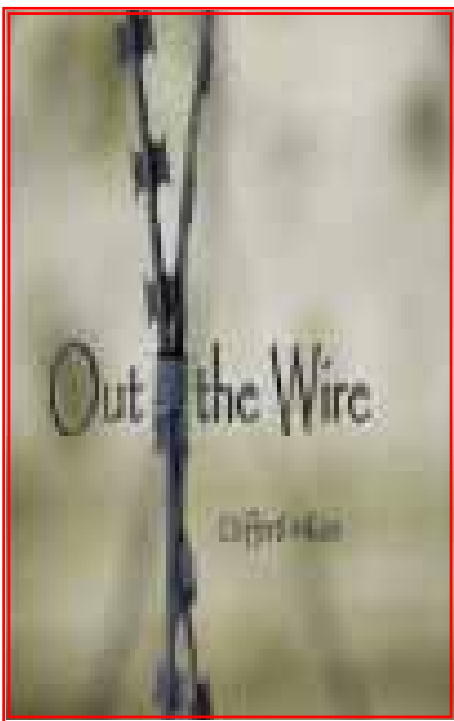
By Clifford Miller

Out the Wire is a book written by one of our members so, of course, it is about the 1st battalion 5th Infantry. In our Roster Clifford is listed as Charles C. Miller with the C. standing for his middle name Clifford and he goes by Cliff.

Cliff moved and his Newsletter was returned so I called to get a new mailing address (See page 4). As we talked Cliff mentioned he had written a book about his Vietnam experiences in 1969-70 with B Company.

The book can be purchased from Amazon in digital form for \$3.99.

"Vietnam was the center of the universe during the years of 1965 - 1973. Throughout that period American units fought Communist-backed liberation forces over patches of ground neither side intended to hold, for a people who did not understand their place on the world stage, in a time lacking moral imperatives. Our political leadership failed to recognize it was America's soul that was at stake.



Clifford Miller was drafted by the U.S. Army in the turbulent Vietnam Era. During the course of his military obli-

tion, the young sergeant led an infantry platoon of ordinary boys who became remarkable men. Despite their devotion to duty, courage went largely unrecognized at home. Of the soldiers who survived the heat of combat, many still find it impossible to bury the memory of time out the wire."

Reviews of "Out the Wire"

Rated by Amazon as 4.8 out of 5 stars

"Excellent Vietnam War Account"

"I just finished "Out the Wire". Wow! Mr. Miller does a great job of putting the reader in the battlefield. He then forces you to feel all of the associated emotions. His descriptions of the fear that he and his mates felt reminded me of The Red Badge of Courage. There are good books and there are important books...this is both.

This should be required reading for every Congressman or President before they think about sending troops into battle."

By Jason T. Meanson - July 15, 2015

"For readers who want to understand the emotional reality of a young American Vietnam draftee, this is an accurate account of the times and feelings of an unwilling yet patriotic soldier. I had heard about the "out the wire" experiences but never quite knew what was entailed. The pain of loss, fear of the unknown and sad and ultimate resentment of returning to a divided country is explained honestly and poignantly by Mr. Miller in this succinct, informative and moving first novel. A must read for those interested in a slice of the Vietnam war."

By Michael D. Holmes "Kathleen Holmes" - April 12, 2014

"Great book. I was in C Company when Clifford Miller was in B Company."

George Bradley

(Young from page 1)

athletic field on the north side of the campus. Both men won the Medal of Honor for their actions during the Vietnam War.

The event was punctuated by the Permian High School Band and Black Magic Choir, the Odessa High School/Permian High School Combined Color Guard, the reading of the Medal of Honor citations for each man, a 21-gun salute, the playing of Taps and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America.

Army Staff Sgt. Ricardo Sanchez read the citation for Young and Marine Staff Sgt. Jorge Hernandez read the one for Wilson.

Superintendent Tom Crowe and Ector County ISD Board President Nelson Minyard made remarks, along with Principal Andrea Martin.

Martin worked with Billy Brown and Johnny McCollum, who had help from Ronnie Rains and attorney Lori Scott to bring Wilson & Young Medal of Honor Middle School to fruition. Brown went to Odessa High School and served in the Army and McCollum went to Permian and served in the Navy. "I'm glad that this happened. This is long overdue," Brown said after the ceremony. "It was not a popular time to be a veteran, so this is bittersweet."

Crowe said he was proud to be superintendent of schools in a community that knows the significance of the sacrifice that Wilson and Young made for their country.

There have been 3,512 medals of honor awarded to American servicemen and women. Minyard noted how rarely the recognitions are awarded and that two men from Odessa earned them. Young's Medal of Honor was awarded in March 1970 and Wilson's in April 1970.

Brown said the men didn't know each other, having grown up on different sides of Odessa and attending different schools. "But they are bound together by their acts of valor" and the values taught to them by their families and the school system," Brown said.

Along with its new moniker, the school has a new mascot and new colors. Rangers, named for the Army Rangers, are the new mascot and the colors are slate, gray, black and gold....

Martin thanked everyone involved

in the ceremony, those who attended the ceremony and her staff.

"From Day 1, we have taken this full force very seriously," she said. Martin added that the name of a school can change and nothing might happen, but she and her staff are committed to making Wilson & Young one of the elite, high-performing campuses not only in

community members recommended changing the school's name to in honor of two local war heroes, Marvin Rex Young and Alfred Mac Wilson. Wilson was a Marine and Young was an Army staff sergeant. Both were killed in Vietnam and were awarded the Medal of Honor for Heroism, the military's highest award, 30 years after their deaths.

Young graduated from Permian High School in 1965, and Wilson attended Burleson Elementary, Crockett Junior High, and then Odessa High – class of 1967. They are buried a mere 100 paces apart at Sunset Memorial Gardens, according to a news release.

Young was an Army staff sergeant leading a squadron of Compa-

ny C of the First Battalion, Fifth Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, when he died near Ben Cui on Aug. 21, 1968. A large North Vietnamese Army force attacked the squad, killing the leader, the release said.

Young assumed command, directing fire, moving from position to position and exposing himself to enemy fire. He remained behind to provide cover, when he received a head injury. He still remained behind, offering cover, and was wounded twice more, including a shot that shattered his leg. He refused assistance and was killed by the advancing Vietnamese.

Ector County ISD honored Wilson and Young with a ceremony at Ratliff Stadium in 1982, and they are memorialized with plaques at each of the high schools."

-Article sent to me by Gary Young. It was copied from the "Odessa American Newspaper.

----- Gary Young writes:

"The Bobcats attending were Elwood Merring, Don Just, Oleh Babski, Mike Elam, Stan Baker, George Chavez, and myself.

Odessa had closed this school down a while back because they were having

lots of trouble with the students who attended there. Some folks who were there referred to these students as "head bangers". Several residents banded together to get the school remodeled and reopened, and wanted to name it after the two Medal of Honor recipients who lived and are buried in Odessa, Marvin Rex Young and Alfred Mac Wilson. The



name of the school is now the Wilson-Young Medal of Honor Middle School.

Several months ago a Odessa businessman named Ronnie Rains contacted me wanting me to attend the school dedication and I told him I couldn't due to a commitment I already had for that day in Austin, but I told him I would try to find some other Bobcats who were involved with the Battle of Ben Cui who could attend. However, none of them responded to my emails saying they could make it. When I told Ronnie this he asked me that if he sent his personally owned jet to pick me up and return me to Austin that same day would I come. I agreed to go. Then I started contacting other Bobcats asking them to come also and that's when the other six, who were also going to be in Austin, agreed to come.

Ronnie and his girlfriend picked us up at the airport in two vehicles and transported us to the school dedication



(See Young on page 20)



Bobcats attending the dedication are L to R: Gary Young, Don Just, Elwood Merring, Oleh Babski, Stan Baker, George Chavez and Mike Elam

Texas, but the nation.

"We promise to make you proud and remember what these two men did for our country," Martin said. Odessa Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mike George said he thought the event was "worthy of the honor which these two soldiers received. It was outstanding."

George went to junior high and high school with Young. They played Pony League baseball together and football from junior high through high school.

"He was just a very good friend. He died like he lived, taking care of other people," George said.

Becky Morris, whose husband Mike was a medic corpsman with the Navy, also knew Young.

"He was kind of shy, always cute, real quiet and always with everybody. Just an all around guy. He had kind of a hard life, but he never complained," Morris said....

George Bradford of Odessa, one of Wilson's family members, said he thought it was about time Vietnam veterans like Wilson and Young were recognized.

"We had a good many different guys like that who were heroes," Bradford said.

Last August, a committee of com-

Historian Sam Kier Trying To Help Others

WWII Query

Hello,

"I'm sure you must get many emails about this, but I was hoping you could help me. I believe my grandfather, Sgt. Robert Alfred Anderson of Beloit, Wisconsin, was a member of the 5th Infantry during WWII. I have been trying to track down any sort of reference to/ information about him online, and I recently came across your site. Would you have any recommendations on places I might look for this? Even just a roster of the 5th Infantry, which I have been unable to locate? Any tips on a good starting point for my search would be greatly appreciated!"

All the best,

Natalie Anderson

Hi Natalie,

"The best starting point to learn about SGT Anderson's World War II service is to request his discharge document from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. At the end of World War II, this form was known as the *Enlisted Record and Report of Separation – Honorable Discharge*. This record will state the company (s) and regiment (s) in which he served and those campaigns in which he was involved. It will list ribbons and medals received, schools attended, his army job (MOS) and a lot of other good information. Go to

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>. Download a Standard Form 180 (SF 180) and mail it to the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132.

In regard to a regimental roster, at full strength, there would have been more than 4000 men in the 5th Infantry Regiment on any given day and the roster would change daily as transfers took place, wounded were evacuated and replacements arrived. To keep a roster would have been quite a chal-

lenge. That's why you haven't been able to find one.

If you succeed in getting a copy of your grandfather's discharge document, and it confirms your suspicion that he served with the 5th Infantry Regiment (and not the 5th Infantry Division or some other similar sounding unit) then, please get back to me. I will be able to answer your questions about entries on the discharge document and tell you more about the things that your grandfather experienced during World War II. I look forward to chatting with you after you get your grandfather's records."

Sincerely,

Sam Kier, Historian
5th Infantry Regiment Assn.

My Dad is Sick

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Hi Patricia,

"My Dad was In Germany in the early 50's and Greece, Italy, Turkey he was an Air Force Crypto Tech, allegedly, I'm thinking more like counter intelligence, anyway he is sick and I am planning a trip to get him to some of the places he took pictures of when he was over seas. I know this picture was taken in Germany can you tell me if the location still exists?"

Jose

Sam,

"I hope this note finds you well. My husband Ed Brady, former 2-51N BN Commander, thought you might be able to assist Jose.

Please see the picture and email note below/ attached."

Randy,

"Maybe you could add the pic-

ture to the regimental FB site and inquire if any of the guys recognize the picture? And if so can name the origin/ location.

Jose is CC'd on this email."

Jose,

"If anyone can help you it will be these two!

Best of luck!"

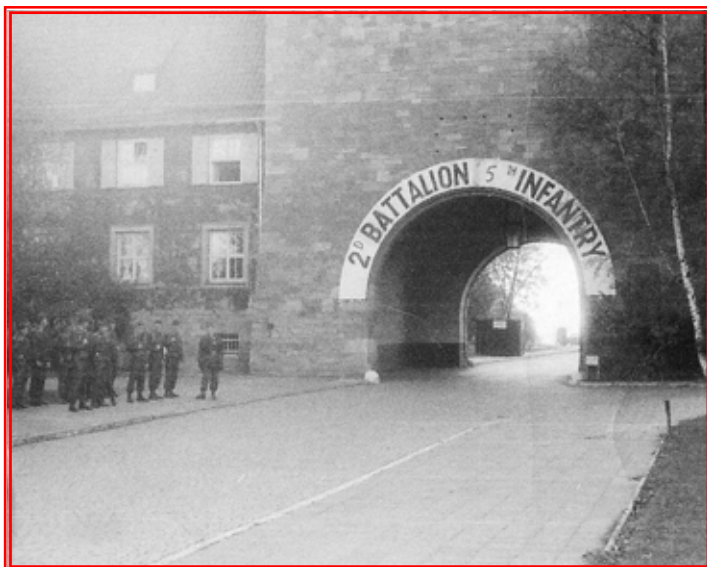
Kind Regards,
Patricia Brady

Jose,

"That's an interesting picture! When World War II ended in May, 1945, the 5th Infantry Regiment had reached the town of Steyr, Austria. In February, 1946, the regiment moved to Augsburg, Germany (in Bavaria) where its members were billeted in private homes, apartments, or in barracks that were once the property of the German Army (that may be the building in the picture.) The regiment was temporarily de-activated in November 1946 and its members were sent home or transferred to other units in Germany. So the archway depicted was either in Steyr, Austria or Augsburg, Germany since those are the only cities where the 2nd Battalion was garrisoned.

If your father took the picture in the early 50's, the soldiers in the scene would not have been members of 2nd Bn, 5th Inf since the entire 5th Infantry was fighting in Korea at the time. The uniform that the soldiers are wearing

(See Sam on page 13)



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Randy Kethcart
Webmaster

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with the short "Ike" jacket and combat boots was worn in both World War II and the early 50's. It was the one that I was issued in 1954. We draftees called it the "crude suit." So the uniforms can't reveal whether the picture was one that your father took in the early 50's or is something that he acquired that had been taken several years earlier.

I am copying this w/ the picture to a couple of real old timers. Bob Rogots was with 2nd Bn, 5th Infantry at that time as a member of Company E. Don Keefer served with Company B, 1st Battalion. Perhaps they remember the building and the archway and can respond to all of us.

Sam Kier

Historian, 5th Inf Regt Assn

That's amazing Sam!

"I am certain my dad took the picture I actually have the original negative you see Pops developed his own negatives and then did his own prints at home he is pretty amazing himself! I can't thank you enough for researching this I have no clue how much my father has left on this earth he has proclaimed in true military badass fashion that he absolutely will not be taking any chemo or radiation so what ever comes his way he says he is ready for. It would be awesome to take pictures in some of the same places he did when he was there before.

I can't! Thanks again for the effort I could never thank you properly!"

Jose

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And you thought "Jitterbug" was a dance

"I'm writing a book Ghetto to Ghetto: Yiddish and Jive in Everyday Life and on page 14 of the last issue, Sam Kier wrote about a maneuver named Jitterbug. Jitterbug happens to be a jive word. Therefore, I would like to corresponded or speak with Sam about the maneuver other than noted in the article. My request is for you to forward this posting to him...."

Herbert L. Foster, Ed.D.

Hi Herb,

"There is a link to a detailed discussion of jitterbug tactics in the September 15, 2007 issue of an online blog called Military Thoughts. Type in "Military Thoughts" and that September date and you should see an article called "Tomahawk III (Conclusion)" There's a picture of General Hank Emerson at the top. As you scroll down the article you'll see a link to "jitterbug tactics". Click that and you'll open up a technical manual that describes tactics like jitterbugging and checkerboarding. Basically it involved using a "people sniffer" device to find a battalion or company of Viet Cong or NVA troops, encircling them by helicopter gunships to create a seal and then bringing in enough fire

power from various sources to wipe them out. I suppose the frenetic movement of the helicopters flitting around to hem in the enemy led to the name of the tactic. I hope you can find the article. It will probably tell you more than you want to know about 'jitterbugging.'

Sam Kier

(Comments from page 9)

(thud) pilots their lives. Most of them were flying out of Thailand. They had to fly a given route, at a specified altitude, and at a specified time. President Johnson once bragged our aircraft cannot bomb an outhouse without my approval.

NOT COVERED BY ANY MEDIA,
TALKING HEADS, POLITICOS,
ETC...

Vietnam HISTORIC CONFESSION...

General Piotrowski Book
"Basic Airman To General: The Secret War and Other Conflicts"
Published 2014 by General Pete Piotrowski, ISBN 978-1-4931-6187-4 (Hardcover)

Following is a quote of much interest, from pages 246/247:

"Nearly twenty years later, former Secretary of State Dean Rusk being interviewed by Peter Arnett on a CBS documentary called "The Ten Thousand Day War."

Mr. Arnett asked, "It has been rumored that the
(See Comments on page 24)

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



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
1ST BATTALION 5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
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Fellow Bobcats,

Update from 1-5 IN here at Ft. Wainwright, AK where the fall season is well underway and signs of winter are starting to appear.

Currently the BN is training for the Expert Infantryman's Badge (EIB) with testing scheduled for 21-25 September. The Army's new EIB program has higher standards and our Bobcats are training hard in order to be successful.

Over the next couple of months the battalion will deploy to the field to conduct Stryker Gunnery and qualify our crews on their weapons systems. Simultaneously we will conduct arctic mobility training to ensure each Soldier is trained in the proper use of our tents, arctic stoves, snow shoes, and other equipment and ready to train, fight, and win in the toughest weather on earth.

The CSM and I and the Soldiers of 1-5 IN would like to thank the 5th Infantry Association for your support to our BN Ball in July. It was a great honor to have the 5th Infantry Association President attend as our guest of honor and speaker. Bart did a fantastic job and really made a connection with our young Soldiers as to why it is important to stay in-touch with your Army buddies and unit.

Very Respectively,

LTC Thomas Hough
CDR, 1-5 IN
1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team
Ft. Wainwright, AK



LTC Thomas Hough & CSM Arvento Collins



Pictures From The Dining Out

Pictures with a red frame on pages 14 & 15. Provided by Bart Stanzione.



On August 5th "1-5 Infantry Bobcats said goodbye to 1LT Seth Williams and his wife Carmen today. 1LT Williams is transitioning to the Oklahoma National Guard, as well as pursuing a career in the finance sector. His dedication to the Battalion and the Bobcat legacy as an operations officer and Battalion Adjutant were above reproach. Maj Lyons and CSM Collins presented his award in the Battalion area."

Those of you who attended our New Orleans reunion will remember Seth and his wife Carmen pictured above receiving a plaque of appreciation from CSM Collins.

I thank 1LT Williams for providing me with many pictures and information of the Battalion for past newsletters.

**Facebook posting*



Expert Infantryman's Training

Three numbered pictures sent by 11T Jeremy Prather



Picture #:

1. "SSG Camp gives Soldiers instructions on how to clear, load, correct malfunction, unload, and clear the Mk 19 automatic grenade launcher. EIB Candidates were required to complete all steps in less than 60 seconds."

2. "Soldiers conducted patrol lanes in addition to weapons and medical lanes. Seen here is a soldier in a fighting position training on perimeter security. EIB Candidates were required to challenge anyone entering the area with a predetermined password."

3. "Candidates were given several medical tasks to complete. Here,

a Soldier attempts to properly immobilize a suspected fracture on a patient's arm. While none of the Soldiers were actually injured, Candidates still used real medical equipment and were evaluated on their Combat Life Saving abilities."



"For those who serve, the struggle does not always end when they return to American soil. A U.S. military veteran commits suicide every 65 minutes, on average, according to a recent study from the Department of Veterans Affairs. An older, less detailed government analysis reported that about 18 former service members kill themselves each day. But a recent, more precise study of veteran suicides from 1999 to 2010 shows that the number is heartbreakingly higher: 22 deaths per day."

OUR BOBCAT FOREBEARS

by Sam Kier



Colonel Joseph B. Love

*Service in WW II, Korea &
Vietnam*

“On 19 June 1952, the 5th RCT relieved the 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, on the northern lip of the Punch Bowl, an ancient volcanic crater in eastern Korea. In the ranks of G Company, there was some grouching about their new CO, First Lieutenant Joe Love, who had recently been moved up from his position as platoon leader. After providing recon and ambush patrols during the night, their new skipper was keeping them busy, throughout the day; cleaning weapons, restoring their fighting and sleeping bunkers, strengthening and expanding tactical wire, burning foliage to improve fields of fire and, what’s worse, insisting that they shave every morning.

As time went on, according to former Corporal Ralph Link, the men realized that LT Love’s focus on discipline and attention to detail was a means to prevent costly mistakes. His chief concern was their health and welfare.

Fifteen years later, LTC Joe Love commanded 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment during Operation Pershing in northern Binh Dinh Province, Vietnam.

A veteran skytrooper wrote, “After Colonel Love left, we were not as detail conscious nor on top of our game as we once were. My platoon sergeant felt the same way. He said that “when Colonel Love left, we all lost a step.” They both realized that one can sense the importance of a man just by observing what happens when he is absent and no longer setting the pace.

Joseph Bland Love was born to Joseph Bennett Love and Mabel Bland in Shelby, Mississippi on March 30, 1925. He grew up in Mississippi and Arizona.

In September, 1942, Joe enrolled at the University of Arizona. Six months later, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and trained as a navigator. He was assigned to a B-24 squadron with the 13th Air Force in the Southwest Pacific and flew 28 combat missions between February and August 1945.

Soon after mustering out of the Air Corps, Joe entered the US Military Academy at West Point. He graduated in 1950 and was immediately assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Benning, Georgia. The following June, he married Mary Pharr Lathram from Bessemer, Alabama.

In February, 1952, Joe arrived in Korea just as the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 5th Infantry were assigned to provide security for the prisoner-of-war camp on Koje-do Island. He was assigned to Company G as a platoon leader.

Things were hectic on Koje-do. Despite attempts to separate the hardcore Communist prisoners from those conservative Chinese who were anti-Communist, fights and riots occurred regularly resulting in injuries and fatalities within the prison population. The two 5th Infantry battalions and 3rd Battalion of the 27th Infantry were kept busy with demands to restore order. The 5th Infantry turned over its Koje-do responsibilities to the 38th Infantry on April 21 and returned to the mainland to prepare for its next assignment, defending a portion of Line Minnesota.

On November 1, 1952, Joe Love’s 2nd Battalion was finally relieved after five months at the Punch Bowl. They pulled back to prepare for their next tour up on the line.

On Thanksgiving Day, Eighth Army Commander James Van Fleet and his wife visited the 5th RCT and dined with G Company. As a result of that chance

meeting, LT Love was not with his company when it returned to Line Minnesota in January 1953. General Van Fleet had selected him to command the 8th Army Color Detachment that would march in the vanguard of President Eisenhower’s inaugural parade.

After the inauguration, Joe remained in the Washington, DC area to command Company A of the 3rd (Old Guard) Infantry for a year before serving for two years as Aide de Camp to the Superintendent at West Point. He moved from the military academy to Fort Bragg in 1957 for both line and staff duties with special forces. That was followed by graduation from the US Army Command and General Staff School and four years of staff work in Europe before he returned to Washington D.C and the Office of the Chief of Staff.

LTC Joe Love reported to 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division in Binh Dinh Province, Vietnam in July 1967. He spent a month as deputy brigade commander before assuming command of 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry.

When Joe arrived in Vietnam, the three brigades of the 1st Cavalry Division were already engaged in Operation Pershing, an 11-month effort in the Bong Son Plain and An Lo Valley to seek out and destroy enemy units, as well as their myriad of caves, tunnels, and sanctuaries. It was a tedious, unglamorous mission that involved eighteen major engagements and numerous minor skirmishes.

Following the Vietnam War, Colonel Love graduated from the Army War College, served as Chief of Staff of the JFK Center for Military Assistance, as Commanding Officer of both the 7th Special Forces Group and I Corps Support Command and, finally, as Deputy Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps. He retired to Jacksonville, FL in 1975 after having served for 32 years and having fought in three wars.

During his Army career, Joe received the Silver Star (Korea), two Legion of Merit awards, 2 Bronze Stars w/ V device, 17 Air Medals, and numerous campaign medals ranging from the Philippine Liberation Ribbon to the Vietnam Service Medal. He proudly wore the Ranger Tab and the Combat Infantry Badge w/Star, as well as the Senior Parachute and Army Aviator Badges.

The year that Joe retired, he was the Inter-Service Tennis Doubles Champion and then the Florida Senior Squash Champion. He continued playing winning tennis at the Florida Yacht Club.

The first years of Joe's retirement were quite busy. He earned an MBA, with honors, from the University of North Florida in 1977, worked as a law office administrator for three years, and then, in 1981, went to Saudi Arabia for three years, as a project coordinator for a private corporation that contracted to train the Saudi Arabia National Guard.

Colonel Love died on March 8, 2011, shortly before the 86th anniversary of his birth. He is survived by his wife, Mary Pharr, daughters Mary, Ouida, Robin and Lee, three sons-in-law and five grandchildren. His inurnment took place at the Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, MS.

Joe Love is gone but his spirit lives on in those young Army officers who care deeply about the men in their commands and, although fully aware that combat casualties are inevitable, work hard to insure that such tragedies are not the result of sloppy thinking and actions. Joe Love was a splendid leader."

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"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future"

"A life spent making mistakes is not more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

-George Bernard Shaw

Reunions

"I encourage you to attend next year's reunion!"

"My dad and my father-in-law both served in WW II. My dad, Bob, was in the Navy, Pacific Fleet serving on the submarine Nautilus. Ed, my father-in-law, was in the Army European Theater, 17th Engineers under Patton. Both saw combat but did not talk about it much, but they always looked forward to the next reunion. They would come back from the reunions renewed and excited planning for the next one. I could not understand why, what was so great about a bunch of old guys talking about what happened long ago, made no sense to me. While they were from the Greatest Generation, I was not.

Last year was the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lundy's Lane, a battle where the 5th Infantry Regiment got its motto. I decided to attend for two reasons, it was going to be held in Niagara Falls and it was the anniversary from where our Regiment got its motto "I'll Try Sir". I had no idea what to expect except that my wife & I were going to Niagara. Randy & Caroline had set up some great sightseeing trips, locks on the historical Erie Canal, Ft Niagara, Niagara Falls itself and during our off time, Judy, my wife, & I found a company that handmade Merry-go-Rounds. I think that those that attended had to agree it was well worth it. The main event, of course, included a visit to the battle field and celebration of the 200th anniversary of the battle that gave us our motto. The Canadian's did a fantastic job of recognizing and dedicating the event that took place such a long time ago.

Being our first reunion I was pleased to be warmly greeted, I was once again part of a tight knit organization. There were many great people, some I remembered and some not, but keep in mind that we are the third oldest Regiment in the US Army and our members are from the Korean War to present. The two most important people I reconnected with were my Platoon Sergeant, Rich and our Field Artillery Officer, Wayne. Rich has been a regular to the reunions but Wayne, like me, was a first timer. Wayne earned his Purple Heart with a head wound from shrapnel.

Wayne has no recollection of what happened so he was pressing me for details of that day, while I helped Medivac Wayne out, I was not near him at the time of the injury and so I could not offer any information. Talking with his wife Ann, she felt that Wayne had talked more about what happened then ever before.

Fast forward to this reunion in New Orleans, waiting for the Hospitality Room to open, there were a few of us chatting. Doc Hildy said he was glad to see I had made it. I said I was fine when he said "I thought you were dead, your head wound was pretty bad". I thought for a moment and said that was not I but I think it was Wayne. Wayne could not make this reunion but I put him in touch with Doc. Possibly the missing pieces can be put together. Jenny was the young bride of one of our troopers killed in late 69, Clyde. Jenny attended at the invite of Randy and met Doc Chris. Chris had a lot of photos to share, which he did with Jenny, Randy and Bill and there were some of a young Clyde. A few years ago, I developed Atrial Fibrillation or A-Fib and have had two ablations preformed, I thought it was part of growing old but, at this year's membership meeting, it was brought up that it could be related to Agent Orange. I went to my local VA and with the help of my Service Officer; I now have a claim in.

While we might not be from the "Greatest Generation" we did what we were called to do and served our country. While we did not receive home coming parades and many times were shunned by the public we served honorably. These reunions are a chance to share information, learn from each other, to find out that you are not alone with your ghosts and renew comradery. I encourage you to attend next year's reunion at "the Home of the Infantry" Fort Benning GA. I look forward to seeing you and your spouse there."

Jeff Mc Grath

Bravo 46, 26, 56
Aug 1968-1969

Thanks Jeff!!

Please write about your experiences and send them to me. Your newsletter needs article/stories.

3rd Platoon - B CO - 5th INF REG - 1970 - Reunion

(3rd PLT from page 1)

getaway day with attendees usually getting together for breakfast. Through the course of the two days, we were able to view a slide show of hundreds of photos from our time in Vietnam, courtesy of Dwight Lutzko, who has compiled an impressive collection.

Charlie Bryson is the unofficial/official planner/coordinator/ handyman of the Reunions and has done a great job.

This gathering occurs every two years, usually in different locations throughout the country and Fargo was planned this year at which we had a graveside Memorial Service for David F. Johnson, KIA 1970, 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company.

We were pleased to have the two sisters of David, and their husbands, at the dinners and at the service. It was an emotional time.

I presented the Associations' newest challenge coins to the family and Bobcats at the dinner.

Randy and Carolyn Kethcart attended the reunion also, meeting new people, mentioning the Association upcoming reunion at Fort Benning in 2016 and beyond. Randy and Carolyn were continuing on to New Mexico after Fargo to check out the projected 2017 Bobcat reunion site.

I have attached some photos of the Memorial ceremony and social time.

Branson, Missouri is the location for the next planned 3rd Platoon soiree."

Bart Stanzione



Group of attendees at the reunion.



Graveside Memorial Service for David F. Johnson, KIA 1970



Randy and Carolyn in the hospitality room.



Carolyn, Randy & Patti in downtown Fargo



Members of 3-2 track, 3rd Platoon, Bravo Co. who served with Johnson

Congress OK's new ID cards for veterans

By Leo Shane III - Army Times - 15 July 15

"Congress approved plans to offer new veteran ID cards to all honorably discharged service members to make it easier for them to prove their military service. The measure passed through the Senate and House without objection July 7, but took several years to get through Congress. The Obama administration has expressed reservations about the need for the new IDs, but has not threatened to veto the legislation.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., would create official VA cards for all veterans, instead of only those who qualify for certain health care and financial benefits.

Supporters called it a simple move to honor the sacrifice and service of veterans.

"This legislation will assist veterans in proving that they are indeed veterans," Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif., said. "The majority of service members leave before retirement ... and are sometimes challenged to provide proof of their honorable service. This is a simple way to resolve this issue."

The cards would not replace medical IDs or official defense retiree IDs for veterans, and could not be used as proof of eligibility for obtaining federal benefits.

But they would serve as easy proof of military service for many veterans who complain they have to carry around copies of their discharge paperwork to get discounts or services at a host of private businesses."

Randy Kethcart has made a QR-Barcode for scanning with a cell phone or mobile device that will take you to our Facebook page where you can join our Association or renew your membership.



OFFICER RANKS EXPLAINED



Sent by George Bates

We Could Have Been Heroes

OCS classmate of Paul Robinson, Ike Seamans, sent Paul this poem.



WE COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES

WE COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
HAD THE TIME BEEN RIGHT,
BUT OURS WAS TO BE A DIFFERENT PLIGHT,
A NATION IN TURMOIL. WITH NO ONE TO BLAME,
SO ON US WAS CAST THE GUILT AND SHAME.

WE COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE.
BUT IN OUR WAR WAS FOUND NO SAVING GRACE.

BUT WE, TOO, COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
SO LONG AGO,
HAD ONLY YOU CHOSEN TO MAKE IT SO.

"FOR ALL MY BROTHERS, FOR WHOM THE CHEERS ARE TOO LATE,
VIETNAM, '67-'68."

Bill Mantooth

© 2005

Letter to the "Tampa Tribune" published 6 May 2015 and sent to me by Allan Azary.

Allan sent me this letter prior to Memorial Day but I think the message is also appropriate with the upcoming "Veterans Day on 11 November 2015

LETTER OF THE DAY

'Those words still haunt me'

As Memorial Day draws closer, I cannot help but think about October 1966. Five days after my 19th birthday I volunteered to join the Army. I wanted to serve my country in a time of need. Eight months later I volunteered for service in Vietnam. I was lucky enough to do my tour of duty and come home without any physical wounds.

After two days of traveling and finally getting on the train at Penn Station in New York City and changing trains in Jamaica, and getting on the Long Island Railroad to Patchogue, I went into the bar car to get a beer. As soon as I entered the car — which was full of white-collar businessmen and women, everyone stopped talking and looked at me. I was in my khakis uniform and had a three-day-old beard and my duffel bag. It was like, "What the heck is this guy doing here?" I walked up to the bar, and the man standing next to me in a white shirt and loosened tie turned to me and said, "How many babies did you kill?"

I will never forget that man's face, and those words still haunt me. I just didn't understand why someone would say something so horrible like that.

After getting out in 1969, I got a job as a laborer in construction. The first time I met the pay loader operator, he went on a 10-minute rant about me making it home, as his nephew did not. He belittled me for my service. That, too, I will never forget.

And to all the other people who put down, belittled, spit on and called Vietnam veterans all kinds of names — and you know who you are — you can all go to hell. I cannot, and will not, ever forgive you.

This Memorial Day, I — a proud Vietnam veteran — will remember, say a prayer for and give thanks to all American veterans who gave their lives in all wars. They are the ones who made it happen for this country to be great.

JOHN CONNORS
NEW PORT RICHEY

(Young from page 11)

where we were treated like royalty. Afterwards they took us to the cemetery where both Rex and Wilson are buried and Don Just (he was our battalion chaplain) said a prayer at Rex's grave. Then Ronnie took us to one of his businesses and showed us a few of the antique cars he has stored there. He also showed us a video on his computer of his 3,000+ acre ranch where he takes

wounded warriors and their family for recreation and relaxation. Ronnie, a Vietnam veteran himself, is very involved with the wounded warriors and is even a board member of the Wounded Warrior Family Support. Next they bought us dinner and took us back to the jet for the return trip to Austin. The whole trip only took about 6 hours and every one of us thoroughly enjoyed it."

Gary

New Coin For Sale

It was decided that we should design a new updated challenge coin. A committee was appointed made up of Sam Kier, Bart Stanzione and Jim Caudle. They along with Randy Kethcart came up with a new coin pictured below.

5th Infantry Regiment Challenge coin is 2 inches in diameter. It is made from brass and has a diamond cut twisted edge. Both sides are in color with a clear epoxy finish.

The price, which includes shipping,



for this coin is \$10.50. You can purchase the coin online on our Website at:

<http://www.bobcat.ws/quartermaster.html>



Or you can send a check made out to "5th INF ASSN" to:

Jim Caudle / 5th INF ASSN
1501 Baychester AVE
Norfolk VA 23503



Honoring Two of Our Bobcat Heroes!

Distinguished Service Cross Awarded to

WARNER, LEONARD KALANI

Citation: The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Leonard Kalani Warner, First Lieutenant (Infantry), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with Company H, 2d Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division. First Lieutenant Warner distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Umjich-on, Korea, on 22 and 23 April 1951. On the night of April 22, 1951, a machine-gun platoon from Company H, commanded by Lieutenant Warner, was attached to Company F to assist them in an assault against well-fortified enemy positions on Hill 565. After a fierce firefight, the friendly forces secured their objective and began to consolidate their positions in anticipation of a counterattack by the enemy. While setting up their defenses, the unit was suddenly subjected to a devastating volume of mortar and artillery fire. In the wake of this barrage, the enemy hurled repeated assaults against the unit's defenses in a fanatical effort to dislodge the friendly forces from their newly won positions. Throughout the shelling and subsequent attacks, Lieutenant Warner, totally disregarding his personal safety, moved along the ridgeline in full view of the enemy encouraging his men and directing their fire. His heroic actions inspired the men to hold their positions and to maintain their perimeter of defense in the face of the intense enemy fire. After several hours of frenzied attacks by overwhelming numbers of the enemy, heavy casualties among the friendly forces made the positions untenable and the unit began to withdraw. Lieutenant Warner moved from emplacement to emplacement to ensure that none of his men were left behind and, when last seen early in the morning of April 23, 1951, he was fighting hand-to-hand with a group of enemy soldiers.

Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 714 (September 21, 1951) Born: 4/23/1924 at Honolulu, Hawaii; Home Town: Honolulu, Hawaii

And

WEST, HORACE W.

Citation: The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Horace W. West, Captain (Infantry), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division. Captain West distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Pisigol, Korea, on 25 April 1951. On that date, Company A was moving forward with a truck convoy when it was suddenly ambushed by a fanatical and numerically superior hostile force, supported by intense mortar, automatic-weapons and small-arms fire. Ordering his men to dismount from the vehicles, Captain West quickly reorganized them and led them in a daring assault against the well-

entrenched enemy force occupying the ridge line. Although painfully wounded in this action, he led his men forward again and again, inflicting heavy casualties among the enemy troops until the strategic disadvantages of the position held by the friendly force made it necessary for them to withdraw to the road. Immediately, Captain West deployed his men in a perimeter defense and constantly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire in order to move among his men with words of encouragement. Successfully coordinating the fire of his men and assisting in the evacuation of the wounded, Captain West's personal example of fearlessness inspired his troops to repulse the repeated assaults of the foe and inflict heavy casualties on them. Although growing weak from his wounds, he steadfastly remained with his men, instilling in them determination and confidence which enabled them to aggressively resist the onrushing hostile troops until armor and infantry reinforcements were able to arrive and help rout the enemy.

Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 955 (December 1, 1951) Home Town: Northampton, Pennsylvania

(Bart from page 9)

The camaraderie that develops between current and new members and their families is heartfelt and genuine. My wife Patti and I have met these wonderful people whom we are happy to call "friends". Some I served with., many I did not, but that does not matter at all. All are welcome.

Information about Association membership and Reunion registration is available on our website;

WWW.BOBCAT.WS Consider what I just spoke about and just say "I'll try, Sir".

I feel fortunate to be in the position of President for the past year as it has given me the opportunity to spend time with all of you as well as the 2-5 at Fort Bliss. I am truly impressed with the soldiers of the 5th. You make us old timers very proud.

May God protect you and your loved ones!

God Bless America!"

Thank You!

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Size: Small (Without pocket only) Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large (Circle Size)

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_____ C). Same as A but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$66.00
_____ D). Same as B but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$66.00

Color: (Circle Color) [1st color Outer Shell & 2nd color is lining/collar] khaki/navy, navy/khaki, forest green/

khaki or black/khaki

Size: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large 4X-Large {4X, 5X & 6X-large & long sizes available in some colors}

Have the Bobcat #18 on page 25 put on the lower left sleeve of your jacket or shirt for \$5.

#11 = Tri-Mountain Sanford Light Weight Summer Jacket (Item #4000). (circle size & color and number desired in blank and circle size and color) [Item 5400]

- _____ A). With 5th Crest and **Combat Infantryman's Badge** - \$60.00
_____ B). With 5th Crest and **Combat Medic's Badge** - \$60.00
_____ C). Same as A but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$66.00
_____ D). Same as B but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$66.00

Color: (Circle Color) Colors: Black, Navy, Desert, Stone, and Moss.

Size: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large 4X-Large 5X-Large 6X-Large (Circle Size)

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#12 = Long Sleeve Denim Shirt (Put number desired in blank and circle size and color) [Item 8960]

- _____ A). With 5th Crest and **Combat Infantryman's Badge** - \$34.00
_____ B). With 5th Crest and **Combat Medic's Badge** - \$34.00
_____ C). Same as A but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$40.00
_____ D). Same as B but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$40.00

Color: (Circle Color) Light Blue or Indigo

Size: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large 4X-Large (Circle Size)

#13 = T-shirt with logo as pictured on left breast (50% cot./50% poly.) - \$19.00 (Put # desired in blank and circle size and color) [Item 29, P-131]

Color: (Circle Color) White, Oxford, Black, True Navy, Light Blue, Pink, Periblu, North Carolina Blue, California Blue, True Royal Blue, Cornflower Blue, Yellow Haze, Burnt Orange, Cardinal, Deep Purple, Forrest Green, Gold, Island Yellow, Natural, Birch, Jade, Kelly, Khaki Brown, True Red, Safety Green, Maroon, Light Orange, Aqua, Bamboo Green, Classic Brown, Kiwi, Cyber Pink, Dark Graphite, Dark Lavender, Fossil Grey & Olive Green

Size: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large (Circle Size)

Special instructions for order: _____

All Polo shirts, T-shirts, Denim shirts and Jackets are custom ordered and will take up to 3 weeks for delivery

Prices listed for all items above include shipping.

Payment must be received before orders will be processed.

Make the check payable to: **5th INF ASSOC**

Mail to: **Jim Caudle / 5th Infantry Chapter**
1501 Baychester AVE
Norfolk VA 23503

For information or questions contact
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E-mail: jecaudle@cox.net

5th Infantry Chapter Quartermaster

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Prices listed include shipping.

- 1). Hats (black) - \$12.75
- 2). 3.3" Patch Exactly like the one on the hat - \$4.00
- 3). 5th Patch & Tab (Sew on type - 4" patch + tab) - \$7.50
- 4). 4" 1/5th Patch with green M-113 APC on it - \$7.50
- 5). 3" Decals (Go on the outside of a window or any solid object) - \$4.00.
- 6). Pin - Coat of arms - For hat, lapel etc. (1/2 X 3/4 inch) - \$5.50
- 7). Challenge Coin - \$10.50
- 8). License Plate Frame (8A "US ARMY") or (8B - "5th INF BOBCATS") - \$10.50
- 9). Polo/Golf 100% cotton collared shirt - Item #437M
 - 1). With 5th Crest and Combat Infantryman's or Medic's Badge - \$29.00 - With pocket \$32.00
 - 2). Same as #1 but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$35.00 - With Pocket \$38.00
- 10). Winter Jacket with 5th Crest and CIB or CMB Badge - \$61 or \$66 with the 25th INF DIV Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - khaki/navy, navy/khaki, forest green/khaki or black/khaki
- 11). Tri-Mountain Sanford Light Weight Summer Jacket (Item #4000). Colors: Black, Navy, Desert, Stone, and Moss with 5th Crest and Combat Infantryman's or Medic's Badge - \$60 or \$66 with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve
- 12). Long Sleeve Denim Shirt - \$29 with 5th Crest and Combat Infantryman's or Medic's Badge or \$40 with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve
- 13). T-shirt with logo pictured below on left breast - \$19
- 14). 5th Infantry Crest - \$6.50 each
- 15). 5th Key Chain - \$15.50
- 16). MIA Bracelet - (16A Black Medium) or (16B Silver Small) - \$4.00
- 17). 25th Decal with a "Bobcat" tab above (Size 3 3/4 X 2 1/2") - \$4.00

Order these items by contacting
our Quartermaster Jim Caudle at:

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Have this Bobcat put
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of your jacket or shirt
for \$5 (#18)



(Comments from page 13)

United States provided the North Vietnamese government the names of the targets that would be bombed the following day. Is there any truth to that allegation?"

To everyone's astonishment and absolute disgust, the former Secretary responded, "Yes. We didn't want to harm the North Vietnamese people, so we passed the targets to the Swiss embassy in Washington with instructions to pass them to the NVN government through their embassy in Hanoi." As we watched in horror, Secretary Rusk went on to say, "All we wanted to do is demonstrate to the North Vietnamese leadership that we could strike targets at will, but we didn't want to kill innocent

people. By giving the North Vietnamese advanced warning of the targets to be attacked, we thought they would tell the workers to stay home."

No wonder all the targets were so heavily defended day after day! The NVN obviously moved as many guns as they could overnight to better defend each target they knew was going to be attacked. Clearly, many brave American Air Force and Navy fliers died or spent years in NVN prison camps as a direct result of being intentionally betrayed by Secretary Rusk and Secretary McNamara, and perhaps, President Johnson himself. I cannot think of a more duplicitous and treacherous act of American government officials. Dean Rusk served as Secretary of State from January 21,

1961, through to January 20, 1969, under President John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

Perhaps Senator John McCain, POW for five years and presidential candidate in 2008, was one of the many victims of this utter stupidity and flawed policy flowing from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Mr. Peter Arnett opined that this would be a treasonous act by anyone else."

*Sent to me by John Barnard (I do not know who Bob is or who is making comments.)

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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.

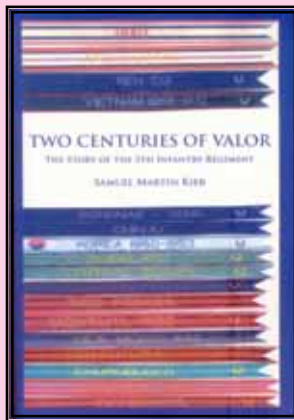
Thank you for all of your efforts to provide this very valuable piece of history for us to cherish."

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 our members are mentioned in the book as are events and battles that you may have participated in.



You can purchase this book by going to our website at: http://www.bobcat.ws/quarter_master.shtml where you can pay for the book using your credit card or you can contact Sam at: 831-646-8025 or samkier@montereybay.com

(Reunion from page 1)

You will be amazed at our day at the Ft. Benning itself. They have several things planned for us and will keep us busy for the day, including a lunch in their mess hall.

We will be back on Friday to do a day at the National Infantry Museum, which will include our Memorial Service at the Vietnam Memorial Wall and a basic training graduation ceremony on the parade grounds, sure to bring back some good memories for several of you who did your basic at Ft. Benning. After a lunch in the museum, you will be able to spend the afternoon touring all of the exhibits on display. Randy and I have done this; I promise you won't be disappointed.

We will start our tours on Wednesday by doing Callaway Gardens and the Little White House, which will be an historical event.

It's time to get started. Don't hesitate, as this is going to be a big turnout and we want to make sure you get your room booked while the block is available. All counts for each tour that we are offering must be turned in by April 17th, 30 days out from our start date. So please make sure you have all your tours and meals ordered by then so we aren't waiting to see who is going and who is not. This is a very important issue for me, so please make sure you get it done before the deadline.

Call the hotel as soon as possible, even if you aren't sure that you can make it. You can always cancel if your plans change, but at least you will have your room in the block before it runs out. Call the hotel direct and make sure you tell them you are part of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association and remember you can book 3 days before or 3 days after if you want to spend time there on your own. Hotel number is 706-327-6868.

Any questions, email or call me. I'm here to help all I can. Hope to see you all in GA next May. If you miss this one, you will be missing the best one we will ever have."

Carolyn Kethcart

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For more information on this reunion turn to pages 26 & 27.

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2016 Reunion Columbus/Fort Benning GA

Tuesday May 17th - Sunday 22nd 2016

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Schedule of Events

Hospitality Room: May 4 - May 9 (No fee)

Tuesday May 17th

Arrival and Registration

Wednesday May 18th

Callaway Gardens and



the Little White House



Thursday May 19th

Fort Benning Day

Tentative schedule of events

- 9:00-11:00 AM Basic Airborne School Overview possible exit from 34 foot towers
- 11:30-1:00 PM Lunch at the NCO Academy Dining Facility



- 1:30-3:00 PM Armor & Cavalry Restoration Facility (the collection for the future Armor Museum is housed here)
- 3:30-5:00 PM Clarke Simulation Center (Bradley, Abrams, and VBS3)

Friday May 20th

Memorial Service at the National Infantry Museum



- 8:30 AM - Basic Training Graduation at Parade grounds
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 Memorial Service



at Vietnam Wall

- 12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch at the National Infantry Museum
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM View exhibits at the National Infantry Museum

Saturday May 21th

- 9:00 - 10 AM - General Membership Meeting
- 10:30 - 11 AM Fraggging
- Free to explore Columbus

Bobcat Banquet

- 5:00 PM - Cocktails
- 6:00 PM - Dinner
- 7:00 PM - Program
- Approximately 7:30 PM - Auction

Dinner Choices \$35 *

1. Braised Beef
 2. Red Wine Chicken
 3. Grilled Salmon
 4. Vegetable Lasagna
- * All dinners include house salad, mashed potatoes, and seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, iced tea and coffee

>Kids Meal \$15

Chicken Fingers, potatoes, and green beans

Columbus Reunion Pre-Registration

PLEASE complete this form if you are planning to attend this reunion.

By completing this form it will help us plan our needs for transportation and meals etc.

Name _____

_____ Number of additional guests

Names of additional guests

E-mail Address:

Date of Arrival: _____

⇒ Do you plan on taking the "Callaway Garden and Roosevelt White House Tour"?
_____ Yes _____ No _____

⇒ Do you plan on attending FT Benning Day? _____ Yes _____ No _____

⇒ Do you plan on attending the memorial service at the National Infantry Museum? _____ Yes _____ No _____

⇒ Are you driving ? Yes _____ No _____

⇒ Is this your first reunion?
Yes _____ No _____

COMMENTS:

Mail to or contact:

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**See you in Columbus/
FT Benning!**

Registration Form Columbus GA/FT Benning Reunion

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Street _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Number attending _____ Date arriving _____

5.	Number	Cost
Registration fee - \$15 Per person or - \$25 Per couple		
WED 18 May - Callaway Gardens and the Little White House with Luncheon - \$60 Per Person		
THU 19 May - Ft. Benning Day with lunch at a Mess Hall - \$25 Per Person (Includes lunch)		
FRI 20 May - Graduation, Memorial Service at the Vietnam Wall, Lunch, and National Infantry Museum - \$45 Each		
SAT 21 May - Banquet Dinner Choices		
1. Braised Beef - \$35 Per Person		
2. Red Wine Chicken - \$35 Per Person		
3. Grilled Salmon - \$35 Per Person		
4. Vegetable Lasagna - \$35 Per Person		
5. Kids Meal - Chicken Fingers etc. - \$15 Per Person		
Reunion Donation (<i>Help cover buses, hospitality room, etc.</i>)		
TOTAL		
<i>Is this the first reunion you have attended? (circle one)</i>	YES	NO

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Cancellation policy: Except in cases of death or health, refunds will not be made if the request is made in less than 30 days before the reunion.

Pictures Posted on Facebook

Doc Eusevio Alvarado Jr. posted these pictures on Facebook. Below is SGT Bobby Wilson & Doc and on the right is LT Metzger (L) and SGT Wilson.
Recon Platoon 67-68



This Flag Does Not Fly

“Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834. This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter, each Stripe is 30 feet wide. This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.

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