



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

"BOBCATS"

Winter 2016

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Volume IV

Honorary Bobcat Ronnie Rains Invites Ben Cui Survivors

Honorary Bobcat Ronnie Rains invited many survivors of the Ben Cui battle to his Granite Ranch in Texas. Granite Ranch is described as a 3000 acre piece of heaven. Entertainment opportunities abound and range from a 9-hole lighted golf course, a 6-



L-R John Snodgrass, Gary Young, Roy Bressler, Elwood Merring, Ronnie Rains, owns Granite Ranch, Billy Brown, Vietnam veteran and friend of Rex Young, Grace Moore, nurse at 12th Evac. on 8-21-68, Frank Whalen, George Chavez, Jerry Rudlaff, Gary Robertson, Abe Cardenas, Tom Frame, Ken McKenna, Nicky Fasslin.

hole putting green, wildlife viewing of both native and exotic game, catch and release bass fishing in the 5-acre lake and Maynard Creek, and on occasions simply leaning on

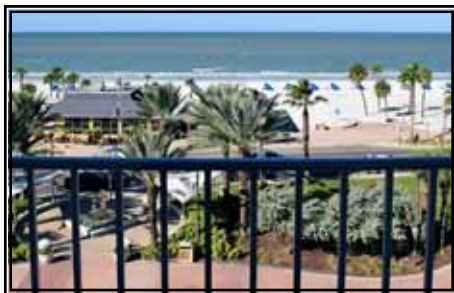
(See BenCui on page 2)

BOBCAT WINTER SOCIAL

THU. FEBRUARY 2, 2017 - SUN.
FEBRUARY 5, 2017

During the 1st week of February if you live in the north you could be staring out your window at snow or you could have a view (Picture to the right) of a sandy beach and the Gulf of Mexico from your hotel room. Don't suffer in the cold. Come to Clearwater beach for the Florida Social.

(See Florida on page 22)



"I'll Try Sir"

Albuquerque NM

16-21 May 2017

Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city, sits in the high desert. Its modern downtown core contrasts with Old Town, dating to the city's 1706 founding as a Spanish colony.

"Whether you're into history, cul-



ture, outdoor adventures or just in need of some new and unique scenery, Albuquerque offers exciting attractions for all ages and interests, anytime of the year. In the historic section of Old Town, ancient Indian and Spanish cultures come to life through old churches, quaint



shops and piazzas, winding brick paths and adobe benches. Browsers can spend a whole day making their way through the more than 100 stores, boutiques and galleries that sell Southwestern goods as well as unique products from around the

(NM Reunion on page 14)

The Spring 2017 Newsletter will be out MAR/APR 2017 - Send me articles, pictures and stories for publication.

(Be Cui from page 1)

the bar in Marlinton Saloon and listening to the dance music originating from the adjacent bandstand.

Thirteen Bobcats along with some wives attended.

Abe Cardenas made the comments below about the experience.

Hi Fred!

“Veteran's day full of activities

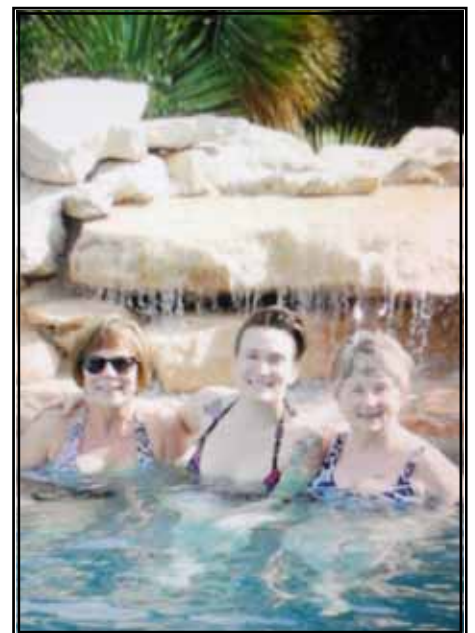
After dark we congregated at this huge bonfire, as we were toasting our veteran and our Ben-Cui boys I felt a light breeze and I looked At my brothers and sisters face and took a mental photograph. This photograph I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Thank you Jesus!

Love you,

Abe Cardenas

George Chavez sent the pictures on this page and the front page. He also said, “Many thanks to Ronnie Raines for his generosity and hospitality .”



PRESIDENTS' CORNER



"First let me congratulate the good people of Chicago, on the Cubbies' World Series win.

Second, I hope you all made it through the non-stop political commercials, not to mention the actual voting. WOW!

Ya know, when I look back on my days after Vietnam. I would have never thought that the brotherhood that was established back in 1968-69, (for me) continues to this day.

I was fortunate to learn about the 5th Infantry Regiment Association, and the reunions that were held once a year. I thought I'd give it a try, along with my wife, Chris, and now the rest is history.

As most of you know, at our reunion in Ft. Benning last May, we were introduced to a gentleman by the name of Ronnie Rains. Prior to the reunion, I was informed that Ronnie grew up with and played sports in high school with Rex Young. Rex received the Medal of Honor for his actions on August 21st 1968. Those of us who were out there on the 21st, will never forget what Rex and the other Bobcats did for us. They are the reason we are here today!

During the reunion, Ronnie came to Gary Young, Elwood Merring and myself with an idea. He offered to hold a small get together for the survivors of that day, at his ranch, in Roosevelt, Texas. We decided to have a mini reunion on Veterans Day. We went through the process of trying to find as many of our brothers as we could.

We did locate about 12 men to travel to Texas, and there were others we found, who couldn't make it. We asked Grace

Moore, who was a nurse at the 12th evac hospital in Cu Chi when our wounded came in, to join us.

We spent 4 days at Granite Ranch, fishing, shooting, helicopter rides, riding around his 3200 acre ranch viewing his exotic animals, checking out his car garage with many, many classic cars, or just sitting around the camp fire with a cold refreshment. Needless to say everyone had a wonderful time, and the weather cooperated nicely!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. We, Bobcats, have a lot to be thankful for.

From my family to yours, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Tom Frame

President
5th Infantry Regiment Association

Thanks You!

Hi Fred,

".... I want to thank the 5th Infantry Regiment Association board members for the honor of naming me "Bobcat of the Year" for 2016. I enjoy taking photographs and I enjoy even more **sharing** those photos. The 5th Infantry Regiment Association is a wonderful organization and I am proud to be part of it and to help document the reunions through photography. Beth and I were not able to attend the reunion this year but hopefully this is the last time we will miss it because we truly enjoy those times together with our friends and comrades."

Sincerely,
Ed Kawczynski



"My wee mailbox flag. A couple of neighbors have attached their unit patches to it also."

25th Infantry Division patch is the second from the top.

Ric Myers

5th Infantry Association

President - *Tom Frame*
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Bobcat Board of Directors consists of the above and the following 5 elected directors:
Jon Blickenstaff Andy Gimma
John Snodgrass George Bates
Jon Cartwright

Chaplain (Appointed) - *John Snodgrass*

Reminder !

1. Notify Paul Robinson about changes in address and phone number etc.
2. Check your membership - If there is a **red 16** (only or the last two numbers) on the address label your dues expires 31 DEC 16. Please renew now!

Reunions

FL Winter Social 2-5 FEB 2017
Albuquerque NM 16-21 May 2017

HONORED BOBCAT MEMBERS

Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

Andy Anderson (MG-R)

Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment -

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), Bob Wood (COL-R), Bart Stanzione

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

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 us 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.

Baker, Ron - Change
ronandcarrie.baker3@gmail.com

Mobley, Art - Change
arthur4aking@icloud.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:

Jones, Merriweather - Change
3240 15th AVE SE
Albany OR 97322-6911

Schooler, Jack - Change
26 Belden AVE UNIT 2336
Norwalk CT 06850-3389

McCaffrey, MG Todd - Change
1121 Old Ironsides AVE
Fort Knox KY 40121-2242

New Members:

Bernson, Jeffrey (Janet)
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Bartlett IL 60103
630-289-1109
A Co. HQ Platoon 5/68-5/69
jeffbernson@comcast.net

Metzger, COL (R) Harold V (Charlotte)
19059 N Hwy 133
Crocker MO 65452

573 759 3586
B Co. HHC Scout Platoon, HQ BN
S2 -1967-68
harold.metzger@windstream.net

Comment: Served B Company Rifle Platoon Leader, Company XO, transferred to HHC to be Scout Platoon Leader, then BN S2 my last couple of months.

O'Shea, John (Kathleen)
3611 Raven St
Levittown NY 11756
516-796-3260
C Co. 4th Platoon 1967-68
josh112@hotmail.com
(Vietnam)

Taps:

Curry, Jerry - Ground Surveillances Radar & Recon, HHC 4/66-4/67 of El Paso TX died 3 SEP 16

"Jerry Lee Curry, May 22, 1943 - September 3, 2016 Jerry passed away in comfort and peace after a long battle with cancer. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran serving with the 25th infantry division, receiving the bronze star and many other awards. He is now with his beloved wife Victoria who passed away March 8, 2016, She will be buried along with Jerry. Jerry was a long-haul truck driver seeing much of the United States with his wife by his side.... Jerry is survived by his brothers in the Vietnam Veterans Association post # 578.... Graveside Service for Mr. & Mrs. Curry will be held on Monday September 19, 2016 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Military Honors."

**From the "El Paso Times"*

Bob Whaley who informed me of his death said, "His wife, Victoria had passed just 5 months earlier on April 3rd. I think her passing took his will to fight the cancer.

We spoke shortly before he passed. A good guy, I'll miss him."

Claffy, John - of Ls Cruces NM who served with HHC 3rd ORD BN EOD Section from 10/3/68 - 4/70 died on 9 AUG 2015



Robinson, Roger - of Boca Raton FL who served with C Co. from 10/67 - 10/68 died on 10 NOV 2013

**I was alerted to Claffy and Robinson's deaths by Paul Robinson.*

Anderson, Lee - Died 2 DEC 16 - Wife of our Honorary Colonel of the Regiment retired Major General Andy Anderson

Andy Remembers Lee

Greetings to all:

It's with a heavy heart that I inform my Bobcat brothers and sisters of the passing of my dear wife on Friday, 2 December. After a four year battle with cancer and COPR, she could no longer endure the pain and choose to go to the local Hospice House in Easton. Thirteen days later she died of heart failure. I now only have memories of our 60 year marriage that started in Aschaffenburg, Germany. Our wedding was unique since it included the use of heavy Army equipment like tanks. I was the only lieutenant company commander in a twenty company infantry regiment. My tank company had just received twenty-two brand new M48 tanks in exchange for a like number of old and worn out M47s. So in keeping with orders to exercise our equipment 24/7, I committed our tanks in support of the wedding. Coming out of the chapel my bride and I walked under an arch of sabers raised by my fellow officers. We then were able to step up to and sit astride the 90mm gun shield of my tank as we traversed the streets of Aschaffenburg. The Germans loved it and we did too. Arriving at the officer's club for the reception we walked under a canopy of 90mm gun tubes raised at maximum elevation. Frankly, such an elaborate wedding (read misuse of government equipment) would never have been condoned today. Had current stringent and politically correct rules and regulations been applied then - I never would have had the opportunity to serve with the Bobcats which I view as the highlight of my career.

We had 18 PCS moves and Lee handled all of them in a very professional manner. She was in fact the consummate Army wife who contributed materially to my military career. So, there is no question that my unforeseen and unexpected advancement to flag rank, I owe to her. I shall miss her terribly, but I know she is in a better place now devoid of the pain and suffering she en-

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Members' Comments, Letters, E-mails & Information

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

Help Disabled Vets Get Their Military Pay

"Hello Paul, and Julie, Hope all is well and ya'll are getting ready for Turkey Day and Santa. Wish it was over already and Mimi has not even started yet. Being retired now I have no excuse for not helping. Ha!Ha!

Can you post the information below to your face book friends and/or send e-mails and ask your friends to share with their friends so maybe everyone will contact there representative to get on board on passing HR 333. The link to see who their rep. is below and once there it is so easy to copy and paste this info. I am hoping this will get the long overdue bill passed.

This may be a good article for our newsletter?

Thanks for Your help."

Terry Rountree Sr.

"I am writing to urge you to cosponsor H.R. 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act. This bill would permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive full concurrent receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, including Chapter 61 medical retirees with less than 20 years of service.

In 2003 and 2004, the Congress partially repealed a 19th century law prohibiting the concurrent receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation. This forced disabled services members to forfeit part or all of their military retired pay to fund their own VA disability compensation.

Retired pay is earned for a career of uniformed service, and VA disability compensation is recompense for pain, suffering, and lost future earning power due to service-connected disabilities. Military members earn their retired pay by service alone, and those unfortunate enough to suffer a service-caused disability in the process should have any VA disability compensation added to, not subtracted from their service-earned military retired pay."

As your constituent, I am asking you

to please cosponsor H.R. 333 and do all that you can to see that it is enacted this year.

<http://www.house.gov/htbin/findrep?ZIP>

Terry sent this message to Paul Robinson asking him to help. Paul sent it to me.
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Bridge Named After Bobcat

"I also wanted everyone to know that I received an email about a Bobcat that was KIA in 1966 and is from Everton Pa. The town is naming a bridge after 2 of their hometown heroes. The 2 Boroughs join in the middle of the bridge and on November 12th there is going to be a dedication, and they are asking if anyone who served with SSG. John Earnesty, who was in Charlie Company, would like to attend. He only was with the unit from 11-11-66 to 11-12-66.

Contact information for this ceremony is: Keith Medley at,
keith.medley@gmail.com
Phone, 267-716-8488

I hope everyone is in good health and getting ready for fall. I know I'm not ready to retire the flip flops and fishin pole just yet.
Peace to all,"

Tom Frame

Bobcat on National Public Radio

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Anthony Formica who served with the 1/5th in Afghanistan and at FT Wainwright was heard making a statement on "National Public Radio". Anthony who is now a Captain serving with the 173rd Airborne Vicenza Italy was talking about their mission training the Estonian Army and that NATO was increasing their presence in the small Baltic nations that border on Russia.

I E-mailed Tony saying that we heard his statement. Here is his re-

sponse:

Fred,

"Thanks for the note! Yes, in spite of having traded in my 5th Infantry Stryker wheels for all the airborne trapplings of a paratrooper, I'm doing very well over here. I'm currently the commander of Able Company, 2-503 IN BN (ABN) in the 173rd. It's a very rewarding, if very fast-paced, assignment. We're ordinarily based out of Italy, but since September have been in Lithuania-we went to Estonia during the time of that NPR interview because we could shoot more calibers of artillery on Estonia's ranges for our platoon live fires.

I still religiously read the Bobcat Bulletin and enjoy keeping tabs on the Regiment on Facebook. My best to everyone throughout the Bobcat community, and please never hesitate to let me know if there's anything I can do to support the Association."

-Tony

Anthony M. Formica
CPT, IN
Commander, Able Company
2-503rd IN BN, 173rd IBCT (A)

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET YOU FOR CHRISTMAS!

"By Colonel (R) Nevin R. Williams
If any veteran hears that from a spouse or loved one this Fall, you now have an answer. "YES. I have an idea. Recognize my military service with a brick in my name at the new Army Museum!"
Then enunciate the information.

For a one-time fee of only \$250 (tax deductible), details of your military service can be imbedded in granite and be placed on perpetual display at the new Army Museum. Refer your loved one to

<http://www.imaginemyARMYbrick.com>

The bricks are designed to honor the service of currently serving soldiers of the active Army, Army Reserve, National guard and veterans of the sister services. Also, the families of veterans, past and present Department of the Army civilians, veterans organizations and

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Treasurer's Report

3rd Quarter Financial Report
(1 July - 30 September 2016)

July

Income:

Membership Dues \$135

TOTAL \$135

Debits:

SUM Newsletter- Printing \$541.50

Postage \$211.61

Bank Service Charge \$4.00

Member Bounced Check \$25

Book sales \$59.90

Norfolk Site Visit \$334.60

Norfolk Hotel Advance Pay. \$500

Albuquerque Banquet Room Advance \$100

TOTAL \$1776.61

August

Income:

Membership Dues \$320

Quartermaster Sales \$28.50

Donations \$325

TOTAL \$673.50

Debits:

Quartermaster Stock \$76.30

Bank Service Charge \$16

Army Divisions Assoc. Add \$106

Postage \$134.72

TOTAL \$332.02

September

Income:

Quartermaster Sales \$33.10

Pay Pal (Internet Sales) \$533.38

Total \$566.48

Debits:

Keychain Stock Purchase \$25

Bank Service Charge \$4

TOTAL \$29

Assets:

Business Savings Account \$48734.22

Checking Balance \$10608.54

TOTAL \$59342.76

Jim Caudle,

Treasurer/Quartermaster

Donations to the Association

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

Patrick Manning \$25

Your name could be here!

State Veteran's Benefits

"Everyone knows about the federal benefits available to veterans, but did you know many states also offer great benefits to their veterans? State benefits range from free college and employment resources to free hunting and fishing licenses. Most states also offer tax breaks for their veterans and specialized license plates, some states even provide their veterans with cash bonuses just for serving in the military."

The Website below lists the Veteran's benefits for all states

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/state-veterans-benefits-directory.html?ESRC=banner.nl>

**Copied from a "Military.com" Website*

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military associations can be honored.

The 4" x 8" brick allows for 1-3 lines of text (20 letters and spaces per line) at a cost of \$250. The 8" x 8" brick allows for up to 6 lines of text for \$500. Also available are beautiful replicas and display cases that can be presented to the honoree as a gift. Bricks make great gifts for holidays and special events. Gift certificates are also available. You may have missed the deadline for Christmas this year but consider a gift certificate.

The commemorative bricks will line the pathways of the National Army Mu-

seum and will engage the attention of visitors as they enter the museum. The bricks are made of high quality Mesabi black granite.

For additional information, go to the web address above or to armyhistro.org/bricks. (I have no vested interest in this program—I am strictly a participant!)."

Nevin Williams

Kokomo IN Vietnam Veterans Reunion

"I went to the Kokomo, Indiana Vietnam Veterans Reunion with two of



Mike Massey, Rich Purkis & Tom Goins

my former Alpha Co. 3rd platoon Brothers. It was the first time we had seen each other in 48 years. We had a great time together catching up and many BS sessions. There were some former 25th



Rich Purkis, Mike Massey & Tom Goins

ID soldiers there, but no other Bobcats."

Tom Goins

Our Bobcat's Website's Domain Is Secured

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Still Fighting: Vietnam Vets Seek Help for Rare Cancer

Mike Koehs' death was reported in the last newsletter. He told me at our FT Benning reunion that this was the type of cancer he died from and he wanted our members to be aware of it.

Associated Press - 11 NOV 16 - Margie Mason, Robin McDowell

DANVILLE, Calif. — "They were the lucky ones who managed to make it home from Vietnam. Now, a half-century later, some veterans are finding out they, too, are victims of the war.

The enemy is a known killer in parts of Asia: Parasites ingested in raw or poorly cooked river fish. These liver flukes attach to the lining of the bile duct and, over time, cause inflammation and scarring. Decades after infection, a rare cancer called cholangiocarcinoma can develop. Symptoms typically do not occur until advanced stages.

Ralph Erickson, who heads post-deployment health services at the Department of Veterans Affairs, said about 700 cholangiocarcinoma patients have passed through the agency's medical system in the past 15 years. In some instances, the government has acknowledged that the illness is "as likely as not" connected to veterans' time in service. By VA standards, that's enough to make them eligible for benefits.

Less than half of those 700 submitted claims, however, in part because they were unaware of any possible link to service. Of the claims submitted, 3 out of 4 have been rejected, according to data obtained by The Associated Press through the Freedom of Information Act.

As a result, some veterans are spending their final days fighting the VA. They say they were never told they could be at risk, even though they were deployed to a region where the worms are endemic.

"Hard to believe," said veteran Michael Baughman, 64, as he sat in his living room in Danville, California, flipping through a photo album from his war days. "I dodged all those bullets, then get killed by a fish."

Baughman was drafted in late 1970 and sent to central Vietnam to do reconnaissance missions near Hue. Thanks partly to growing up hunting in the mountains of West Virginia, he proved gifted at noticing the smallest twig or leaf brushed out of place by the enemy. Walking point and clearing thick jungle with a machete, he was tasked with spotting booby traps and potential ambushes.

Often on long patrols, he said his unit would run out of rations and go fishing for dinner near the border with Laos.

"We would throw a grenade in the water, and then scoop them off the river floor," Baughman said. "We called it 'fish on a stick.'"

The men cooked the makeshift meal as best they could over a tiny, blue smokeless flame, but it never really got done.

He didn't think much of it, until he went for a long-overdue physical three years ago. His blood work indicated there might be a problem with his liver. Further testing revealed he had bile duct cancer.

Baughman's private physician wrote a letter highlighting the connection between liver flukes and bile duct cancer. A VA doctor also acknowledged the parasites are a primary risk factor but was not entirely convinced Baughman's illness was related to his time in Vietnam.

The veteran's claims for benefits were denied twice in 2015. He's awaiting word on his latest appeal.

Liver flukes infect an estimated 25 million people globally. The parasites are found mainly in parts of Southeast Asia, China and South Korea, where residents and tourists alike risk infection from specific types of freshwater fish such as tilapia and carp.

In one location in Laos, researchers found liver flukes — which can survive pickling and fermentation — in about 60 percent of villagers, and in some parts of Vietnam, up to 40 percent were infected.

In northeastern Thailand, where many villagers have a taste for the sour fish dish pla som, new bile duct cancers affect about 84 in 100,000 people, the world's highest recorded rate. Mobile clinics routinely perform bile duct ultrasound screening in hard-hit areas.

In the United States, cholangiocarcinoma is extremely rare, with roughly 5,000 people diagnosed each year, including some Asian immigrants who ate infected fish in their native countries. Liver flukes aren't the only risk factor for the disease; others include hepatitis B and C, cirrhosis and bile duct stones.

VA data, collected following an AP inquiry, show the number of benefit claims for bile duct cancer has increased sixfold since 2003. The requests hit a high of 60 last year, with nearly 80 percent denied. Decisions appear to be haphazard. Some are approved automatical-

ly. Others, presented with the same evidence, are denied. Some rejections are based on the fact that parasites were not found in stool samples, but those tests were conducted years after the worms would have died.

VA officials said that while they're sympathetic, it's up to the men to prove the connection to their time in service. They say because the cancer remains rare, it would be unrealistic and onerous to carry out regular screenings.

"We will look at each case and all the evidence that is presented to us and make a determination at that point," said Steve Westerfeld, a spokesman for the VA's Veterans Benefits Administration. "Certainly any veteran has an opportunity to appeal."

Many do, sometimes two or three times before either getting approved or giving up.

How much veterans, or their families, are compensated depends on many factors, including to what degree the illness is affecting their ability to have productive lives. An unmarried veteran can get nearly \$3,000 a month, but some spouses said they get about half that amount. For many, it's not about the money. It's about raising awareness, both among veterans and the VA.

If American doctors better understood cholangiocarcinoma and the potential risks to those who served in Vietnam, they could use ultrasound to check veterans for inflammation, and then surgery might be possible for some of them, said Jeff Bethony, a liver fluke expert at George Washington University.

"Early is key," he said, adding he regularly receives desperate letters from veterans' family members. "The VA should be testing for this."

**Copied from the "Military.com" Website on 16 NOV 16*

(Roster from page 4)

dured for so long. I shall join her at the Arlington National Cemetery in the not too distant future.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours good health and much happiness in the coming year. Stay active and continue to be able to move, shoot and communicate.

**With warmest regards, Andy
Bobcat 6 - 68 =**

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“A Night at the Office”

“I tried not to lick my sun and wind burn cracked lips. My red face had a burning sensation. At least the sun was down and darkness had set in. But the wind, it just would not let up. Just then I heard the shout, MISFIRE!

Running to the mortar pits, thoughts of the day passed through my mind. It had been a long one, and there were more support missions ahead. Approaching the mortars, the base gun's squad leader had already moved his crew away from the pit. Misfires can unexpectedly detonate instantly killing everyone within its bursting radius. A misfire was serious.

Immediate action procedures are practiced regularly during “dry fire” exercises, but this shell was live. After the mortar tube cooled, the base gun squad leader called the gunner back to his pit. It was now time to disconnect the barrel from its baseplate – a very simple slow twisting motion. However, with a white phosphorous projectile resting somewhere in the tube, the procedure was a dangerous one. Slowly lifting the barrel parallel to the ground, the pressure from the weight of the round was removed from the firing pin. A flashlight revealed that it was resting at the barrel's butt. It had struck the pin, but failed to fire. It was presumed defective – a dud round.

Following protocol, elevating the barrel so that the bottom is higher than the top, the next step was tricky and nerve racking. The projectile began to slide forward. As the gunner gently lifted the barrel's butt, the squad leader secured the yoke of the bipod with his hands. I placed my hands over the barrel's bore to stop the round from dropping to the ground. I heard steel on steel; the shell was moving forward – good sign for a bad situation. When the round's nose touched my fingers, I remember how eerie it was. The wind had stopped blowing.

Slowly I brought the dud out of the barrel with one hand gripping the nose fuse and the other on the projectile's body above its fins cradling it in my arms. We could see that the firing pin had struck the primer cap, but it must have been defective causing the misfire. The ordinance was carried away and placed in the dud pit a safe distance away – SOP.

The danger of this unexploded mortar round was over – time to relax.

FIRE MISSION! The command

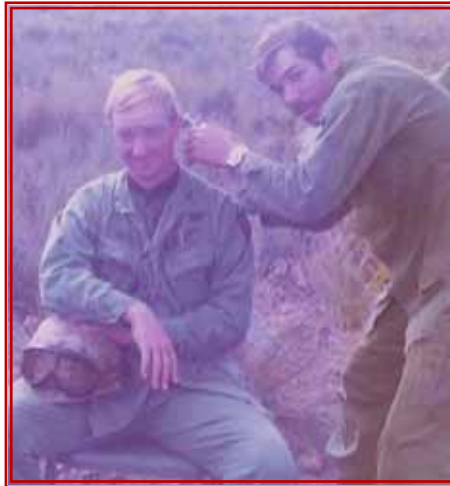
from the fire direction center to initiate another support for indirect fire instantly put the crew on notice. There was no rest this night as the “office” remained open for business.”

Joe Harris

Mortar Platoon Leader
A Company 1973-75

Fred,

“Attached is a photograph of me receiving a field hair cut. The barber is SGT Lowry, Company A's fire direction chief.



We had been in the field for several weeks. Bobcat 6, LTC Mike Ferguson, said that our shooting was good, but that our heads were not. So, we received the company's barber kit and began cutting hair. I was the first to have my ears lowered.”

Joe

A Facebook Picture Posted by 1/5th CSM-R Victor Mercado



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Our Bobcat's Website's Domain Is Secured

“The transfer of our Domain Bobcat.ws is now complete and it was a smooth transition of ownership from Lord Ron Henry without any transfer fees incurred. The ownership now is in the name of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association and is still registered and held by Global Domains International Inc. WebSite.ws. It can be administered by anyone in our organization that has the Login and Password. I will pass that information to Jim Caudle for now so as secretary he can file it in case something should happen to me. I will be updating and extending that registration for 10 Years for \$350 once I hear formally that the motion carried and was passed.”

Randy Kethcart

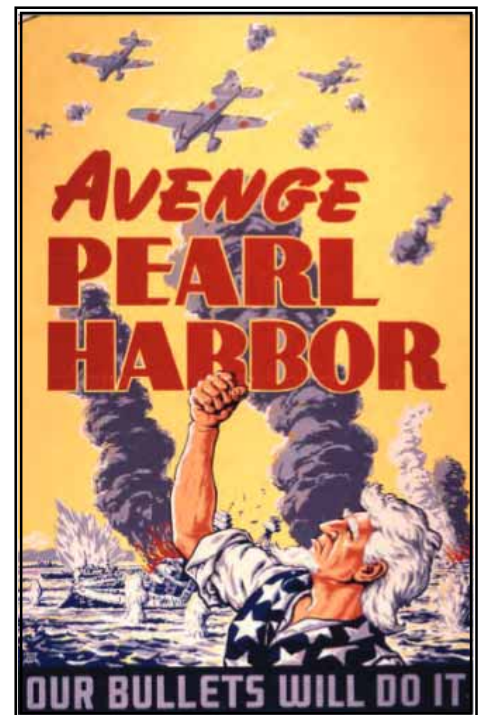
**The motion passed. The registration expires in March 2017 at which time Randy will extend it.*

(Roster from page 7)

Prather, Jerry - Service Company,
555th FAB, 1950-51 - From Canyon Lake, CA - Died 2 NOV 16

Henning, Gwen - Wife of Cliff who died 4/1/14 (B Co. 3rd PLT 2nd SQD 3/66/3/67) - Gwen died in OCT

**Information provided by Bob Whaley*



Wants Contact With Bobcat Veterans

Hello,

"My name is CPT Daniel Yu. I am the current commander of Bravo Company 1-5IN in Fort Wainwright Alaska. I was wondering if there is anyone within the organization that I can talk to about getting the veterans of the regimental association better contact with the current Soldiers here in Alaska."

CPT Daniel S. Yu

CDR B Co.1/5th

"Thank you for the quick responses. The intent of contacting you all was to see how we can incorporate your involvement in our future events coming up. I know the companies are holding specific holiday parties here in the near future. We do have a CTC rotation(National Training Center) and a training rotation in Korea coming up. There may be a formal event as well as homecoming events that I wanted to suggest to the higher command to get your involvement. If at all else, I was hoping to see if you were interested in drinking a beer and sharing some war stories with the Soldiers. I have found a lot of value in that and want to give that to my guys.

I grew up in past units that continue to have strong ties with their regimental affiliations so I took it upon myself to contact you in particular for my Company as well as the Battalion. (Everyone would be invited, Docs included!) Speaking of Docs, our BN won the USARAK Best Medic competition and my company medic SPC Varner and another BN medic went to Fort Sam Houston to compete in the Army Best Medic Competition recently.

I'll engage LTC Blake Lackey about the future formal events but just wanted to reach out and see the general interest and introduce myself. I may not be your point of contact in the future but please don't hesitate to contact me for any information or updates."

CPT Daniel S. Yu

Cell: 757-871-0395

daniel.s.yu@mail.mil dsyu106@gmail.com

CPT Yu,

"I just wanted to add that in recent years, we've had the privilege of meeting young active-duty Bobcats at some of our annual reunions either singly or in groups. In a couple of cases, they provided a color guard for our memorial ceremonies and our Saturday evening banquet. There was plenty of time for sharing a brew and war stories. The old vets have, in turn, attended re-deployment parties and other functions at Ft. Lewis, Ft. Bliss and Ft. Wainwright. During recent correspondence with LTC Lackey, he mentioned an interest in one of more of us participating in a possible regimental organization day next spring, probably around April 12, the 209th anniversary of the birth of the regiment.

I would also like to see more questions, remarks and stories submitted by active duty soldiers to our association's newsletter, the Bobcat Bulletin. We older guys could respond to any inquiries. In my capacity as regimental historian, I've received a number of questions of historical nature from young soldiers preparing for their promotion examinations. I've enjoyed those contacts. There are a number of ways that we can facilitate communication between the generations of Bobcats."

Sam Kier, Historian, 5th Inf Regt Assn

George Chavez's Oldest Daughter Raquel Is Commissioned A 2nd Lieutenant

"Fred in this picture I was presenting the first salute a Officer receives upon being commissioned . In the official and first salute in the auditorium my daughter's boyfriend was blocking the picture so we did it again after the ceremony . It was taken outdoor ."



George's sons, 1SG Robert S. Chavez (Active Army) and Paul S. Chavez (middle son) with 2Lt Raquel D. Chavez .



Historian Sam Kier Trying To Help Others

Jitterbugging In Vietnam

Dear Sam,

"You may recall our e-mail correspondence in May of 2015 about the Jitterbug tactic. Thanks to you I followed up and secured the information you suggested. I have another question though.

Do you have any idea, or how I can find out, who came up with the name "Jitterbug" for the tactic?

It seems to me the name for the tactic came from either General Emerson or someone in his command.'

Herb Foster

Hi Herb,

"I just rescanned General Emerson's oral history and though he's credited with developing the tactic or at least coming up with the idea, he doesn't mention the word "jitterbugging" during the Vietnam portion of his own story. The late COL David Hackworth, who served under Hank Emerson in the Mekong Delta included the term in his glossary for his book, *Steel My Soldiers' Hearts*. Hackworth defined "jitterbug flights" simply as infantry raids from choppers at scheduled targets or targets of opportunity. It almost sounds like the chopper itself was the jitterbug."

Sam

Sam,

You are a font of knowledge. Thanks, again, for sharing your knowledge with me. Will order Hackworth's book from our Edgartown Library.

Have an enjoyable Thanksgiving."

Herb

"When you read *Steel My Soldiers' Hearts* you will be introduced to SGT Jim Silva, who, like a number of other grunts, painted "FTA" on his helmet, but eventually redeemed himself with Hackworth. Jim currently lives in nearby Salinas, California. He maintains a memorial garden devoted to the memory of Monterey County men who died in Vietnam. David Hackworth died several years ago from bladder cancer. He was the author of four books about his army

career in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. I have his complete works."

Happy Thanksgiving,

Sam

Information About Grandfather Who Served in Korea

Keegan,

"Randy Kethcart brought your note regarding your grandfather to my attention. I serve as historian for the 5th Infantry Regiment and am always anxious to share information with family members about veterans of our regiment. I didn't know your grandfather because I joined the 5th in 1954, long after he had been dropped from the rolls. From your description it sounds like Marvin was a member of Service Company, 5th RCT, and that he was either injured or wounded during the battle for Sobuk-san Mountain in August, 1950.

What kinds of information do you already have about Marvin and what else are you hoping to learn about him? Hopefully I can help."

Sam Kier

"All he ever told us was that he got shot in the back and in the knee, and he got a purple heart, and he got the bronze star for just laying there pretending to be dead. :) He never went into anything else or brought it up, other than to say that's why he had a bad knee.

I just want to know why he got the bronze star, because they aren't given out like candy, like he basically said.

Thank you for your prompt reply, and I apologize for taking so long to respond."

Keegan Wallace

Keegan,

"Do you have any of your grandfather's army documents? Do you have a copy of his DD214, Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States. He would have needed a copy of his DD214 to get access to Korean War veterans benefits like buying a house, going to school or getting medical care from the VA. Among other things listed on the form are a soldier's medals and the general orders that would reveal the citation number or explanation for the Bronze Star Med-

al. It would clarify whether the Bronze Star was awarded for valor or, as in some cases, awarded for good work.

The Form 214 would also tell us the company or companies of the 5th in which he served. I jumped to the conclusion that he was with Service Company because that was the outfit that provided transportation for the entire regiment and had a squad of mechanics to keep the trucks running. However, there were very likely scattered mechanics among the rifle companies to make minor repairs.

At 2130 hours (9:30 PM) on August 25, 1950, the North Koreans began a 2-hour bombardment of the 5th RCT positions with direct fire artillery, recoilless rifles, automatic weapons and anything else they could get their hands on. At 2330 hours they began their assault on our positions, especially that of C Company. Some of our soldiers held their ground and some bugged out. This intense fighting was going on while your grandfather was wounded making me wonder if he might have been a member of Charlie Company. If he stood his ground, he could well have been among those who were awarded a Bronze Star.

The explanation for Marvin's award would be found on a "General Order" issued by Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division, since the 5th RCT was attached to the 25th ID on August 26. It could have been issued in October of 1950 or even later.

That's why I'm wondering what written information you may be able to find."

Sam Kier

25th INF DIV ASSOC's Hawaii Reunion Attended by Allan Azary

"...Thursday, Tropic Lightning Day at Schofield.... Buffet breakfast as before followed by unveiling of female Tropic Lightning soldier statue to accompany the others at the memorial site. This ceremony was followed by a pass in review of what seemed like the entire division troops....very impressive. It seems to me that the Memorial Bricks have been rearranged and/or moved to different locations.

Following this, we were brought to a location that was used for a live fire demonstration that included, Chinooks, helicopter gunships firing mini guns (or

(See Comments on page 21)

OUR BOBCAT FOREBEARS

by Sam Kier



COL Allen James Greer

"When the 5th RCT redeployed from Korea, in the fall of 1954, it was assigned to several blocks of World War I-era barracks at North Fort Lewis, Washington. As soon as I had my gear squared away in the barracks housing the clerks and drivers from Regimental Headquarters Platoon, I obtained a weekend pass to go up to Seattle to visit my Uncle Joe and Aunt Ada.

During a conversation with my relatives, I mentioned that Jim Houston, the soldier who was assigned to the bunk next to mine, had recently graduated from the University of California. Jim, a black PFC from Oakland, had requested a transfer to the 5th Medical Company and knowing of my interest in finding a similar job, had suggested that I do the same.

Aunt Ada, who had grown up in Virginia, gasped, "Sa-yam, you have to sleep in the same building as negras?" When I realized she wasn't joking, I explained that President Truman had ended segregation in the armed forces in 1948. Her response was, "I'm glad I didn't vote for him."

COL Allen J. Greer, MOH recipient and forty-second commander of the 5th Infantry Regiment is best remembered for his contribution to the controversy that led to Truman's Executive Order 9981, abolishing racial segregation in the services. In December 1918, Greer wrote a letter to his senator, Kenneth

McKellar of Tennessee, pointing out the weaknesses he had observed in black company officers during World War I. Greer had just finished serving as chief of staff for the 92nd Infantry Division, a primarily African-American division. The 92nd was composed of black draftees from all forty-eight states. Its black company officers had been trained at a segregated officer training school at Fort Des Moines. Its field grade officers were white.

A reorganization of the U.S. Army, immediately following the armistice in France, had prompted COL Greer to write to his senator. "Temporary" officers were being invited to put in for commissions in the Regular Army and Greer did not want the invitation to be extended to black officers.

Greer went on to write an account of his observations of the men of the 92nd during their year in France. He said that as soon as the incompetence of the company officers was evident, they were replaced with white officers. According to him, white leadership led to a decline, among the enlisted men, in cases of rape, self-inflicted wounds, accidental shootings, and exhibitions of cowardice.

Following its arrival in France in July, 1918, the 92nd Division underwent a month of training and then went up on the line near Lesseaux in the Vosges Mountains; a "quiet place in the line" according to Colonel Greer. They were under the control of the French XXXIII Corps.

On September 3, a large German force attacked a position in the line defended by the platoon of 2LT Aaron Fisher. Despite being severely wounded in the initial onslaught, Fisher refused to abandon his post and ordered his men to stand and fight. Fisher's men fought on against overwhelming odds until an Allied counterattack drove off the enemy. Lieutenant Fisher received the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism in action" and the French Croix de Guerre acknowledging him as "an officer of admirable courage."

COL Greer didn't mention LT Fisher in his letter. He stated that the soldiers of the 92nd Division "would do anything but fight. They have been dangerous to no one except themselves and women."

LT Aaron R. Fisher

"The 92nd Division was relieved by the French 87th Division on September 20 and sent to the Argonne Forest, where it, minus the 368th Infantry, joined the newly-formed American 1st Army. Perusal of a *Summary of Operations* for



the 92nd Division produced by the American Battle Monuments Commission, reveals that, from time to time, the 368th had some difficulties getting "organized" and tying in with the flanks of other attacking units. Those were the only negatives in the report. COL Greer painted a much bleaker picture stating that the 368th was cowardly and failed in all its missions. Yet, somehow, fifty-eight members of the 368th were killed during the Meuse-Argonne offensive and 226 were wounded.

Allen Greer was born in Memphis, Tennessee on August 11, 1878. He was appointed a second lieutenant in the 4th Tennessee Infantry at the tender age of 19 and went with his regiment to Cuba for a brief period of occupation duty. On 5 October 1899, Greer received a regular army commission as a second lieutenant in the 4th U.S. Infantry and joined his new unit in Southern Luzon in the Philippines.

On 2 July 1901, the day after being promoted to first lieutenant, Greer came upon an insurgent outpost near Majada, Laguna Province. Armed with only his Colt .38 caliber revolver, he attacked the post by himself, killed one guerrilla, wounded two, and captured three more with their rifles and equipment. He received the Medal of Honor for his actions.

COL Greer assumed command of the 5th Infantry Regiment on 20 May 1920 when the regiment was posted in Andernach, Germany as part of the U.S. Army of Occupation. During Greer's watch, the 5th Infantry held a level of

(See Sam on page 21)

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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December 6, 2016

Bobcats,

In the last few months the Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment have continued to impress me and CSM Corella. The Bobcats finished summer at a Brigade level field operation (Arctic Anvil) where we found success at every level from individual rifleman to the command teams and beyond. The brigade leadership noted these achievements with 5 Army Commendation Medals and 37 Army Achievement medals. Not resting on these laurels the Bobcats attacked the fall with a litany of live fires and collective training events. Battalion level air assaults, live fire obstacle breaches, and urban live fires only begin to cover the spectrum of operations our Soldiers undertook, all the while executing in Arctic conditions with our coldest day of live fires reaching -40 degrees Fahrenheit.


One program to highlight from this fall was Bobcat Challenge. Here platoons competed in physical competitions that weight scores based on each unit's ability to build and sustain combat readiness. The first three events consisted of an Army Physical Fitness Test with pullups, 6 mile foot march and obstacle course, and a 5 mile uphill trail run. Junior leaders across the battalion have made this endeavor a success by motivating soldiers and personally investing in their success. We will continue Bobcat Challenge into the winter months with snowshoeing, marksmanship, and Arctic movement techniques.

All this hard work has prepared the battalion for future success at the National Training Center (NTC) and ensuing training events. We look forward to a Korea deployment consisting of Joint Level Task Force and Multinational training exercises with units from the 1st Infantry Division and Republic of Korea Army. Here Bobcats will showcase foundations built over the past months and continue to advance their tactical lethality.

As we approach the holiday season the Bobcats will take hard earned time off to spend with their families and friends. During this time we will remember those Bobcats past and present who make these months of celebration possible. We encourage all of our Soldiers to reach out to members of the Bobcat family and show our appreciation.

In the upcoming months, please remain safe and continue to take care of those around you. The holidays are particularly busy and we want everyone to continue contributing to the team. Please stay in communication with each other and utilize the bonds built through our Bobcat comradery. Please take the time to communicate with us and "Like" our Facebook Page (search "1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment" on Facebook) Please feel free to contact me at Robert.b.lackey.mil@mail.mil.

Sincerely,


R. Blake Lackey
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Commanding



LTC R. Blake Lackey



CSM Ronald D. Corella

Training In -40 Temperatures

"Bobcats braved -40 degree temperatures while operating at Donnelly Training Area! Months of training culminated with complex, multiechelon live fire exercises that tested Soldiers and Leaders. Each company executed missions combining air and ground insertions, individual and crew served weapons, as well as indirect fires."



The Chinook has skis



A special thanks to LTC Lackey and LT Haas for the letter and pictures!



2017 Reunion Albuquerque New Mexico

Tuesday May 16th - Sunday May 21st 2017

(NM Reunion from page 1)
world....

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the Petroglyph National Monument offer a glimpse of old Indian customs and art. Families will find plenty to do at the Albuquerque Biological Park, which features a zoo, aquarium and botanic garden. Outdoor types will find ample opportunities for hiking, biking and golf. After working up an appetite, head to any number of fine restaurants that serve up a choice of hot or even hotter New Mexican cuisine. To top it all off, take a ride on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway for spectacular views of all this vibrant city has to offer."

Wednesday May 17th

The International Balloon, The Unser Racing Museum, and Old Town Albuquerque Tour - \$30

Start the day visiting

The International Balloon - Since the first balloon flights in 1783, there have been many feats recorded in the story of balloon flight. Hot air and gas balloons have been used for adventure, scientific experiments, the arts, warfare, espionage, and the exploration of space.

The exhibits at the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum help the visitor see and



understand how all this happened. Emphasis is on the development of exhibits that combine historic artifacts with modern multi-media technology to create a sense of excitement as well as an educational environment.

Next we move on to

Unser Racing Museum - The Unser Racing Museum is a multi-dimensional museum experience utilizing modern technologies to educate and

immerse the visitor in the exciting world of racing. Take a guided tour and learn about the Unser family history, then explore on your own, seeing and interacting with racing history as it happened. The museum spans the early



days of racing from Pikes Peak and Indianapolis to the latest technology, including a racing simulator that puts you in the driver's seat, and interactive kiosks for young and old to learn more about racing in a fun, educational environment.

Last we move onto Old Town Albuquerque for time on your own for lunch and shopping.

Stroll the Plaza, dine at our many



restaurants, or shop at over 150 stores and galleries for unique gifts from the Southwest and around the world. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered!

Thursday May18

Sandia Peak Tramway & Mexican Luncheon

\$65 Per Person 10 am - 3 pm

A trip on the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway transports you above deep canyons and breathtaking terrain a distance of 2.7 miles. See some of nature's more dramatic beauty unfold before you. At sunset the desert skies produce a spectacular array of color, and your vantage point from the observation deck atop 10,378 foot Sandia Peak in the Cibola National Forest affords an 11,000 square



-mile panoramic view of the Rio Grande Valley and the Land of Enchantment. Located on the eastern edge of Albuquerque in the Sandia Foothills at the end of Tramway Road. From there we will enjoy a Mexican Buffet at "Sadies on 4th".

Friday May 19th

Memorial Service at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial

\$35 Per person 10 am - 3 pm

Schedule of Event



Depart Hotel: 10:00 AM

Memorial Service: 10:30 AM (#28 on Website map)

Catered Luncheon at Veterans Memorial indoor facility: 12:00 PM (#2 on map)

Explore Exhibits: 1:00 to 2:30



Saturday's schedule on page 16

Albuquerque 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 Balloon & Unser Museums / Old Town Tour?
_____ Yes _____ No _____

⇒ Do you plan on attending Sandia Peak Tramway & Mexican Luncheon? _____ Yes _____ No _____

⇒ Do you plan on attending the Memorial Service at the New Mexico Veteran's Memorial & Luncheon? _____ Yes _____ No _____

⇒ Are you planning on attending the Ladies Breakfast 9 AM SAT morning at the Mesa Grill?
_____ 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 Albuquerque New Mexico!

Registration Form Albuquerque NM Reunion

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City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Number attending _____ Date arriving _____

	Number	Cost
Registration fee - \$15 Per person or - \$25 Per couple		
WED 17 May - The International Balloon, The Unser Racing Museum, and Old Town Albuquerque Tour - \$30 each		
THU 18 May - Sandia Peak Tramway & Mexican Luncheon \$65 Per Person		
FRI 19 May - Memorial Service at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial - \$35 Per person		
SAT 20 May - Banquet Dinner Choices		
1. New York Strip Steak \$45		
2. Chicken Marsala \$40		
3. Grilled Tilapia \$40		
4. Pasta Primavera (Veggie choice) \$30		
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

Make check payable to **5th Infantry Association** and mail to:

Carolyn Kethcart - 16054 Pine Drive - Tinley Park IL 60477

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.



Next page for Hotel information

Please Help!

Please complete a Pre- Registration form on page 15 or on our Webpage. By completing the Pre-Registration form you will help us plan our needs for transportation and meals etc.

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To make reservations call:

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and when booking tell them *

5th Infantry Regiment Association



- * Booking prices are good up to 3 days before and after reunion dates

Saturday May 20th

9:00 - 10 AM - General Membership Meeting

9:00 - 10 AM - Ladies Breakfast (Free)

10:30 - 11 AM Fraggging

Free to explore Albuquerque until 5 PM

Bobcat Banquet

5:00 PM - Cocktails

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:00 PM - Program

8:00 PM - Approx. Auction

Dinner Choices

New York Strip Steak \$45

Chicken Marsala \$40

Grilled Tilapia \$40

Pasta Primavera (Veggie choice) \$30

Chicken Fingers (Kids Meal) \$15

** All dinners include house salad, mashed potatoes, and seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, iced tea and coffee*

If you wish to make a donation to help cover the expenses in the hospitality room, any amount is appreciated.

For information contact Carolyn Kethcart: carolynjk@bobcat.ws

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<http://www.cityof.com/Albuquerque>

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

Medal of Honor

Best I can figure the 5th Infantry Regiment has had 56 men awarded our nations highest military honor the "Medal of Honor". Four Medals of Honor were awarded during the Vietnam War and three for action during the Korean War.

I have previously printed the citations for the seven from the Vietnam and Korean wars.

In this newsletter and until I have printed all 49 of the other recipients of the Medal of Honor I will provide information about these men.

Inherently 20 of these 56 recipients were immigrants who were born in a foreign country. Most of these immigrants were born in Ireland.

Two recipients 1st LT Frank D. Baldwin and 1ST SGT Henry Hogan were awarded the Medal of Honor twice.

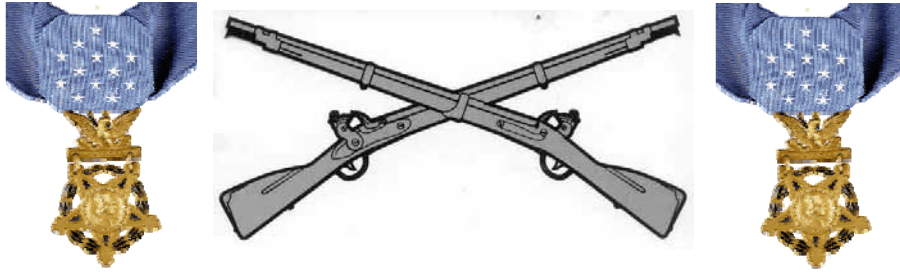
The majority of these 56 recipients were awarded the medal for action during the wars against the Indians in the late 1800's.

"The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest military honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is awarded by the President of the United States in the name of the U.S. Congress to U.S. military personnel only. There are three versions of the medal, one for the Army, one for the Navy, and one for the Air Force.....

The Medal of Honor was created as a Navy version in 1861 named the "Medal of Valor", and an Army version of the medal named the "Medal of Honor" was established in 1862 to give recognition to men who distinguished themselves "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity" in combat with an enemy of the United States. Because the medal is presented "in the name of Congress", it is often referred to as the "Congressional Medal of Honor". However, the official name is the "Medal of Honor", which began with the U.S. Army's version. Within United States Code the medal is referred to as the "Medal of Honor", and less frequently as "Congressional Medal of Honor"....

According to the Medal of Honor Historical Society of the United States, there have been 3,515 Medals of Honor awarded to the nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen since the decoration's creation."

Fred Deverse



Honoring Our Bobcat Heroes!

Congressional Medal of Honor is Awarded to:

DE ARMOND, SGT William, Company I, Upper Wichita River, TX, 9-11 Sep 1874. Issued posthumously 12 April 1875. "Gallantry in action." Born: Pennsylvania

DONELLY, PVT John S., Company G, Cedar Creek campaign. Issued 27 April 1877. "Gallantry in action." Born: Ireland.

FREEMEYER, PVT Christopher, Company D, Cedar Creek campaign. Issued 27 April 1877. "Gallantry in action." Born: Germany.

GREER, 2LT Allen J., 4th Infantry, Majada, Laguna Province, Philippines, 2 July 1901. Issued 10 March 1902. "Charged alone an insurgent outpost with his pistol, killing one, wounding two, and capturing three insurgents with their rifles and equipment." (LTC Allen Greer went on to command the 5th Infantry from 29 May 1920 until 12 December 1921.) Born: Tennessee.

HADDOO, CPL John, Company B, (1) Cedar Creek campaign. Issued 27 April 1877. "Gallantry in action." Born: Massachusetts.

HAY, SGT Fred S., Company I, Upper Wichita River, TX, 9 Sep 1874. Issued 23 April 1875. "Gallantry in action." Born: Scotland.

HOGAN, 1ST SGT Henry, Company G. (1st Award) Cedar Creek campaign, "gallantry in action" Issued 26 June 1894 (2nd Award) Bear Paw Mountain, 30 Sept 1877 "rescuing LT Henry Romeyn." Born: Ireland.

HOLLAND, CPL David, Company A. Cedar Creek campaign, Issued 27 April 1877 for "gallantry in action" Born: Michigan.

HUNT, PVT Fred O., Company A, Cedar Creek campaign, Issued 27 April 1877 for "gallantry in actions." Born: Louisiana.

JAMES, CPL John, Upper Wichita River, TX, 9-11 September 1874. Issued 23 April 1875 for "gallantry in action." Born: England.

JOHNSTON, CPL Edward, Company C, Cedar Creek campaign. Issued 27 April 1877 for "gallantry in action." Born: New York.

KELLY, CPL John J. H., Company I, Upper Wichita River, TX, 9 September 1874. Issued 23 April 1875 for "gallantry in action." Born: Illinois.

KELLY, PVT Thomas, Company I, Upper Wichita River, TX, 9 September 1874. Issued 23 April 1875 for "gallantry in action." Born: Ireland

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| _____ #4 = 4 inch Patch with green M-113 APC on it - \$7.50 | _____ #15 = 5th Key Chain - \$23.00 |
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| _____ #6 = Pins - \$5.50 | _____ #16B = MIA Bracelet (Silver Medium) - \$4 |
| _____ #7 = Challenge Coin - \$10.50 | _____ #17 = 25th Decal with "Bobcat" above - \$4 |

#9 = Polo/Golf 100% cotton collared shirt (Put number desired in blank and circle size and color) - Item #437M

- _____ A). With 5th Crest and **Combat Infantryman's Badge** - \$29.00 - With pocket \$32.00
_____ B). With 5th Crest and **Combat Medic's Badge** - \$29.00 - With pocket \$32.00
_____ C). Same as A but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$35.00 - With Pocket \$39.00
_____ D). Same as B but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$35.00 - With Pocket \$39.00

Color: (Circle Color) White Grey Black Forest Green Navy Blue

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

#10 = Tri-Mountain 5400 High Peak Winter Jacket Windproof/Water-resistant with Hood concealed in collar (Put number desired in blank and circle size and color) [Item 5400]

- _____ A). With 5th Crest and **Combat Infantryman's Badge** - \$61.00
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_____ C). Same as A but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$66.00
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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
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- _____ 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)

#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)

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#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, Peribule, 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)

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- 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
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 - 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 - \$23.00
- 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

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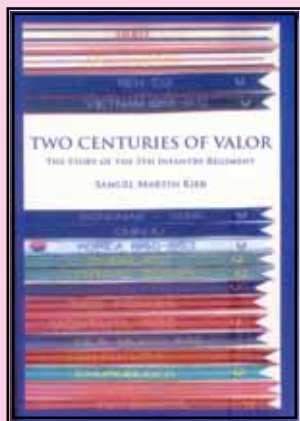
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History of The 5th Infantry Regiment

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.

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(Sam from page 11)

high efficiency and earned an enviable reputation, not only among its own army and allies, but with the German people as well. Its officers and enlisted men excelled at small arms competitions; its baseball team won the championship of the American Forces in Germany; 3rd Battalion captured the basketball championship; and blue ribbons at various inter-Allied horse shows were monopolized by the regiment's horsemen.

Whether he liked it or not, Allen James Greer lived to see an integrated army. He died on March 16, 1964 and is buried in Section 1 of Arlington Cemetery. He had been a good soldier in many respects and, despite his racial attitudes, made an interesting contribution to our regimental history.

President Truman's Executive Order 9981 was slow to take hold. Most of the enforcement was accomplished by Dwight Eisenhower's administration (1953-1961) and included the desegregation of military schools, hospitals, and bases.

When the 5th RCT went to Korea in 1950, Second Lieutenant Clarence H. Jackson, a platoon leader in E Company, was the combat team's only black soldier. While a student at the Infantry School's first racially integrated officer training course in 1949, he was selected to become the first black officer to command white troops. Jackson was highly respected by his men and fellow officers for his physical and moral courage. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while the 5th RCT was attached to the 25th Infantry Division."

(Comments from page 10)

maybe some updated version) and rockets , also artillery, mortars and a ground troop assault on enemy locations. Even had a dust off chopper . Radio communications between all units involved were broadcast over speakers in the bleachers while we watched the activities. Some current weapons and vehicles were on display as well.

The only other Bobcat I found was John Pughe from California...."

Allan Azary

California family booed on flight bringing home soldier killed in Afghanistan, dad says

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STOCKTON, Calif. -- The father of a slain Northern California soldier said his family was booed on the flight to bring his son's body home from Afghan-



istan, CBS Sacramento station KQVR-TV reports. Sgt. John Perry was killed on Saturday in Afghanistan by a suicide bomber.

His father, Stewart Perry, mourned the loss of his son at a service on Thursday. "Most importantly, I want people to know about the heroic thing that my son did," he said.

His son stumbled on the suicide bomber before he could reach his target, a soldiers' 5K Veterans Day run. "He would have killed possibly 100, 200, who knows?" Perry said.

Perry said his son's death comes at a time military service is facing disrespect. He said his family was even booed on the flight to bring his son's body home over a delay.

"To hear the reaction of the flight being delayed because of a Gold Star family and the first class cabin booing, that was really upsetting, and it made us cry some more," he said.

Perry said his son's death also underscores why the American flag is sacred for service members, not just a symbol for protest.

"It's not for protest - it's for the death of the people that are saving us. That's what it's for," he said.

He also called out recent presidential campaign rhetoric, including President-elect Donald Trump's remarks about the Khan family.

"One example would be Donald Trump speaking badly about a Gold Star family, who I now am, and it really bothers me, but it also bothers me that people don't want to talk about the terrorism that killed my kid," he said.

A soldier's death defending his country has left a father defending his son.

"My kid was over there to help put a stop to this garbage, and he died," he said.

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