

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"

Summer 2015

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Volume II

New Orleans Reunion

We had another great reunion in a great city in a very nice hotel. We had a nice turn-out with about 100 attending this year's reunion held at the Holiday Inn City Center located near the Super-



dome.

The Holiday Inn appeared to be

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2016 Reunion

Columbus/FT Benning GA

TUE 17 May - SUN 22 May



Our reunion next year will be in Columbus GA home of FT Benning and the Infantry. This should prove to be a great reunion.

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

COL Shawn Reed addresses Memorial Day service

"Former Bobcat 6 (*Battalion Commander*), now Deputy Commander U.S. Army Alaska was in Fairbanks today as the keynote speaker for the Memorial



Day 2015 service. Col Reed commanded 1/5th during the Bobcat's Iraq deployment. Col Reed speaks from personal experience and the burden of command in memory of our fallen.

Before the service he recognized the 1/5th colors I was wearing and made a point to say hello. He introduced himself as Bobcat 6. Once a Bobcat always a Bobcat. Thank you and good luck Col Reed."

Roger Sperl.

Are You Getting This Newsletter by E-mail?

If you did not receive this newsletter in an E-mail that means we do not have your "correct" E-mail address. Please send your E-mail address to me at: fpd@bobcat.ws

President's Request - Be Generous!

Bobcats,

"We have received both an invitation and a request from LTC Thomas Hough, CDR, 1-5 IN, Fort Wainwright, AK.

The 1-5 IN (Bobcats) is planning to host a "Dining Out" dinner on July 10, 2015 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The request is for assistance in raising funds to help offset the cost of providing this event for the active duty soldiers. This assistance can be in the form of monetary donations by Association members, as we have done in the past for our Brigades returning home from deployment; and the use of our fund raising services in regards to donations from outside companies and individuals towards this endeavor. Our donations will help to offset the costs for the rental of the "Dining Out" venue, soldier's meals and other expenses.

Randy Kethcart is setting up a section on the Bobcat website where you can make donations. To make a credit card donation online or to mail a check go to page 18 (*5th Infantry Regiment Freedom - Fest*) for directions/addresses.

I hope that you will be as generous as in the past.

The invitation is that any Bobcat veteran may attend this grand evening in Fairbanks, Alaska. If anyone wishes to attend, please contact me so that I can forward the information to LTC Hough."

Thank You!

Bart Stanzione

President

5th Infantry Regiment Association

"I'll Try Sir"

The Fall 2015 Newsletter will be out SEP/OCT 2015 - Send me articles, pictures and stories for publication.

(Reunion from page 1)

recently refurbished and was located within walking distance (A few blocks) of the French Quarter which made it really convenient.

1st Lieutenant Seth Williams representing the 1th Battalion, 5th Infantry,



Fort Wainwright Alaska attended which helped make the reunion special.

Many who attended arrived on Tuesday 4 May. The reunion was held Tuesday through Friday so that most could make it home for Mother's Day which was Sunday.

Our hospitality room opened on Tuesday and was decorated with displays, banners and quartermaster items



for sale.

On Tuesday many attendees went on the "Super City Tour and Natchez Steamboat Luncheon Cruise" which involved a visit to the French Quarter,



Jackson Square and a historic cemetery. After the city tour there was the Natchez Steamboat luncheon cruise which toured one of the world's busiest ports while we had lunch on the paddle boat.

Wednesday was the "Oak Alley

Plantation Tour" with a Cajun buffet where a visit to the plantation house



built in 1839 was the highlight of the tour, unless you were into eating Cajun food at the included buffet.

Memorial Service

We started Thursday with a short bus ride to the World War II Museum where we held our Memorial Service. It was the first time a memorial service had been held at the museum.

Our president Bart Stanzione welcomed everyone to the service. The Colors were posted and retired by the Tulane University ROTC accompanied by local bagpiper Steve Brownlee. Our



own Myron Peterson gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Appropriate and sobering remarks were made by retired Major General



Andy Anderson who also commanded the 1/5th in Vietnam in 1968.

The names of the 20 sons of Louisiana who were killed in action were read by Andy Anderson and Robert Rogots, a member who served with the Regiment during the World War II era.



Also remembered and named were the 26 who served in the Regiment during the Korean and Vietnam Wars who have died in the past year since our last memorial service.

Taps was played by bugler Gregory Champagne followed by the benediction and the retiring of the colors.



WW II Museum

We also were entertained at our luncheon buffet by the Victory Belles who looked, dressed and sang just like



America's wartime sweethearts the WW II era Andrews Sisters.

After the Memorial Service we were free to visit the World War II Museum. This is a rather new museum that had extensive displays of everything that you associate with WW II. With all the exhibits, displays and films it would have been easy to spend an entire day wandering through this museum.

Friday 8 May

(See Reunion on page 3)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



And a good time was had by all. New Orleans was food, fun, sights, more food, and "gee, my pants are tight". I think the air in that city causes the fabric of clothes to shrink. At least mine did.

The Reunion had lots to offer, from the various planned excursions to Oak alley Plantation and the Natchez Riverboat ride, to the Memorial Service at the WWII Museum, to the trolley rides and the French Quarter entertainment, most of which seemed to take place on the streets, and our banquet dinner and auction to close out the event. By the way, I must be the best auctioneer ever because I was able to get someone to pay \$500.00 for a retractable metal tape measure. Thank you to all who participated in the auction and made it a success.

Sam Kier was honored as the "Bobcat of the Year" for his continuing dedication to preserving the history of the Regiment and his help and support of the Association.

George Bates was "fragged" after the general membership meeting and received a number of gifts that he will, probably, never find a use for.

We were pleased to have 1LT Seth Williams and his wife Carmen in attendance at the reunion. He is active duty with the 1-5 in Alaska, and provided us with insight as to the training that is going on with the Regiment during his speech. He is a fine example of the soldiers of today, dedicated to his chosen profession.

We are also very thankful to Tulane University ROTC for attending the reunion and being the Color Guard.

Kara Frame, daughter of Tom Frame, presented her video thesis on PTSD and the continuing problems that it presents not only to the soldier, but to family and friends. It was a moving and poignant film that touched the hearts of all of us. Thank you, Kara.

Once again we must extend our appreciation to Carolyn Kethcart and her trusty sidekick Randy for all the time and effort they put forth and for planning another great event.

I asked Fred Deverse on information as to when the Association was formed and he believes that we were chartered as a Chapter of the 25th Infantry Division in 1990 at their Chicago Reunion. It seems that we missed celebrating our 25th anniversary. Happy belated anniversary.

We now look forward to the 2016 Reunion at Fort Benning and many of us have our own memories of training there. Check the website for the dates, then make your arrangements to attend and we will have a great time.

Until my next literary composition, pray for the Troops serving our Country, and "God Bless America."

Bart Stanzione

(Reunion from page 2)

Friday was a busy day filled with many activities.

The day started with our annual General Membership Meeting at 9 AM with the ladies also getting together for breakfast at the same time. The minutes from this meeting are on page eight.

George Bates Fragged

At approximately 10:30 AM we totally surprised **George Bates** by frag-



ging him. He was presented with many

(See Reunion on page 4)

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:

*paulandjulie@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.

Knapper, Charles D. - Change
farmallcharlie@gmail.com

Pruett, Michael H. - Change
mpruett3660@att.net

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:

Wilson, Bobby L. - Change
8714 Gary Way
Fairdale KY 40118-9629

New Members:

Shipman, Donald R.
6033 Melody Lane APT 448
Dallas TX 75231
214-763-2957
A Co. HHC 54-55
laiva@swbell.net
*Recruited by Sam Kier

Wills, Wesley O. - Gail
6015 Audobon Terrace
Cumming GA 30040
770-887-9140
B Co PLT leader 73-75

wowills@comcast.net

Lee, Lloyd (Alice)
8691 Sleepy Hollow DR
Saline MI 48176-9414
734-429-9552
B Co. 1st PLT (1/5) 10/68-9/69
vv6869@frontier.com

*I was Platoon Sergeant during most of my tour. Would like to hear from any and all the guys there with me.

Played softball until age 48 and still bowl in two leagues. I am a member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 310 in Ann Arbor MI.

Illness:

Our immediate past president Bob Wood and his wife Barbara had a bad day back in February. Barbara ended up in the hospital needing her gall bladder removed. And on the same day Bob had a stroke. Barbara has since recovered from her surgery.

In a recent E-mail Barbara said: "Fred and Carolyn, We are doing quite well. Bob is working very hard at his speech therapy - sees his therapist two



On their 57th anniversary - 15 JUN

times a week. Making progress but still on an upward climb. He keeps busy with his studying, gardening, Rotary, church and still serves on the Airport Authority (right now as kind of a silent member). He still is not e-mailing or talking much on the phone, however, he has been out driving a few times and that's really a joy for him. Looking forward to seeing you at Ft. Benning." Take care,

Barbara Wood

Taps:

Cennimo, John - Died 28 April 2015 -

John served with Company A, 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea in 1951-52.

Lloyd Lee
8691 Sleepy Hollow DR
Saline MI 48176-9414

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interesting and entertaining gifts.

PTSD Documentary

After the fragging **Kara Frame**, daughter of vice president Tom Frame, presented her documentary on Post



Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) titled "I Will Go Back Tonight". Everyone present was very moved by Kara's extremely impressive presentation and very emotional film.

More information on this documentary film can be found on page seven.

Bobcat Banquet

At 5PM we gathered for a social cocktail hour. at 6 PM "Mess Call" was sounded by bugle and we all settled down for dinner.

With President Stanzione officiating the colors were posted by the Tulane



University's ROTC.

Next with Carolyn Deverse's lead-

(See Reunion on page 9)

Members' Comments, Letters, E-mails & Information

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

Do you know where Kirk Kandle is?

"I'm trying to locate Kirk Kandle who I served with from Sept. 1953 to the Spring of 1954 in Korea in Service Co. UPS (unit personnel service) section. Our officer in charge was CWO Dale Ravenscraft. Sergeant Major was Sgt. Roland Dunn. I would appreciate any information you may have. Thanking you in advance I remain Sgt (former) Joe Puckett."

Joe Puckett

"Please Cancel my request for information on Mr Kirk Kandle I just found out that he is deceased. Thank you for your effort."

Joe Puckett

Denis McDonough Gone But Still Contributing

An E-mail to Randy Kethcart from Teriann Tringali on 15 April

"Hi Randy...just want to let you know that you should be receiving the package I sent by Monday, 4/20/15. If you don't please email me and I will check where it is by the 'Tracking#'. I meant to enclose a note about what I sent but forgot. I have been so busy getting ready to leave today to fly to NY. I am taking Denis' ashes to his family for the Memorial on 5/16/15. I already posted that the mass is on Sat., 5/16/15 at 10A in Larchmont, NY. As soon as I have more info I will post it on the web-site.

I mailed you the jacket Denis wanted for so long. I gave it to him for Christmas but he only got to wear it twice. I hope someone will love it as much as he did. I also enclosed a few of the birdhouse banks he made as well as a small tool caddy and a kitchen utensil holder. I bought some utensils to place in

it so you will know what he made it for. Some of the things he made you almost had to guess its purpose! The biggest purpose in his life was to make others happy. I know that is why he never sold any of the things he made...the grateful look on the face of someone he gave it to was enough payment. Would you believe that when he gave one of his tool caddies to the man that delivered his oxygen tanks he asked Denis to sign it which made him feel so important...someone wanting his signature!! He raved about that to everyone.

Denis wanted me to promise him that I would make the Reunion in New Orleans. Unfortunately, due to expenses caused by my unexpected illness, that was the only promise I couldn't fulfill. Please tell everyone I say hello and wish I could be there in Denis' place. Hopefully, I will be with all of you at the next one. I will be working on the Florida Reunion soon.

Have a great time and I hope Denis' Treasures will bring *you* 'millions' ok,, maybe a little less !!"

Love to all...

Teriann

**The items that Teriann sent were sold at the auction at the end of the Banquet at the New Orleans Reunion.*

"DAMN HOT MAMA"

E-mail to Sam Kier on 19April

"Just read your "Thanksgiving 1935 and Other Stuff" in the Spring 2015 Bulletin.

It brought back memories. I recall during ROTC instruction at Ohio University in the early 1950's, we were studying the organization of the Infantry Regiment at that time. The instructor told us that the easy way to remember the Heavy Weapons Companies was to remember DAMN HOT MA-MA. (Companies D, H, and M).

In my subsequent years, I have never forgotten that--even though our heavy

weapons companies have been long gone.'

Nevin R. Williams

Decorated Bobcat Was Guest Speaker

LSU Shreveport to Host Veterans Day Program

"LSU Shreveport has again been named as a Military Friendly School for 2014! In honor of those who have served, LSUS will host its annual Veterans Day commemorative program on Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at the flagpole in the center of campus.

The program, dedicated to all prisoners of war and those still missing in action, will feature Retired Army Maj. **Ronald Chatelain** as the guest speaker. Hailed as one of the nation's highest decorated veterans of the Vietnam War and acknowledged as the most decorated living veteran in the state of Louisiana, Major Chatelain served two tours in Vietnam. His medals include the Army's second highest award of Valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with "V" device and Oak Leaf Cluster, five Purple Heart medals (2 awarded, 3 pending) and the Army Achievement medal also with "V" device. Major Chatelain resides in Shreveport, LA, with his wife, Ann."

**Chatelain was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross on 13 June 1969 while attached to the Battalion as a Forward Observer in support of an ambush patrol.*

**Sent to me by Nevin R. Williams*

MOH Grave Stone

Randy & Carolyn Kethcart in June were exploring the New Mexico area as a potential location for our 2017 reunion

(See Comments on page 6)

Treasurer's Report

1st Quarter Financial Report
(1 JAN - 31 March 2015)

January

Income:

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Dues | \$730 |
| Quartermaster Sales | \$435 |
| PayPal Deposit Internet sales | \$382.61 |
| NO Reunion - Dinners etc. | \$2813 |
| TOTAL | \$4360.61 |

Debits:

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Charges | \$4 |
| Postage | \$52.76 |
| Book Sale (Author) | \$33.34 |
| Winter Newsletter Printing | \$752.91 |
| Deposit Error | \$70 |
| Miscellaneous Ink Cartridge | \$20.98 |
| PTSD Project - Kara Frame | \$500 |
| TOTAL | \$1433.99 |

February

Income:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pay Pal Deposit Internet sales | \$568.23 |
| TOTAL | \$568.23 |

Debits:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Book Sale (Author) | \$33.34 |
| Denis McDonough Memorial | \$250 |
| Quartermaster Sales | \$84 |
| Bank service charge | \$4 |
| TOTAL | \$371.34 |

March

Income:

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Dues | \$510 |
| Quartermaster sales | \$99 |
| Pay Pal (Internet sales) | \$2853.71 |
| Denis McDonough Memorial | \$100 |

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| Membership Donations | \$500 |
| NO Reunion - Dinners etc. | \$3916 |
| TOTAL | \$7978.71 |

Debit:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Postage | \$49.85 |
| Quartermaster purchases | \$43.50 |
| USPS Bulk Mailing fee | \$220 |
| Bank Service Charge | \$11.50 |
| NO Reunion Refund | \$619 |
| TOTAL | \$943.85 |

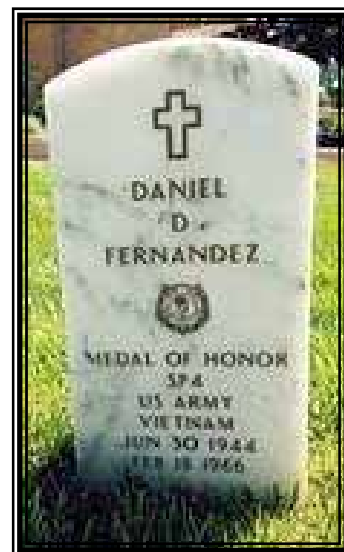
Assets

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Checkbook balance | \$4493.34 |
| Business account - Savings | \$48698.42 |
| TOTAL | \$53191.76 |

Jim Caudle,

Treasurer/Quartermaster

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when they located the grave marker of Medal of Honor recipient SP4 Daniel Fernandez at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Donations to the Association

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

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|------------------------------|-------|
| John Snodgrass - NO Reunion | \$265 |
| Jeffrey McGrath - 1/5th Gala | \$50 |
| Jon Cartwright - 1/5th Gala | \$100 |
| Andy Anderson - 1/5th Gala | \$100 |
| Sam Harvey - 1/5th Gala | \$100 |
| Jerry Curry - 1/5th Gala | \$25 |
| Robert Whaley - 1/5th Gala | \$25 |
| Fred Deverse - 1/5th Gala | \$100 |
| George Chavez - 1/5th Gala | \$750 |
| George Bates - Reunion | \$20 |
| Abe Cardenas - Reunion | \$50 |
| Ed Kawzynski - Reunion | \$20 |
| Jeff McGrath - Reunion | \$20 |
| Hildy Buterbaugh - Reunion | \$10 |
| Joe Bane - Reunion | \$20 |
| Gary Young - Reunion | \$100 |
| Dick Swanson - Reunion | \$100 |

Soldier adopted Vietnam War Orphan

By Jimmy Smothers Associated Press

"GADSDEN — , Ala. He was named Trần Ủa when he was born sometime in the early 1960s in a hut in a small, remote village in Vietnam.

A small valley lay between two mountains. Trần Ủa said the only way to reach the village was by small trails up the side of the mountain.

"We lived in small straw huts surrounded by dirt and marshes, where there was a lot of water, especially during the monsoon season," he said.

Although it was a primitive existence, it was a peaceful and happy life until the war. Trần Ủa doesn't know his exact age at the time the bombing started, probably 5 or 6.

"I remember little about the Vietnam War per se, just how I was affected by it," he said. "There was bombing all the time and we were just trying to stay alive. One night our village was badly bombed and there was a lot of shrapnel flying all through the air. A large fragment

(See Orphan on page 7)

Documentary on PTSD

Kara Frame, daughter of Tom and Chris Frame, produced a documentary about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This documentary film was produced as a project for her Masters thesis at the Corcoran School of Art & Design at George Washington University.

“I Will Go Back Tonight” documents the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder on familial relationships of four veterans from the US Army's 1st /5th Infantry Unit, the "Bobcats". The project focuses on the lives of three Vietnam veterans who served together in 1968 and one Afghanistan Veteran who came home in 2012. The landscape of the wars are vastly different, but the lasting effects after they come home are the same. Their wives open up and talk about what it's been like living with the flash-



Chris, Tom & Kara Frame, and Abe & Chacha Cardenas at The George Washington University.

backs, nightmares, and memories that haunt their husbands every day.”

Abe Cardenas, in the pictures on this page, is one of the three Bobcats featured in this documentary.

The event that they all were attending was the “New Media Photojournalism Thesis Presentations” in Washington, D.C., at the Corcoran School of Art & Design at GWU



(Orphan from page 6)

went through my back and lodged in my chest. My mama’s leg was blown off. My sisters and brothers didn’t know how to make the leg stop bleeding, so she bled to death very quickly. I was just a child, with that big wound in my back, watching my mama die. I never knew my father, don’t know if he had



In this undated photo provided by Mickey Howard, Trần Ủa, right, tries out some of Howard's gear in Vietnam . Howard adopted the Vietnamese orphan, who later became known as Tom Howard. (AP/Courtesy Mickey Howard via The Gadsden Times)

been killed or what. So I became an orphan, trying to survive and sleeping under a bridge at night.”

One day some soldiers arrived in the remote village. They carried many of the people down to another little village named Chu Lai that lay just a mile or so from the American military base. Trần Ủa was among them.

Sgt. Mickey Howard recalls that it was a rugged place, serving as a refuge for children who were orphaned because of the war. “The kids had a rough go of it, although they were befriended as much as possible by the villagers,” Howard said. “They still lived anywhere they could put their heads down, which was mostly under bridges.

“Leader of those rag-tagged orphans was a scrappy kid, maybe 7 years old,” he said. “We had stuff from S&P Packs we hadn’t used. We also had some apples we’d gotten from somewhere. The kid with the scar on his back took the gifts. Salvaging a toothbrush and an apple for himself, he passed out the sweets and other things to the other kids. He did this every time we brought them

(See Orphan on page 8)

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

May 8, 2015

The meeting was called at 9 AM by President Bart Stanzione. Board members present were: Bart Stanzione, Tom Frame, Paul Robinson, Fred Deverse, Randy Kethcart, Andy Gimma, Jon Cartwright, Sam Kier, George Bates, and MG Andy Anderson.

There were 26 Members present, including 1LT Seth Williams of the 1/5 Infantry..

The President led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bart asked Stan Baker and George Chavez to pass the hat for the scholarship fund, and Bobcats donated \$559.

Bart acknowledged MG Anderson and 1LT Williams.

Bart remembered the passing of Denis McDonough and thanked Fred Deverse for his help as interim Membership Chairman, and announced the appointment of Paul Robinson as the new Membership Chairman and Secretary.

Bart thanked George Chavez for the new Stars and Stripes flag, and thanked Randy and Carolyn Kethcart for their work in organizing this reunion.

Fred Deverse gave a report on the Bobcat Bulletin, saying that we continue to send 60 copies to the 1/5 Infantry at Fort Wainwright, but no longer send 60 copies to the 2/5 Infantry because of deactivation. We send about 120 copies via the internet which saves considerable costs. Fred asked for articles from all members. The Treasurers and Secretary reports were bypassed.

Sam Kier reported that there are about 50 copies of "Two Centuries of Valor" remaining, and after they are gone, the book will only be available on Amazon.

Randy Kethcart reported that the Website has about 20,000 hits per year, and that PayPal is a very secure and efficient means of processing our revenue. It costs us 3%.

MG Anderson made a motion that we contribute \$250 each year to the 1LT Paul Sullivan Scholarship Award. Paul Robinson seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed. MG Anderson led a discussion on the effects of Agent Orange, which include afib. He suggested that anyone diagnosed with afib should be 100% disabled.

Randy Kethcart made a motion to advance \$4000 to the 1/5 Infantry for their celebration. Alex Bubas seconded the motion, discussion was held, and the motion was voted upon and passed.

1LT Williams discussed membership in the Association by active duty soldiers.

Bart mentioned that our Bobcat was missing this year due to a variety of reasons.

Bart announced that ALL attendees at the 2016 Reunion in Columbus must provide their Social Security numbers well in advance of the reunion, else they will not be allowed on Fort Benning post. Fort personnel must have adequate time to conduct security checks.

Bart authorized Randy and Carolyn Kethcart to begin checking locations in New Mexico and Colorado for the 2017 reunion.

Paul Robinson advised the members present that the expiration date of their dues is printed in red on their mailing labels, and that he will send them a notice via internet or postcard when their dues are about to expire.

Randy Kethcart discussed the need for registration as early as possible for these reunions.

Bart announced the fragging to begin around 11:15 AM (George Bates).

Alex Bubas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy Kethcart. It was voted upon and passed at 9:45 AM

Respectfully,

Paul Robinson
Secretary

(Orphan from page 7)

packages, always looking after the others." The young leader of the gang made sure items were distributed equally, and in doing so caught the sergeant's eye.

Gathering up some shoe polishing materials, Trần Ủa became what he calls the local "shoe-shine boy." Whenever the soldiers came into Chu Lai, he would run up to them asking if they wanted their boots shined. He always went to the compassionate Howard first.

"One day Sgt. Howard told me he wanted to adopt me, and took me on base to live with him in the barracks and eat in the mess hall," he said. "I had the run of the base and didn't shine any more shoes or do any kind of work. When Sgt. Howard went on patrol in the jungles of Vietnam, the other men in the company looked after me. I had a pass to get on and off base, and when the soldiers gave me a little money, I'd buy candy at the PX and take it to the other kids at Chu Lai. But most of the time I just stayed on base. One day, some of the soldiers dressed me up in the sergeant's boots, jacket, cap and even his .45 and made my picture."

The adoption process was grueling, primarily the Vietnamese part. Vietnam wanted to keep all those who would eventually become men and be placed in the mili-



Mickey Howard, left, poses with his adopted son, Tom Howard, who he met while serving in Vietnam.

tary. Also, Howard had been married less than two years, which was a hang-up.

One woman who did laundry in Chu Lai helped Howard a lot with the local authorities. The American part was easy, with the U.S. Embassy helping.

Trần Ủa named himself Tommy John Howard, and is known today as Tom.

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“A Bobcat Christmas”

Our newsletter helped bring joy to a special needs child

Everyone knows that Santa Claus lives at the North Pole and everyone knows that North Pole is in Alaska. But did you know that Santa Claus house is exactly 10 miles South of 1/5th headquarters? True story!

The City of North Pole is the second largest city in the Fairbanks Borough about 15 road miles South of Fairbanks. North Pole prides itself on its Christmas theme and Christmas decorations stay up year round. The largest gift shop in the area, Santa Claus House, is a “must see”. At Santa Claus House not only can you purchase gifts, you can get packaging for your gifts complete with a North Pole return address and an official USPS North Pole postmark. Top that off with the included official “Letter From Santa” and it doesn’t get any more real for your loved ones back home.

The November 2014 1/5th Bobcat membership roster arrived in our mailbox in Fairbanks Alaska, during Christmas week of 2014. Folded between the booklets’ staples was an envelope addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, with a return address to a town in a corner of Maryland. From the Baltimore postmarks we concluded that deep in the bowels of the Baltimore post office, a letter to Santa was on its way to the dead letter office, when it became entangled with the 1/5th roster destined for Alaska. (A little help from a USPS elf?) From the adult handwriting and the age range of the gifts requested, it appeared this letter to Santa, was verbally dictated to a loving mother by a special needs child unable to write.

Grabbing a packet of Star Wars Legos kept on hand for Grandchild emergencies, my wife Barbara hand-carried them out to Santa Claus House on her way to work for packaging and postmarking from the real North Pole. We included our return address. And then a miracle happened! The U.S. Postal Service got it there for Christmas! The mother’s thank you note was postmarked December 26th. She was speechless to receive the unexpected reply from the real Santa Claus at the “North Pole”! She said her excited, 10

year old son, had her assemble the Lego’s for him immediately! Not much more information was given but it seems our estimation of a loving mother of a special needs child was correct. Searching the web we found the school picture of a young man who will have to try so very hard every day for the rest of his life. Sometimes so little can go so far. Happy holidays Bobcats, wherever and whenever.

Roger Sperl

**Roger lives in Fairbanks Alaska*

Jimmy Bryant Gets Wounded and is Awarded a Bronze Star for Heroism

On 28 February 1969 Jimmy Bryant was wounded in action resulting in his being awarded a Bronze Star for Heroism and a Purple Heart.



On General Orders # 55 dated 1 MAR69 the following Bobcats were awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on 28 FEB 69.

Bryant, Jimmy W. - SP4
Luciano, Thomas A. - SP4
Aguilu, Ferdinando L. - PFC
Beine, Thomas J. - PFC
Lentsch, James M. - SP4 (The Purple Heart Second Oak Leaf cluster)

A Big Thanks!!

Sam Kier pictured to the right receiving the “Bobcat of the Year” award sure deserves it for all he does providing me with articles and information for the newsletter. Without his input the newsletter might be smaller.

THANKS SAM!!!

(Reunion from page 4)
ership we all joined in to sing “The Army Song” and “God Bless America”.

Many honored guests to include family members of our KIA’s like Jenny Diaz and “Distinguished Service Cross” (DSC) awardee Ron Soppe were recognized before dinner was served.

Tom Frame remembered our POW’s and MIA’s by conducting the “Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony”.

After dinner we heard very interesting remarks from **1LT Seth Williams** from the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, Fort Wainwright Alaska. He told us about the training and accomplishments of the Battalion. His remarks left you feeling proud of having been a Bobcat and also gave you the impression that today’s 1/5th is as well trained and ready to perform as any unit in the Army.

What is impressive about LT Williams is the fact that he paid for the trip from Alaska to New Orleans himself, after the Army ruled that legally they could not pay for the trip.

We thank LT Williams for coming and we thank LTC Hough for allowing him to honor us with his presence.

Bobcat Of The Year

Sam Kier was named “Bobcat of the Year” for 2015 for his many accom-



(See Reunion on page 14)



Are You In The "Soldiers Registry"?

THE SOLDIERS REGISTRY

"The Army Historical Foundation has a very large task on its hands, that of raising \$200 million for the construction of the National Museum of the United States Army. Although there are several Army museums at various locations, there is not one museum that covers the Army's history and mission since its founding in 1775. The Army Museum will change that. The Foundation is currently recruiting sponsors and is happy to accept donations from any source. If you wish to support this effort with a donation, go to www.armyhistory.org.

However, one does not have to donate one penny to be recognized by the museum. If you have ever served in the U. S. Army (Regular Army, Reserves, or National Guard) you are encouraged to make an entry in the **Soldiers Registry**. The Registry already exists online. Once the museum is built and open to visitors, the Registry will be accessible to visitors by means of kiosks throughout the facility. Visitors will be able to look up their friends and relatives and see what they did while in the Army. What a great opportunity for our children and grandchildren to visually see that their kinfolk were part of the Army's past operations!

Each member of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association should enter his information in the Registry. Some of the 5th Infantry's heroes from the Vietnam War are already there. I know they're there because I put them there, in the name of the Association. Just go to www.armyhistory.org, click on Soldiers Registry and enter the name of any 5th Infantryman who was awarded the Medal of Honor or Distinguished Service Cross during the Vietnam War. For starters, you can enter the names of MARVIN "REX" YOUNG, ARDIE RAY COPAS, STEPHEN DOANE, or DANIEL FERNANDEZ, all Medal of Honor awardees.

While there, you can read the instructions for making your own entry. Entries need not be long. The entries I made for the 5th Infantry heroes consist primarily of their award citations. If you have an award with a citation you can

enter that. Or you can enter your dates of service, dates of combat service, primary military duties, military schooling and awards. You can also enter major battles and/or campaign credits. Hopefully, you've kept a copy of your DD214, *Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States*, for reference. You can also upload a photograph.

Let's see if we can get all of our Association members in the Registry. Remember, there is no cost involved. Anybody can make an entry for another person, so if you have information on any deceased members or deceased veterans of the regiment, you can also make entries for them.

If anybody needs assistance, just e-mail me at phanrang3@gmail.com and I will assist."

COL (Ret) Nevin R. Williams,
HHC, 1 Bn, 5th Infantry, 1967

WHAT IS THE SOLDIERS REGISTRY?

THE REGISTRY OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER

From their Website

"The National Museum of the U.S. Army recognizes the service and sacrifice of the American Soldier at home and around the world, at war and during peace.

The Registry of the American Soldier provides an opportunity for anyone who served honorably in the U.S. Army to have his or her name and service history placed on record at the Museum. If you served, you need to be in the Registry!

You may also register the name of a family member or friend, if they currently serve, or have served in the U.S. Army, or submit someone from the past.

The Registry will be on permanent display at the Museum, and it will be accessible via the internet for those who cannot visit in person.

The Registry of the American Soldier is a publicly submitted listing of those who served with honor in the U.S. Army, and has received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions. There is no fee for submitting a Soldier's name or photo to the Registry. The Registry is not an official document of the U.S. Government."

Their Website address is:

[https://www.usarmyregistry.org/
Home.aspx](https://www.usarmyregistry.org/Home.aspx)

Names Already Entered On The Registry

Nevin Williams has already entered the names of many of our Bobcat Heroes. Listed below are the names he has already listed.

PETER R. BERNARDO, DSC
JOSEPH MARTIN BRADY, DSC
BOBBY Q. BROCK, DSC
RONALD M. CHATELAIN, DSC
ARDIE RAY COPAS, MOH
LEROY L. DAVIS, JR. DSC
STEPHEN HOLDEN DOANE, MOH
CARL H. DODD, MOH
DANIEL FERNANDEZ, MOH
JOHN LODA HAINES, DSC
RICHARD M. HALE, DSC
DENNIS ROGER HUNSLEY, DSC
MARTIN LECHUGA, DSC
THOMAS J. LOBACK, DSC
MICHAEL R. MANGAN, DSC
RONALD J. SOPPE, DSC
GONZALO H. VILLASENOR, DSC
GREGORY D. WILLIAMS, JR., DSC
MARVIN R. YOUNG, MOH

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.



PA Hometown Honors Larry Vunak

9 JUN 15

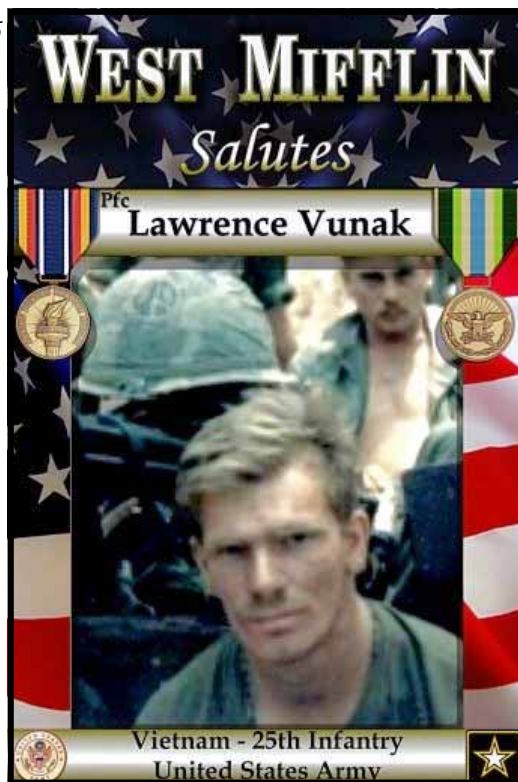
"Tara Vunak my niece did this for me. West Mifflin (PA) is the high school I went to. Look at the link below to see how my hometown is honoring Veterans."

Lawrence Vunak

Hi Uncle Larry!!

"I hope you don't mind. I sent in your information to West Mifflin Borough Hometown Hero Troops Banner. <http://www.troopbanners.com/WestMifflin/> that is the link and if you go to the right hand side under Army it is in alphabetical order. That banner is hanging up on Commonwealth Avenue by the High School in West Mifflin PA. I also ordered you one to keep and should be receiving it in the mail shortly. As soon as I get it I will send it to you. They are supposed to call me and let me know when they will be putting your banner up so I can go and watch and know exactly where it is. I will let you know when they call me and I will send you all the pictures I take. I hope you get a chance to come and see it soon!"

Love you,
Tara Vunak



(Orphan from page 8)

"One day when I was on a mission, my commander broke radio silence and told me to get my men back to the base immediately," Howard said. "He said that Tom had just become an American citizen and I had 24 hours to get him on a plane bound for the United States."

He barely made it, hitching rides on a Huey, C-123, C-130, etc., to get to the embassy. Once at the airport, a tag was tied on Tom's wrist. A flight attendant on the Freedom Flight said she would look after him. So did the attendants at Los Angeles, St. Louis and Atlanta. When they led him into the waiting area in Atlanta, he looked around, spied the sergeant's wife and said, "That's my mother," having recognized her from a picture Sgt. Howard had given him before leaving Vietnam.

"You know, only one kid in a million got to come to America from Vietnam at that time," Tom said, "and I was the lucky one."

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!*



Cuthbertson Remembers His D-Day Jump

"Eleven years ago this past weekend on the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, we were honored to lead a contingent of Airborne soldiers to jump once again onto the Le Fiere drop zone in Ste. Mare Ingles, France. Our jump from a restored C-47 lead an armada of almost 1,000 U.S. Army airborne soldiers from Kosovo, Germany and North Carolina. Luckily, this time no one was firing at our "Sky Soldiers".

*A Facebook posting 10 JUN 15



25th Infantry Division Association's 2015 Reunion

Springfield Illinois
SEP 28 - OCT 3 2015
Hilton Hotel - \$99 Per night - 800-445-8667

Historic Joint Reunion with the 4th Infantry Division Association

Historian Sam Kier Trying To Help Others

Death Of My Father-In-Law

3 May15

"I am writing regarding the death of my father-in-law John Cennimo who passed away on April 28th 2015. He was a member of the 5th Regiment Infantry...."

Thanks!

Kim Cennimo daughter in law

Dear Kim,

"Please accept our sympathy upon the death of your father-in-law, John Cennimo of Mount Holly, New Jersey. John served with Company A, 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea in 1951-52. On next Thursday, May 7, the 5th Infantry Regiment Association will be holding a memorial service at the World War II Museum in New Orleans. We will read John's name along with the names of other 5th Infantry veterans who have passed away during the past year."

Sincerely,

Dr. Sam Kier

Historian, 5th Infantry Regiment Assn.

Hi Sam,

"Thank you so much! Dad passed on 17 May 2015. He was very proud of his military service and enjoyed the camaraderie of the 5th RCT.

I too am a veteran and appreciate your help."

Kim Cennimo

The 5th in WWII

May 15

"Ok and thanks for the reply. I have his paperwork from the office of veteran affairs and it is photocopies of the original documents but not being familiar with military lingo (my father didn't talk about his service much at all) I'm confused about how it all fits together, as its in bits and pieces.

What I do know: His name was William A. Lathrop, and was from Junction City, KS. He was originally stationed at Camp Haan, CA in Jan 1944. He was in 516th AAA Gun Bn (does AAA mean antiaircraft?) (Also the Eisenhower Museum is sending me copies of what they have on this group) in company "M" (was this the "heavy weapons" group?)

One page lists "battles and campaigns" as GO 33 WD 45 Rhineland. or it could read OO 33 WD... its hard to make out the old type completely. he departed 26 Jan 45, arrived 6 Feb 45 and the letters EAMET are nearby. I'm guessing this was how long it took him to travel to Europe on a troop ship. However on another page it says that he entered Europe on Jan 31, 1945 and goes on to list the following:

Feb. 6 1945- mar 20, 1945 in France

Mar. 21 1945- May 2, 1945 in Germany

May 3 1945- June 19, 1945 in Austria

June 11 1945- Mar 3, 1936 in Germany

In combat zone 10 march 1945- 9 May 1945

I did see several references to division 71, and on one page the name Sidney G. Wooten.

So if this is enough info great, otherwise I can look further, there is a lot of paperwork but I'm not sure what I'm looking at. I mostly want to know which concentration camp or camps he helped liberate. I was up late last night reading about Gunskirchen Lager, that may be a possibility. But the same reference said there were some 80 nearby associated camps. Unbelievable.

Again thank you so much.

Debra Lathrup-Kirk

Debra,

"It sounds like you were sent a copy of your father's discharge form, AGO Form 55. That's the crucial personnel document that you need to get some answers to your questions. Can you scan the documents and e-mail them to me, or just send them if they are already digital files. Perhaps I can figure out some of the less legible entries. The 71st Infantry Division was not organized until August 21, 1943 so your father's service

with the 516th AAA MG Bn preceded that. The 731st Anti-aircraft Machine Gun Battalion was the unit of that type that was attached to the 71st Division. If your dad remained an "ack-ack" gunner then we'll need to follow the 731st through the Rhineland campaign. If you read about Gunskirchen Lager last night then you know that it was liberated by 3rd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment and Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon. I don't believe that a Triple A outfit was with them. So if your father was there, he had become a regular rifleman somewhere along the line.

It's probably GO 33 or General Orders 33. Those are orders that were issued by division, corps, or army headquarters. I'd have to see what else it says on the form to make any sense of it.

Dates:

- 26 January – that checks. The 71st Division left Camp Kilmer on the night of -- 25 January to convoy to the Staten Island Pier.

- 6 Feb – 20 Mar – this checks. 71st arrived at Camp Old Gold, near St. Laurent en Caux around 6 Feb. They relieved the 100th INF Div. on line near Lemberg and Goetzenbruck, France (Alsace-Lorraine) on March 12. They passed through the Siegfried Line into Germany on March 21. On May 2, the 5th Infantry crossed the Inn River into Austria, walking on top of a dam. (That same day, the SS guards abandoned Gunskirchen.) On May 3, the 71st Division attacked toward the Enns River and captured the city of Lambach, Austria. Germany surrendered on May 7. The 5th Infantry remained in Steyr, Austria from 5 May until February 1946 when they moved to Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany. COL Sidney G. Wooten was the commander of the 5th Infantry Regiment throughout its time in combat. He was relieved on 1 Mar 46 and the 5th Infantry was de-activated on 11 Mar 1946 and remained so until January, 1949 when it was reactivated in Seoul, Korea.

If you can send me the paperwork, I'll see what else I can discover.

Dr. Sam Kier

5th INF Regt Assn

So as I read this I'm wondering...71st infantry division, company "M", Lam-

(See Sam on page 13)

Bobcat Scholarship Winner

Fred,

"Steve and I and the whole family want to thank you for helping us get the scholarship application forms.

Austin has received the Scholarship and is very pleased.



Austin Murphy
5th Infantry Regiment
Scholarship
Honoring CSM Martin
Barreras

We are very proud of him. He received his High School Diploma and his Associates Degree all on the same night. He has been working very hard.

Just want to Thank You for your part in this."

Steve and Norma Murphy

**This scholarship is named "5th Infantry Regiment Scholarship" because we donated \$1500 to the 25th IDA's Scholarship Fund. Many of you made this possible because you donated money to our Association's scholarship fund when we passed the hat at the membership meeting in New Orleans. \$559 was donated in the hat so you can see we are still very short of the \$1500 that we will donate to the 25th IDA's Scholarship Fund.*

Did you donate?

*If you were not at the meeting but still want to donate that is easy to do. You can charge your donation online at: <http://www.bobcat.ws/scholarship.htm> or you can send a check to **Jim Caudle** at; **1501 Baychester AVE, Norfolk, VI 23503***

Have your family member apply!

Have your child/grandchild apply for this scholarship. Requirement is that you must be a member of the 25th Infantry Division Association for at least one year prior to your family member applying.

Some years no one affiliated with our Association applies and when this happens it goes to a non Bobcat associated person. So if you are a member of the 25th IDA and have a family member entering or in college encourage them to apply.

(Sam from page 12)

bach....was this a place that my dad was at?

How many American soldiers would this include?

Debra

"Yes, your father was very likely at Gunsirchen Lager. After the camp was discovered, Company K and his Company M of the 5th Infantry were left there to do what they could do for the surviving inmates. Thank you for sharing his personnel file with me, Debra. I appreciate having the full file for a World War II member of our regiment. With your permission, I would like to write an article about PVT William Lathrop and share it with other veterans of the 5th Infantry from more recent wars. We read lots of stories about famous war heroes but rarely about an honorable young G.I who contributed, in his own modest way, to the victory in Europe. Do you have a picture of him in uniform or as a young man that you could send me as a scanned copy?"

Sam Kier

Trying to Locate Kirk Kandle

"I'm trying to locate Kirk Kandle

who I served with from Sept. 1953 to the Spring of 1954 in Korea in Service Co. UPS (unit personnel service) section. Our officer in charge was CWO Dale Ravenscraft. Sergeant Major was Sgt. Roland Dunn. I would appreciate any information you may have. Thanking you in advance I remain Sgt (former) Joe Puckett."

Joe Puckett

Joe,

"I have a copy of the 5th RCT Assn Roster of January 2013. There is no mention of Kirk Kandle nor SGT Dunn. CSM Dail Ravenscraft died in Murfreesboro, AR in March of 1997. When I reported in on 3 Nov 54, Silas Jones had already become our Command Sergeant Major. I've bucked this message on to Frank Jennings, editor of the 5th RCT Assn Newsletter. Perhaps he can mention in their next issue that you are looking for Kirk Kandle of Service Company during the 1953-54 time-frame. Somebody out there might know of his whereabouts.

Incidentally, I served with Service Company for the last two months of 1954. Typed purchase orders down at the Motor Pool. Then got rescued from that boring job and sent to the Army Information School at Ft. Slocum, and, upon return was assigned to Hq & Hq Co as Troop Information and Education NCO.

Welcome to the Bobcats!"

Sam Kier

Historian, 5th Inf Regt Assn.

Thomas Lapins Dies

18 May 15

Hello,

"I am sorry to inform you that Thomas Lapins has passed. Please cancel his newsletter.

He enjoyed the comrade of belonging to this great group.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Atkins (daughter)

Kim,

(See Sam on page 20)

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



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
1ST BATTALION 5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
3214 SANTIAGO AVENUE
FORT WAINWRIGHT AK 99703-8000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

June 16, 2015

Bobcats,

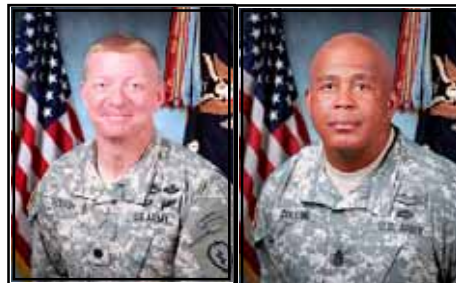
Spring has finally hit Alaska as the Bobcats begin looking forward to the beautiful opportunities of the Great Outdoors in our Nation's Final Frontier. The Battalion recently completed preparations and training for our recent assumption of the Pacific Command Quick Reaction Force Mission. We continue to ensure the highest standards from our Soldiers as they are on call anytime throughout the next month. It remains the goal of the Arctic Bobcats to maintain high morale in families as we are constantly ready to answer our Nation's call.

Prior to the end of the final winter months, the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Bobcats competed and won the United States Army Alaska Winter Games here in Fairbanks, Alaska. With over 32 Teams competing in multiple events such as: an Ahkio Snowshoe Foot March, Skijoring, Biathlon Firing Range and Downhill Slalom. 1LT Joshua Sandler and 1LT Julian Hutchins were the Captains of the team that took 1st Place while the second Battalion team came in 6th. In addition to winning the United States Army Alaska Winter Games, six Arctic Bobcats competed and won the United States Army Alaska Combative Tournament at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The Bobcats represented the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team against the remainder of the units here in Alaska. This is the second year that the Bobcats have won this event.

Bobcats are spending the next few months of summer enjoying the great outdoors before taking a much needed block leave time period. Upon return from their block leave the Arctic Bobcats will prepare for the chance to gain the illustrious Expert Infantryman Badge and to prepare for numerous training missions in the Yukon Training Area. The Bobcats missions and training will include: Battalion Gunnery Skills Testing, Combined Arms Live Fires, Convoy Live Fires and Team to Squad Level Live Fires. Once complete with this training the Battalion will begin to transition back into winter training.

In the upcoming month, the Arctic Bobcats will prepare to celebrate our illustrious history and beginning the 3rd Century of defending this great country's frontier at our Dining Out scheduled for 10 July 2015. Fellow Bobcats from the lower 48 States and local areas will be in attendance during this formal event. We look forward to meeting some of these fellow Bobcats during Freedom-Fest here in Fairbanks. If anyone is interested in attending, please let us know by contacting the Battalion Adjutant @ seth.m.williams.mil@mail.mil, 907-353-2553 or sending an instant message FacebookPage.

Thomas M. Hough
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Commanding



LTC Thomas Hough & CSM Arvento Collins

Bobcats Place Second

"Joint ice hockey team made up of 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment and Northern Warfare Training Center Soldiers took first place at the intramural tournament, May 7, against 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment with a score of 7-4. Both teams were undefeated during playoffs before their meeting in the championship game."

**From the 22 May 15 Alaska Post*

(Reunion from page 9)

plishments and efforts in support of the Association. His continual contributions to the history of the Association as reported in the newsletter and his always being willing to help someone searching for information about the unit or their family member who was once a Bobcat is remarkable.

Auction

After the colors were retired we held a raffle for the Oak Alley afghan.



The raffle made \$295 for the Association and was won by Jeff McGrath.

Next came the Auction or should I

(See Reunion on page 22)

Bobcats And Their Families

The pictures on this page were provided by 1LT Seth Williams and show both the Bobcats training and their families discovering what Bobcats experience.



Jr Bobcat Day PT



Virtual Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise



Air Loading Stryker



Jr Bobcat Day Obstacle Course



Jr Bobcats Day Weapons Blank Fire



Alcohol Substance Abuse Training



Jr Bobcat Day Night Vision Maze



Jr Bobcat Day Weapons Display



Bobcat ICE III



Jr Bobcats Day Weapons Blank Fire



Jr Bobcat Day Obstacle Course



Jr Bobcat Day Obstacle Course



Air load class

2-5th INFANTRY - 3rd BRIGADE/1st ARMORED DIV - FT BLISS TX

Memorial Day Remembrance Request

LTC Edward Brady asks

“During this Memorial Day weekend, we ask that everyone take a moment to remember our 2-5th IN fallen comrades from the battalion’s three combat deployments to Afghanistan (‘04-05, ‘11-12, ‘13-14): CSM Barreras, SPC Mayberry, SPC Jacobs, SPC Corley, PFC Deronde, SPC Acosta, SPC Lumley, SSG Hobbs, CPL Fernandez, CPL Fracker and CPL Fleischer. We will never forget you and honor your sacrifice.”

I'll Try Sir!



CSM “Gunny” Barreras name is added to the FT Bliss Field of Honor Memorial in a Ceremony held on 18 May 15.



MAJ GEN Stephen M. Twitty, commanding General, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss speaks during the FT Bliss Field of Honor Memorial in a ceremony.



1st Armored Division and FT Bliss Command SGT MAJ Lance P. Lehr comforts and escorts Gloria Barreras, mother of Command SGT MAJ Martin R. Barreras, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, after the unveiling of a plaque bearing Barreras name on the Fort Bliss Field of Honor memorial on Monday 18 May. Barreras died as a result of wounds received when his unit was attacked on 6 May 2014.

Note: The 2-5th Infantry Regiment was deactivated in April and no longer exists. Hopefully it will reappear somewhere in the future.

VA Eliminates Net Worth as Health Care Eligibility "Factor"

Elimination of Net Worth Makes More Veterans Eligible for Health Care

Washington -The Department of Veterans Affairs is updating the way it determines eligibility for VA health care, a change that will result in more Veterans having access to the health care benefits they've earned and deserve.

Effective 2015, VA eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs and copayment responsibilities. This change makes VA health care benefits more accessible to lower-income Veterans and brings VA policies in line with Secretary Robert A. McDonald's "My VA" initiative which reorients VA around Veterans' needs.

(See VA on page 17)

THE BOBCATS OF 1927

by Sam Kier

"Thanks to a tip from associate member, George Hazel, I was able to obtain these pictures of 5th Infantrymen taken while they were stationed in Portland, Maine in 1927. They're part of a collection of military images belonging to the Maine Historical Society.

In January of 1923, the 5th Infantry became one of the first motorized units in the U.S. Army when it was issued its authorized complement of trucks, passenger cars and motorcycles. In this "looking under the hood" photo, the



mechanics seem to be struggling to listen respectfully to the young officer on the right.

The picture below of the corporal getting his squad ready for inspection gives one a good idea of the arms and accoutrements of the day. Their long M1905 bayonets are fixed on their Re-



mington M1903 rifles. Turning out in the class-A uniform still required the soldier to wrap the old World War I spiral puttees around his calves. The canvas, hook and eye puttees were not approved until 1938.

Throughout the period between the world wars, the 5th Infantry turned in notable records in small arms firing. In 1924, the regiment's rifle qualification



rate was 99.4%, and the machine gun qualifying rate was 94.3%. Company D's pistol team placed fourth in the NRA pistol matches. They were third among international service teams and highest in the U.S.A."



(VA from page 16)

"Everything that we do and every decision we make has to be focused on the Veterans we serve," said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. "We are working every day to earn their trust. Changing the way we determine eligibility to make the process easier for Veterans is part of our promise to our Veterans."

Instead of combining the sum of Veterans' income with their assets to determine eligibility for medical care and copayment obligations, VA will now only consider a Veteran's gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. Elimination of the consideration of net worth for VA health care enrollment means that certain lower-income, non-service-connected Veterans will have less out-of-pocket costs. Over a 5-year period, it is estimated that 190,000 Veterans will become eligible for reduced costs of their health care services.

In March 2014, VA eliminated the annual requirement for updated financial information. VA now uses information from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration to automatically match individual Veterans' income information which reduces the burden on Veterans to keep their healthcare eligibility up to date. That change better aligned VA's health care financial assessment program with other federal health care organizations.

Veterans may submit updated income information at www.I OI-Oez.med.va.gov/, or by visiting their nearby VA health care facility. For more information, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

**From DAV's April 2015 Chapter 14 newsletter*

Bobcats Dancing with The "Victory Belles

And they all have smiles on their faces



John Mavon Meets Actor George Peppard



"TBT - a day early. Shortly after receiving a letter from Judy Hudson, hoping I was safe and OK, my old Army unit from RVN got a visit from George Peppard AKA.....Breakfast at Tiffany's, The Blue Max, The original A-Team. He came over at his own expense. (No USO tour here). I asked him why he came over to this shithole place and his reply was, "I just wanted to see it for myself and see how you guys (troops) were doing. CLASS GUY. His famous line from A-Team: "I love it when a plan comes together!" Picture taken July 1970

Roger Hayes Remembers on Memorial Day

25 May 15

"Of the numerous casualties from our battalion and companies, I'll mention one of them :**Bernard C. Mattson** from Peoria, Illinois, who served in the 2nd platoon, Charlie Company.

We arrived around the same time-Oct 67-and hung out because we were from the same state. We called him Matt and few remember him, possibly because he was with us only a few months.

He died on 12 January 68. We were assigned a mission to search a suspected VC village. We crept to the village in the early pre-dawn morning, and surrounded it in the darkness. At first light each platoon was directed to send half of its men inside to conduct the



search while the remaining soldiers remained on the perimeter to block any trying to escape and to prevent the arrival of reinforcements, if any.

During the search, VC forces, who knew what we were about, lobbed mortar rounds on our troops on the perimeter. Of course all soldiers dove to the ground seeking whatever shelter existed. When the rounds stopped, Matt didn't get up. The others thought maybe he had fallen asleep, but soon realized he was wounded. Medic attempts to save him were not successful. A small piece of shrapnel had entered his left side beneath his armpit, and it pierced his heart.

Matt was 20, and he was a friend."

Posted on Facebook.

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July 10, 2015

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OUR BOBCAT FOREBEARS

by Sam Kier

There is a small group of men, out there somewhere, who served with the 5th Infantry Regiment in World War II. Now in their 90's, they live, for the most part, in retirement communities, convalescent hospitals, or with or near younger family members. On a number of occasions, I have expressed the concern that we are losing them before we can sit down with them and get their personal stories. Such was the case with LTC (Ret) Dan Wallis, Jr.

While attending a college alumni board meeting last month, I learned that the husband of one of our members had passed away on May 12. It was mentioned that Dan Wallis, a West Point graduate, had been an infantry officer in Europe during World War II and would tell stories about many river crossings in Austria and Germany and bagging large numbers of German prisoners. Since these remarks were reminiscent of the story of the 5th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division, I couldn't wait to get home to see what I could learn about Dan from my 1978 edition of the *Register of Graduates, United States Military Academy*.

Yes, Dan was really a Bobcat! He had had a double dose of our regiment. He served with the 5th Infantry Regiment in Europe and with the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea. He left Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 5th RCT just 27 days before I arrived there. I wish I had known him.

Several days after the board meeting, I met with Emily Wallis and we began leafing through a tall stack of records that Dan had accumulated during his army career. He saved everything, including travel vouchers and pay records. On the wall in his study were Bronze Star citations from World War II and Korea and a shadow box containing his campaign medals, a 5th Infantry crest (needing a little dab of Brasso) and his 5th RCT shoulder patch. The old, yellowed documents tell his story.

Luther Daniel Wallis, Jr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia on October 24, 1922. His father was a career army officer so Dan's early education took place in many schools throughout the continental United States and the Philippine Islands.

Shortly before our country entered



LTC DAN WALLIS

World War II, Luther Daniel Wallis, Sr. was enroute to Europe when he died in a plane crash in Portugal. This event led to young Dan being eligible for a presidential appointment to the US Military Academy. He entered the accelerated war-time program at West Point in July, 1941 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry on D-day, June 6, 1944.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Basic School at Ft. Benning, Dan was assigned to the 5th Infantry Regiment as it was just wrapping up unit training in the Sand Hill area of that same venerable old post. According to a pay record, he was assigned as a platoon leader to one of the three rifle platoons in Company G.

George Company experienced its first day in combat on March 12, 1945 when it moved up on line near Goetzenbruck, a French town in the Alsace-Lorraine area. Later in the month, the entire 2nd Battalion was heavily engaged in the capture of the German cities of Lingenfeld and Gernersheim.

Throughout April, Dan's company continued to move to the southeast through Germany as it fought running battles with the 6th SS Mountain Division North and processed scores of German prisoners.

Second Battalion reached the Austrian border on May 2 and crossed the Inn River on a dam. Three days later,

they reached Steyr, Austria. That was the end of the road. The Soviet Army was approaching from the east and neither army was permitted to move beyond the Enns River, the boundary between the Soviet and American sectors. Germany surrendered on May 7.

By the time the 5th Infantry was deactivated on 6 November 1946, Dan had risen to the rank of captain but, as he was single and a late-comer to the ETO, it would take until May of 1947 before he had amassed enough rotation points to head for home.

Between World War II and the Korean War, Dan studied Danish at the Army Language School in Monterey, worked for the Army Security Agency in Washington, DC, completed an M.A. in English at Columbia University and taught in the English Department at West Point.

Dan married Katherine Lee from Decatur, Georgia in December, 1948. In 1958, the couple adopted a baby girl and named her Katherine.

When Major Wallis deployed to Korea in July 1953, he was initially assigned to Headquarters Company of his old battalion; the 2nd. He was plucked from that berth in June, 1954 and served as regimental adjutant until the fall of that year.

Following Korea, Dan served as an ROTC adviser at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, before returning to West Point to resume teaching English and to oversee the publication of *The Pointer*, the Academy's newsletter. In 1962, he was sent to Turkey to help modernize the Turkish Army under the auspices of JUS/MMAT, Joint U.S. Military Aid for Turkey. He completed that assignment in 1964.

Dan was stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland in 1966 when an opportunity arose to return to the Monterey Peninsula and serve as Deputy Commandant at the Defense Language Institute. Following that commitment, Lieutenant Colonel Dan Wallis retired after 26 years of Army service.

As you might surmise from his story, Dan was both a soldier and a scholar. After retiring, he taught, briefly, at the Monterey County Juvenile Hall and at York Preparatory School. In 1971, the San Francisco-based Golden Gate University decided to open a branch campus

(See LTC Dan on page 20)

Arlington Vietnam vet's diary published

ARLINGTON, Iowa --- Ron Soppe wanted to forget the Vietnam War when he returned to U.S. soil. Remembering events 42 years later generated both tears and smiles. In 1968, Soppe was an infantry medic bandaging wounded near Saigon. For a year, he kept a diary and took photos with a 126 Kodak Instamatic, sending the film to his mother in Iowa.

At a reunion 20 years later with his Army buddies, fellow veterans discovered the keepsakes in Soppe's box of memorabilia. One, Ron Henry of Nashville, Tenn., suggested Soppe get the material in print. But Soppe was occupied with life and shelved the idea. Henry didn't forget, though, and about a year ago offered to publish the book. "When I first met him at the reunion I didn't know who he was, but he said I saved his life," Soppe said.

Henry, 73, produced "Diary," which features the Vietnam combat medic's daily entries.

From the Diary: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1968: Today was one of the saddest days of my life. First off we went on a sweep through the rubber plantation and found 8 N.V.A. [North Vietnamese Army] after we finished our sweep we rested and the 4/23 was in trouble again. They called in air strike and artillery. After that we went on and tried to sweep. We had tracks on line and one men sweep. Our I-6 was killed (Lt. Connell.) After that they finally realized it was time to get out. I fell apart after that and cried. It's not a war it's suicide. The Lord is with us.

Soppe, 63, was attached to the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry. He received a Distinguished Service Cross and three Purple Hearts. He said he was lucky to graduate West Union High School in 1966 because he wasn't much of a student. He was drafted in 1967, completed basic training at Fort Lewis in Washington and had 10 weeks of training as a medic in San Antonio, Texas.

In Vietnam, Soppe witnessed death. He remembers the emotion he felt treating soldiers because most believed an injury meant a return trip to the United States.

When Soppe got home in September 1969, he tried to put the experience in his past. "I was done with Vietnam," he said. Soppe admitted to spending the next two years drinking heavily and wondering what to do with his life. He got married and with his wife, Deb, raised a son, Derrick. They later divorced.



Two heart attacks later, Soppe has a pacemaker. He also has had surgery for cancer and sees a counselor for post-traumatic stress disorder. He finds solace in plants and flowers and is nurturing 5,000 potted calla lilies for a friend's wedding this summer. He recently moved to an acreage near Arlington where he hopes to have a greenhouse.

From the Diary: Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1968: Today I drove and I'll tell ya it's not the best. Our guys were on a sweep first about all day. 4/23 were surrounded by N.V.A. and were hit bad. I believe that they lost 4 guys and 5 wounded. Our guys went

to help. On the afternoon, we had around 700-800 Arvn Rangers Eagle flighted in. They were to stay with us a couple of days. This was one of our biggest missions yet. We don't know how many body count. God Bless Us All.

Soppe signed the first 100 copies of his book and donated one to the West Union Public Library. Cost is \$44.95. To order, go to www.knives-ceramic.com/soppe.

By JANELLE BRADLEY - WCFCourier.com
(Article sent to me by Nevin Williams)

(Sam from page 13)

"Your father served with King Company, 5th RCT in 1952-53. I have forwarded your note to Frank Jennings, the 5th RCT Assn newsletter editor. The 5th RCT was composed of your father's 5th Infantry Regiment, as well as the 555th Field Artillery Battalion and the 72nd Combat Engineer Company. We will include him with the list of deceased veterans that we will honor at our next reunion. By the way, please let us know his date of death and anything else about him that we need to know to honor his memory."

Sam Kier

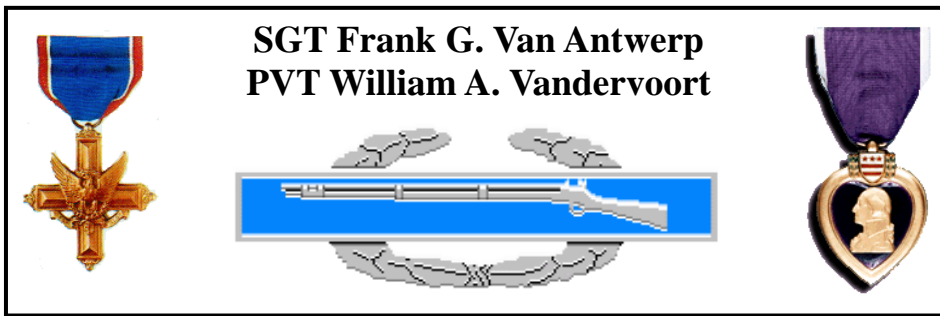
(LTC Dan from page 19)

on the former Fort Ord military reservation. Dan was hired to serve as Dean of the school. He held that position until January, 1986.

Katherine Wallis died in 1982. The following year, Dan met and married Emily Schaffer. Dan is survived by his wife, Emily, his daughter, Katherine Slattery (Timothy), and twin grandsons, William and Timothy. His ashes will be interred in the USMA cemetery at West Point on July 2, 2015.



The Cardenas Family



Honoring Two of Our Bobcat Heroes!

Distinguished Service Cross Awarded to

Van Antwerp, Frank G.

Citation: The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Frank G. Van Antwerp, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as a Medical Aidman attached to an Infantry Company of the 5th Regimental Combat Team, 24th Infantry Division. Sergeant Van Antwerp distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the Republic of Korea on 17 September 1950. As an aidman, Sergeant Van Antwerp was advancing with an infantry rifle platoon when intense enemy fire was suddenly encountered, pinning them down in a position devoid of adequate cover or concealment and causing heavy casualties. The heavy volume of enemy fire prevented anyone from rising any appreciable distance from the ground, but Sergeant Van Antwerp managed to crawl along the entire front line administering aid to the wounded. Even though darkness and heavy rain added to his difficulties, he continued to perform his duties in a manner that gave courage and hope to the wounded. When his medical supplies were exhausted, he crawled along the front lines and collected first aid packets, using them until they too were exhausted. New casualties continued to develop during the night due to renewed enemy aggressiveness, and it was physically impossible to remove all wounded to the rear. Despite that fact that he had used all of his medical supplies, he continued to seek out the wounded and assist them as best he could. While he was crawling forward under heavy enemy fire attempting to evacuate a wounded comrade he was struck by enemy fire and mortally wounded.

Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 19, (January 12, 1951) as amended by General Orders No. 129 (1951) Home Town: Los Angeles, California

And

VANDERVOORT, WILLIAM A.

Citation: The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to William A. Vandervoort, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. Private Vandervoort distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces at Taejon-ni, Korea, on 12 August 1950. While participating in the defense of a strategic terrain feature, Private Vandervoort's company became engaged in heavy fighting, repulsing a series of attacks launched against the position by a determined enemy. During this action and while repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, Private Vandervoort was wounded. He was placed in a foxhole for protection against enemy fire and to receive medical treatment. Launching a concerted attack on the company positions a short time later, the enemy lobbed a grenade into the emplacement occupied by Private Vandervoort and an aidman. As the result of the explosion of the grenade, he lost his life when his body absorbed its full blast.

Department of the Army: General Orders No. 49 (June 9, 1953) Home Town: Sturgis, South Dakota



The information below was copied from the 25th Infantry Division Association's Website

March 4, 1966

Hero Buried

"Sp4 Daniel Fernandez, C Company, 1st Bn. (Mech.), 5th Inf., was given a hero's burial this week in Roman Catholic ceremonies in his hometown of Los Lunas, N. M.

The 21-year-old automatic rifleman was killed when he threw himself on a Viet Cong hand grenade to save the lives of five other men, who were part of an ambushing force near Cu Chi.

Flags were flown at half staff throughout New Mexico to honor Fernandez, whose action has been lauded in his home state and around the world."

Sp4 Fernandez was later awarded the Medal of Honor for this action.

Photog-Reporter Among Losses

"Pfc. Terry J. Reed, 19, was on a search-and-clear mission with A Company, 1st Bn. (Mech.), 5th Inf., on Valentine's Day when he and a freelance civilian photographer were struck by fragments from a Claymore mine....

He had been a writer for the Division Information Office since his arrival in Hawaii last May.

Well respected in journalism circles, Reed was a graduate of the Army Information School at Ft. Slocum, N. Y....

Reed has been given posthumous awards of the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge."

July 28, 1969

SILVER STAR MEDAL

CPT Ronald M. Chatelain, HHC
PFC David P. Callahan, Co C

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (HEROISM)

PFC Stephen L. McGinnis, Co C
CPL Charles Kiniyalocts, Co C

(Reunion from page 14)

say the “extortion” from the auctioneer and former policeman Bart Stanzione. Bart “picked our pockets” to the tune of \$1983.

A big thanks is given to those who donated items to be auctioned and for those who generally paid too much for what they bought.

First Timers

We were happy to welcome some first time reunion attendees. **D Patrick “Pat” Manual, Patrick Stankevitz, Ronnie and Suzanne Wright and Donald Elverd** attended their first reunion. We hope that they come again.

Thank You!!!

And so ended a very successful reunion and a very special thanks goes to **Carolyn**

Kethcart and her sidekick **Randy** who again put in a lot of effort to make this another very successful and enjoyable reunion.

And I personally would like to thank **Ed Kawczynski** for providing me with copies of the pictures he took. A large number of these reunion pictures are his.



More Reunion Picture are below, on the bottom of the next page and on pages 17, 20 and 27.



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

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,



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| _____ #3 = 5th Patch (4") with Tab - \$7.50 | _____ #14 = 5th Infantry Crest - \$6.50 |
| _____ #4 = 4 inch Patch with green M-113 APC on it - \$7.50 | _____ #15 = 5th Key Chain - \$15.50 |
| _____ #5 = Window Decals - \$4.00 | _____ #16A = MIA Bracelet (Black Small) - \$4 |
| _____ #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

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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}

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25 put on the lower left sleeve
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Size: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large 4X-Large 5X-Large 6X-Large (Circle Size)

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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, 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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E-mail: jecaudle@cox.net

5th Infantry Chapter Quartermaster

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- 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

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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

- 9:00-1100 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 Ben-
ning Day? ____ Yes ____ No

⇒ Do you plan on attending the me-
morial service at the National In-
fantry Museum? ____ Yes ____ No ____

⇒ Are you driving ? Yes ____ No ____

⇒ Is this your first reunion?
Yes ____ No ____

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A "Registration Form" with prices
and payment information will appear
in the next newsletter.



George Chavez with his son Paul
and the American flag set he donat-
ed to the Association.

Bobcats Are #1 In Alaska

In US Army Alaska competition, two teams from the 1st Battalion, 5th infantry Regiment Fort Wainwright Alaska came in first.

In the top picture is the 1st place “Combative” Team.

In the bottom picture is the 1st place “Winter Games” team.



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