



The BOBCAT Bulletin

5th INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, Inc.

25th INFANTRY DIVISION & 1st ARMORED DIVISION

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

The US Army's 3rd Oldest - Established 1808

"I'll Try Sir"



Fall 2014

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Volume III

2015 Reunion New Orleans LA

MON May 4th - SAT May 9th

**For details and a Registration Form
see pages 18-20**

2014 Reunion Niagara Falls NY

Can it get any better?

Wow! What a reunion we had in Niagara Falls NY. Why was it so great? First because we probably had the largest number ever attending a reunion with over 150 participating. Second was the date being on the exact day 200 years after we earned our "I'll Try Sir" Motto at the War of 1812 battle of Lundy's Lane in Canada. Thirdly was the Memorial Service conducted at Lundy's Lane in conjunction with the Canadian Government and Military's commemorative events. And finally was the participation of the three soldiers from the 2/5th who were able attend in spite of the fact that the Battalion was deployed

(See NF Reunion on page 2)

Actor and Bobcat James Garner Dies

*Garner has to be one of the more famous
men who was a Bobcat*

See article about James' service with
the 5th and his life on pages 22-23.

Change of Command 1/5th Bobcats Get A New Commander

On July 11th LTC Wesbrock turned
command of the 1st Battalion 5th Infan-
try over to LTC Thomas M Hough.

"The 1st Stryker Brigade Combat



New Commander LTC Hough and his wife

Team, 25th Infantry Division ushered in
a new era of leadership with six changes
of command ceremonies in a span of
three days at the Fort Wainwright head-
quarters parade field July 9 through 11.

Ceremonies such as this represent
the pride, discipline and teamwork of the
Army and the units that are part of those
ceremonies. They are important in de-
veloping and maintaining unit pride,
building esprit de corps and preserving
tradition.

Historically, the flag or colors of a
unit served as the point around which
the Soldiers of the organization rallied as
they moved forward into battle. The
colors have traditionally been at the side
of the commander and were carried for-

(See Hough on page 14)

13th Annual Florida Winter Social

20-22 February 2015

And

3rd Annual Bobcat Caribbean Cruise

15-20 February 2015

For details see page 9

Joe "Red" Burdick Dies

Joe "Red" Burdick died of a massive
heart attack on 4 July 2014.

His very close friend Jerry Peal
wrote as he says "a few comments" re-
garding Joe to me.

Jerry writes, "Joe 'Red' Burdick a
tireless friend and member of the 1/5th



Association. "Bobcat of the Year" in
2010, 'Distinguished Member of the
Regiment' 2012, elected to the Board of

(See "Red" on page 8)

The Winter 2014 Newsletter will be out DEC 14 or JAN 2015 - Send me articles, pictures and stories for publication.

(NF Reunion from page 1)

to Afghanistan.

My “gut” feeling was this may be the best most enjoyable reunion we have ever had. One of the big reasons this reunion was so great is the immense amount of time and effort that was put forth by our “Reunion Coordinator” Carolyn Kethcart and her husband Randy. They were attentive to every detail and it showed. They did a superb job and deserve a big thank you!

What is maybe the worse thing that can happen to a newsletter editor/publisher? Loosing all your pictures would be like a bad nightmare - and that is what happened to me. After taking pictures all week right before the Saturday Bobcat Banquet was to start my secure digital camera’s card quit working and all pictures that were taken from Tuesday until Saturday were lost. I was in shock - what a helpless feeling!

To the rescue came Ed Kawczynski who is an excellent photographer. I asked, actually begged, for a copy of his pictures. He graciously sent me three CD’s of his pictures. So I owe Ed a very big thanks since probably 90% of the reunion pictures in this issue are his.

Tuesday/Wednesday 22-23 July (Wine Tour)

The reunion’s first event, not counting the opening of the hospitality room on Tuesday July 22nd, was Wednesday’s “Explore the Niagara Wine Tour”. On this tour we stopped at four locally owned wineries that were all a little different. A very tasty barbecue lunch was included. This tour had a large turnout and I think all enjoyed it.

Thursday 24 July (Erie Canal/ FT Niagara)

On Thursday the major event was a



Lockport locks/Erie Canal Cruise and a visit to Old Fort Niagara. After a two hour cruise on the canal we had another nice lunch. After lunch we visited Old



funny had signals.

By Thursday a large portion of those who attended the reunion had arrived and the hospitality room was humming with activity and remembrances of events of old.

Our hotel, a Days Inn on the US side, proved to be an excellent location. We were steps away from restaurants, a casino and the Rainbow Bridge to the Canadian side. Free parking, reasonable room rates and an outstanding hospitality room were big benefits. Additionally, the hotel allowed us to bring in our own snacks and beverages to include alcoholic drinks.

Friday 25 July (Memorial Service)

Friday was the Memorial Service. And as I mentioned how can you beat having a Memorial Service at the location of where the 5th Infantry Regiment’s motto “I’ll Try Sir” was earned on the exact day 200 years later.

We were all bussed through Canadian customs and

Fort Niagara where 300 years of history took place. The fort built in the 1700’s has been under French, British and American control and played a significant role in the War of 1812.

On the Erie Canal portion of this trip those on the boat I was on were entertained by Ed Kawczynski who was helping us all understand the captain’s direction with his very



(See NF Reunion on page 10)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Just trying to settle in as the new President. After only a couple of weeks in this position I have begun to realize that my predecessors did outstanding work.

We must give a "thank you" to Bob Wood for his time as President and for his contributions in helping to keep the Association running smoothly. Thanks also go out to Paul Robinson who was an important member of the Board of Directors and past President, who is stepping down.

They are being replaced by Tom Frame, who is now the Vice President, and Andy Gimma, who becomes a new Board member. They are welcome additions.

However, we can be sure that Paul will continue to support the Association as he has in the past and let his voice be heard. What, Paul?

Our reunion in Niagara Falls was a huge success. From the attendance, to the tours, to our Memorial Service at Lundy's Lane, and the subsequent participation with our Canadian counterparts in their own celebration of the Battle, it was an outstanding time.

We were treated graciously, welcomed enthusiastically, and it was a pleasure to be there.

Our banquet was held in the Days Inn ballroom with beautiful views of Niagara.

We were honored to have three active duty soldiers of the 2/5 Infantry attend.

These soldiers are an example of the dedicated and courageous individuals of which we and the rest of the Nation should be proud and thankful for their commitment to our Country.

The auction was a great success and as always there was spirited bidding for items which fetched prices way beyond their realistic, common sense value. I am all in favor of this trend continuing in the future.

We should applaud the efforts of Carolyn Kethcart, and by extension, Randy, in organizing our 2014 Reunion. If you really take a look at what must come together in planning these events, then we must realize the time and energy, the patience, and yes, as Carolyn said, the love that is needed to succeed. "Thank you Both."

The schedule for the Winter Social, February 2015, is posted on the website, again to include a Caribbean Cruise. This has always been a fun time and I urge the Members to check out these festivities and consider coming to this annual event.

Randy has also posted the 2015 New Orleans Reunion information, complete with the tours, meals, and accommodations. The package that has been put together for this promises to be a great time. Go to our website, check everything out, make your reservation early to ensure a room, choose your meals, sign up for the tours and get ready to enjoy yourselves.

Word is that the 2/5th may be deactivated upon their return home; further information is forthcoming at a later time. As we did last year for the 1/5th, this year we are looking for donations to augment expenses for the Homecoming Ball for the 2nd Bn. Randy has set up a section on our website if anyone would like to contribute. We have also assisted the 2/5th with securing items for returning troops through their Stock the Bar racks program.

Of further note, a new Challenge coin has been designed for the 5th Infantry Regiment Association through the efforts of Randy Kethcart and Sam Kier. It is a beautiful casting and I believe it will be highly regarded. It is available through our Quartermaster section.

Finally, I look forward to serving as President for the next two years. I will do my very best to maintain the high standards which the Past Presidents established. I told Fred Deverse that I was going to write my first article for the Newsletter in Italian. Therefore I close with "Ciao"; this actually stretches the boundary of my Italian vocabulary.

5th Infantry Association

President - *Bart Stanzone*
 Vice President - *Tom Frame*
 Treasurer & Quartermaster - *Jim Caudle*
 Secretary - *Denis McDonough*
 Membership Chair (Acting) - *Fred Deverse*
 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 Fred Deverse about changes in address and phone number etc.
2. Check your membership - If there is a **red 14** (only the last two numbers) on the address label your dues expires 31 DEC 14. Please renew now!

Reunions

FL Winter Social 20-22 FEB 15
 New Orleans 4-8 May 15

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 Stanzone 12, Jerry Peal 13, Jim Caudle 14

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

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)

>>> 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.

Bubas, Alex - Change
alexubas@comcast.net

Byrum, Frederick -Change
19546 Lennis Cuevas RD
Saucier MS 39574-7122

Payne, LTC Brian - Change
766A Pershing RD
Carlisle Barracks PA 17013-5140

Reed, Shawn - Change
1060 Gaffney RD Stop 9900
FT Wainwright AK 99703-5011

Swanson, Richard A. (Mary)
1404 Lower Heritage Way
Farmington MN 55024
651-463-4478
1/5 HHC Commo 10/67-10/68
dswan47@frontiernet.net
*”After leaving the service I got married. We have four children and eight grandchildren. I love to travel and camp in our tent trailer.”

Sylvester, John
1114Stonebridge DR
Durham NC 27712-9779
919-477-4138
5th RCT Korea - 3rd BN Recon
Squad 1953

Blanton III, Carl “Trey” A.
10891 Edgemere BLVD
El Paso TX 79935
361-254-2418
2/5 HHC 9/11-1/15 (Active duty)
treyb0.27@gmail.com
*”I have had a good experience as a platoon leader, assistant adjutant and

military relations officer. Two deployments and train-up has given me immense pride in being a Bobcat.”

Arvizu, Reynaldo
1207 Loving HWY
Graham TX 76450
940-456-7194
2/5 A Co. 3rd PLT 6/09-8/14+
(Active duty)
rey_arvizu_2263@hotmail

Thorn, Jacob D. (Jennifer)
12037 Copper Hill Place
El Paso TX 79934
256-346-5466
2/5 A Co. 3rd PLT 7/09-8/14+
(Active duty)
jacobthorn11jt@gmail.com
* “I helped ‘stand up’ the 2/5th at Fort Bliss in 2009. I deployed to Afghanistan in 2011-12. I am currently helping the 3rd Brigade disband and the 2-5th reflag.”

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703-346-4345
1/5 1SG B Co. 1/88-1/89
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Landry, Robert (Aileen)
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Prairieville LA 70769
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1/5 B Co. 10/68-10/69
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McDonough, Denis - 27 SEP 14 - “It’s 4:30 AM and I’m on my nebulizer, with 2 different medicines. Have to take every 6 hours to clear my lungs so I can breathe easier. Then when I sleep or nap I have to wear my BPAP mask to force the oxygen into my lungs while I sleep. Without it my heart will work harder because it is not getting the oxygen it needs and I could have a heart attack. because of my heart disease. This was all due to my smoking 2 packs a day for over 30 years of on and off smoking. So, other than my heart disease, vascular blockage in my legs, neuropathy, COPD

and lets not forget my shingles LOL... I feel great. I’m at the stage right now where I’m too tired to do much and I get out of breath real easy. But I’m in no pain and have my appetite. I’m doing my best to stay positive. Ok, I’m finished my babbling LOL.

PS: Serving in Vietnam with the 1/5th Mech and having 2 beautiful, healthy kids are two of my proudest moments.”

Burdick, Joseph “Red” - Died 4 JUL 14

Doane, Dr. David - Father of MOH recipient LT David Doane

Garner, James Co A, 5th RCT, 2 Purple Hearts - served in Korea He was in the Oklahoma National Guard when he was drafted, being the first from OK to be drafted for the Korean War. See article on page 22.

SGT Mace, Roger - Died 4 JUL 14 - He was the platoon SGT for recon from Nov 67 to about Jul 68.

Information provided by Howard Craig

Riley, William (Bill) - Died 5 AUG 14 - HQ Co. Recon 65-66

Denis McDonough reports that Ron Dressler just called and told me that William (Bill) Riley passed away on August 5th 2014, age 70, of Gainesville, GA. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served in the Vietnam era and receiving numerous accommodations and awards including the recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a retired Bounty Hunter for the U. S. Fugitive Task Force and also worked for the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office along with being a correctional officer and EMT.

Stubblefield, Steve - B Co. 2nd Pla- toon 5/69-11/70 - Died 28 AUG 14 →
Steve Stubblefield ended up as a Staff SGT and was awarded 4 Purple Hearts.



(See Roster on page 7)

Members' Comments, Letters, E-mails & Information

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

Memorial to be Rededicated Honoring Ardie R. Copas

Recent recipient of the Medal of Honor

19 AUG 14

Hello Fred,

"Just heard from Shyrell Herrera that the rededication of Ardie Ray Copas memorial with upgrade to MOH, will take place Saturday November 8th 2014 at 11 AM. It will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Ft Pierce Florida. Reception to follow at V.F.W. post #40.

I am hoping that you are the best one to get the news out although Shyrell (Daughter) has been in contact with a few other Bobcats.

Great to see you at Niagara."

Best Regards,
Roger Sperl

Want an Invitation!

20 AUG 14

Hi Denis (McDonough),

"How've you been? Fine I hope and I'm living and going strong as I can. Just wanted to let you know that my Dad's new marker with the Medal of Honor on it is in and I've set the ceremony for Saturday, November 8, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Ft. Pierce, FL. The VFW Post #40 has volunteered to have a reception afterwards. I thought that was so very kind as I didn't know how in the world I was gonna take care of something like that not to mention a trip to Florida, that's a huge expense that I'm a bit concerned about in itself.

Anyway, I have you on the list for the Medal of Honor Society to send you an invitation and just wanted to make sure you let all the Bobcats know that this will be taking place. Anyone you know who may like an invitation can send me their address directly if they'd like one from the MOHS, which I'm also thankful for.

Please give me a call when you get this as I'd love to talk a few when you

have a second.

I look forward to hearing from you and God Bless much."

Shyrell Herrera

Hi Fred,

"How have you been? Hope this finds you and yours doing well. Just wanted to let you, and anyone you know who'd like one, that the ceremony changing my Dad's grave-marker to reflect the Medal of Honor will be November 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial. If you would, please send me your address for an invitation.

The Medal of Honor Society will be sending out invitations for me and the VFW has volunteered to have a reception afterwards for the family and friends. It will also be in the Treasure Coast News and Channel 5 but I'm not inviting the public to the reception. I thought it very nice, and what a surprise to me, of them to do that for us and I do not expect them to feed the whole county! LOL

I look forward to hearing from you and anyone who would like an invitation."

God Bless,
Shyrell Copas Herrera
shyrellherrera@gmail.com

Bob Hope Show

8 AUG 2014

Fred,

I arrived in country December 22, 1968 and moved to 25th Headquarters at Cu Chi on the 23rd. I was in the replacement company. A large group of us were assigned to help set-up for the show.

We must have moved 10,000 ammo crates used for seating over 2-3 days. The group in 1968 were Rosie Greer, Ann Margret, The Gold Diggers, Les Brown Band and of course Bob Hope.

We had towels which were soaked in water and then rung out folded and then frozen. They were then placed in

the famous merrymite cans to keep them frozen and placed in the back stage dressing rooms.

It was great show that day and I can say I was in every one of the cast's dressing rooms. We had great seats that day behind the guys from the 25th Evac Hospital.

The tear down went much faster than the set-up.

David Stough

Donating An American Flag Set

An Email to Bart Stanzione on 8 SEP.

"In San Antonio we have a Flag Company, Dixie Flag Co, which makes US made Flags for Ft Sam Houston units. I would like to purchase and donate a complete set, Flag, Staff, Staff Eagle Emblem, Cord, and Brass Stand. If I am permitted to do so, I will bring it with me to the Reunion in New Orleans in May."

George Chavez

PTSD Documentary

22 SEP 14

Hi, Fred:

I hope this email finds you well :)

I wanted to reach out and share my indiegogo link with the Bobcat assoc. I am continuing my work for the short documentary, and am trying to raise money to do so. I was hoping you could send the link out to the Association in case anyone would want to support through contribution or sharing with their friends. I am working hard to bring a voice to the Vietnam veterans and wives and their struggles with PTSD. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Here is the link:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/i->

(See Comments on page 8)

Treasurer's Report

2nd Quarter Financial Report

(1 APR - 30 JUN 2014)

April:

Income:

Pay Pal (Internet Sales)	\$2305.86
Quartermaster Sales	\$60.50
TOTAL	\$2354.86

Debits:

Bank Charges	\$3.00
Postage (Newsletter)	\$219.78
Quartermaster	\$120.80
Spring Newsletter Printing	\$835.10
TOTAL	\$1178.68

May:

Income:

Membership Dues	\$390.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$60.75
NY Reunion checks	\$2876.50
Pay Pal (Internet sales)	\$5274.04
Deposit Error (Add)	\$299.00
TOTAL:	\$8900.29

Debit:

Quartermaster	\$13.00
Book Sales	\$33.34
TOTAL:	\$46.34

June:

Income:

Pay Pal	\$1875.50
TOTAL:	\$1875.50

Debit:

Quartermaster Sales	\$383.00
Refund NY Reunion	\$284.50
Computer Software	\$76.41
Postage (Rotary boxes for the 2/5th in Afghanistan)	123.60
Bank Service Charge	\$3.00
TOTAL:	870.51

Assets:

Checkbook Balance	\$25244.22
Business Account	\$53683.86
TOTAL	\$78928.08

Jim Caudle,

Treasurer/Quartermaster

Donations to the Association

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

Catherine Reeves - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Randy Kethcart - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Bob Wood - 2/5 Ball	\$200
Joe Lex - \$250 Scholarship Fund & \$250 2/5 ball	\$500
Cecelia Sterling - 2/5 Ball	\$25
Paul Robinson - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Michael Kost - 2/5 Ball	\$250
Nevin Williams (COL-R) - 2/5 Ball	\$50
John Keenan - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Jeffrey Grath - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Michael O'Hara Jr. - 2/5 Ball	\$100
William Oster - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Robert Drake - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Atlas Air, Inc. - For 180 (2/5) \$10 Subway gift certificates	\$1800
Thomas Kilday - 2/5 Ball	\$10
Edward Stokes - 2/5 Ball	\$25
Mike Kritscher - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Fred Deverse - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Nathaniel Jackson - 2/5 Ball	\$25
Richard Myers - 2/5 Ball	\$250
John Snodgrass - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Kathryn Carstens - VITO Trucking, LLC. - 2/5 Ball	\$1000
Ron Payne - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Jerry Curry - 2/5 Ball	\$25
Art Cook - 2/5 Ball	\$25

Walter Bukke - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Dan & Shirley Curran - 2/5 Ball	\$100
William Correia - 2/5 Ball	\$200
Andy Anderson - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Lance Wickman - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Jenny Diaz - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Bettendorf Enterprises Inc. - 2/5 Ball	\$500
Thew Kumiko - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Theron Clough - 2/5 Ball	\$25
Thomas Frame - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Jim Caudle - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Carl Gilbert - 2/5 Ball	\$250
George Chavez - Donated a complete set of national colors. Will present them in New Orleans.	\$178
George Chavez - 2/5 Ball	\$250
Frank Cimonetti - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Jon Cartwright - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Jon Blickenstaff - 2/5 Ball	\$500
Nicky Fasselin - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Gary Majewski - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Peter Keene - 2/5 Ball	\$50
Ken Krueger - 2/5 Ball	\$100
Chris Sharpe - 2/5 Ball	\$100
James Johnson - 2/5 Ball	\$10
First Giving - 2/5 Ball	\$18.15
Mike Rohdy - 2/5 Ball	\$50



Welcoming Home the 2/5th from Afghanistan

Bobcats,

Every year I take on the title of Unofficial Scholarship Chairman. This year at our reunion in Niagara Falls the generous attendees contributed \$1250 to the scholarship during our pass the hat at our general membership meeting. One of our other generous members put up the other \$250 to round out our \$1500 commitment to the 25th Infantry Division Association that administers the scholarship for us. So that business is taken care of.

That brings us to our new business and that is to raise money to help welcome home our soldiers of the 2/5th that are currently serving in combat in Afghanistan. As with the 1/5th upon their return there will be a Homecoming Ball. We raised a considerable amount of funds to help lower the cost to \$24 per person for the enlisted men and their spouses (E-6 and Below) It is my hope that we will be able to do the same for our men of the 2/5th.

We as Korean and Vietnam Vets, and citizens must insure that today's soldiers are not treated as we were upon our return from combat. So I'm asking that you give what you can. Once again I realize these are difficult times in our economy, however if you are in a position to help in some way please visit the Webpage I have set up to take donations for this event. HOMECOMING BALL DONATIONS

<http://www.bobcat.ws/home-coming-ball-donations.html>

Or write a check to: The **5th Infantry Regiment Association** (with Homecoming Ball in the memo line)

Mail check to:

Jim Caudle
1501 Baychester Ave
Norfolk, VA 23503

Please take the "I'll Try Sir" approach

Thank You,
Randy Kethcart

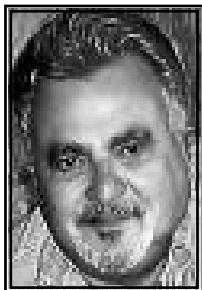
(Roster from page 4)

Bart Stanzione writes, "On the 28th of August I received word that Steve Stubblefield, one of our members, and lived in Valencia, Ca. passed away from complications related to exposure to Agent Orange.

I served with Steve in 1969-1970, Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon, and he was an exceptional soldier.

There will be a memorial service held in the near future, and William Correia, another member, and who was our first Company Commander, intends to go. I spoke with William Correia and he will represent the Battalion."

Virgilio, Albert J.-
Died August 28,
2014, age 67, C Com-
pany 67-68 →



He has been a resident of Rio Rancho NM since 1999. Al was a Veteran of the Vietnam War and proudly served his country. He retired in 1997 after a 20 year career as a Marketing Executive with Southern Wine and Spirits and Brown-Forman Corporation.

Myers, Charles L., Co F, 1950-51,
Jacksonville, IL, died 22 Feb 14

Feikes, Henry, Co M, 1951-52, Ack-
ley, IA, died 6 May 14

Visconti, David P., Co D, 1952,
Colton, CA, died 12 Jun 14

Bucher, Alvin G., HHC/5, Anti-tank
Mine Platoon, West Seneca, NY,
died 23 Jun 14

Bargiband, Donald R, Co M, 1950-51,
Moody, AL, died 21 Jun 14

**Above five 5th RCT names were pro-
vided to me by Sam Kier.*

CORRECTION?

Do I have a mistake here?

Fred,

"On page 10 (summer Bobcat Bulletin), you have pictures of 2 deceased Bobcats who won the DSC. Sorry to tell you this, but the guy on the right is alive and well....as of this morning, anyway. His name is Ed Stiltner, he lives in Rock



Denis McDonough found these pictures on the Internet. On the left is Gonzalo Villasenor from FT Worth TX and on the right is Martin Lechuga from San Antonio TX. Both were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for action in which they were killed on 11 APR 69.

Hill, NC.

He and I transferred to the 1/5 from the 3/22 together. I was a personnel clerk; he was a mechanic.

We both were OJT infantry. (Pretty stupid, in retrospect!) Oh...I think he earned a couple of Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, but that was about it."

Steve Dodd

**Is there anyone out there who thinks they know who the guy on the right is?*

Membership Chairman's Duties

Because of Denis McDonough's illness mentioned on page four I have become the "acting" membership chairman. So if your renewing your membership and mailing in dues mail it to me at:

138 Glenrise RD - Swanton MD 21561

Fred Deverse

(“Red” from page 1)

Directors in 2012, was asked to move up to Association Vice President this spring but declined. As he said, his work with the NW 25th Infantry Division Association took most of his free time.

He was a co-founder of the NW 25th Division Association with myself and Bill Schwindt (C 3/22 66-67). He served as co-founder and Trustee for this Association. His wife Linda served as membership secretary and treasurer for the group.



Joe and Linda were very active when the 1/5th was stationed at nearby FT Lewis WA. They attended and participated in the 1/5th Deployment to Iraq ceremony, it's Homecoming ceremony, funerals, helping wounded vets with financial problems and other events. They became close friends with CSM-R Victor Mercado and then 1/5th Commander LTC Todd McCaffrey who is now Chief of Staff - US Army Pacific.

Joe's nickname “Red” I understand came from a full head of red hair. But by the time I met him in 2003 he was pretty well, as we know him, ‘bald’.

Joe's nickname lately should have been Joe ‘P-38’ Burdick. I don't believe he ever shook a hand without passing along a P-38. Linda told me she had just received 400 P-38s to pass out on their upcoming trip to the 1/5th reunion in Niagara Fall NY.

Joe was also to bring our local colors, rifles and helmets so the 1/5th could provide its own color guard as in the San Francisco reunion.

Linda asked me to have the local NW 25th Association at Joe's service. I was honored. We had about 30 25th Veterans and six 1st Cavalry Vets. We were seated up front opposite the family.

A young pastor of Joe's church officiated. I then made a few comments of

my privilege of knowing him as a person and as a member of the 25th NW Association.

His squad leader in Vietnam SGT Bob Galas who had flown in from Illinois spoke of some of his combat time with Joe. Bob Allen who also served with Joe flew in from Ohio. I believe they were all part of a group of vets who served together and became known as the “Christmas Platoon”. Other vets also remarked on their memories of Joe.

I called the 1/5th vets who were all seated in the first two rows to ‘attention’ and called the roll. CPT Hank Engelke (C 1/5th 66-68), SSG Jerry Peal (C 1/5th 65-66), SGT Bob Galas (B 1/5th 67-68), SGT Don Raymond (Recon 1/5th 65-66), SGT Bob Allen (B 1/5th 67), SP4 Roy Kirk (C 1/5th 69-70), SP-4 Simonson (B 1/5th 67-68) [All answered], SP-4 Burdick, Specialist-4 Joseph Burdick, Specialist-4 Joseph Neal Burdick - silence. Specialist-4 Joseph Neal Burdick has now answered the roll call of a ‘higher authority’.

At this point in the service ‘Taps’ was sounded and two active duty soldiers from FT Lewis did a flag presentation to Linda.

All Veterans then proceeded one-by-one to the ‘Soldier's Cross’ near the



L to R: Joe Burdick, Jerry Peal, Todd Swanson and Hank Engelke

casket and placed a P-38 or coin on the Cross stand, saluted and proceeded to the entrance to form a two sided column for Linda and family to exit - where attention and a final salute was rendered.”

The loss of Joe is a hard blow to the NW 25th Association.

SSG Jerry C. Peal

C 1/5th -65-66

PS - “I miss him dearly as the NW 25th Association will also.”

(Comments from page 5)

will-go-back-tonight/x/8668749

Or

Mail a check to and made out to:

Kara Frame

71 W St NW

Washington DC 20001

Thanks again and I hope you enjoy the video I made! I can't wait to share the final product with the Association.”

Cheers,

Kara Frame

You can contact Kara at:

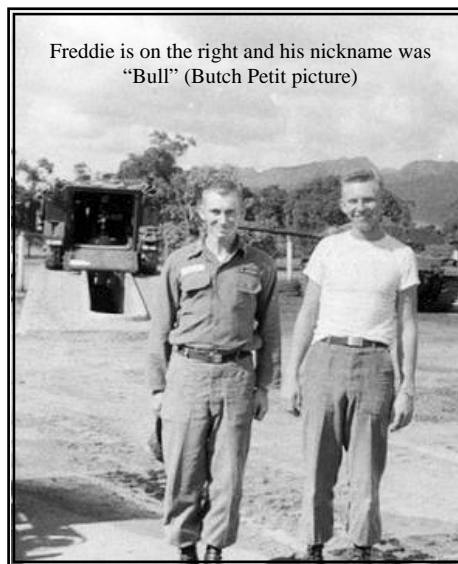
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Did you know Frederick C. Bullington

C Company - KIA 30 May 66

From Spencer VA

“Hello my name is Janice and my brother was **Frederick C. Bullington**. I was playing on the Internet and I looked up my brother's name and I found your email. I hope you don't mind me writing



Freddie is on the right and his nickname was “Bull” (Butch Petit picture)

to you. I was only 12 years old when (we called him Diddy) Freddie died, and I remember it was a hard time for us kids, we had never had a death in the family and we couldn't understand all that was happening. I remember being scared for a long time after this happened. Can you tell me anything about how he felt about being over there or

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had to show our passports. The Memorial Service started at 4:30 located in an old cemetery located where the Battle of Lundy's Lane took place 200 years before.

The colors were posted by three active duty 2/5th Bobcats from FT Bliss Texas ac-



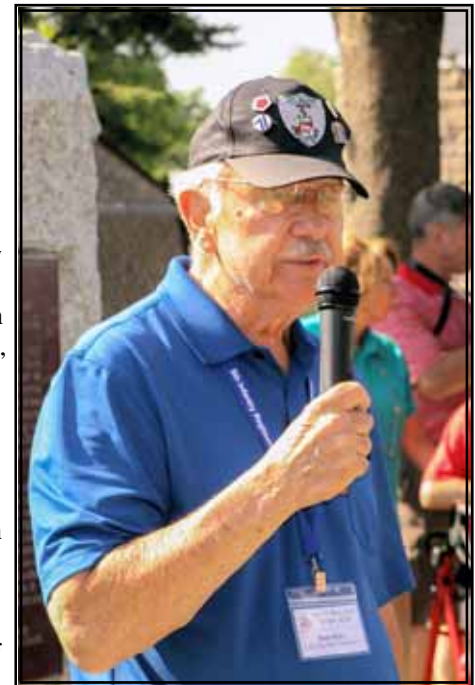
companied by our own bagpiper Jon Blickenstaff.

With president Bob Wood officiating appropriate remarks were made by Retired



Major General Andrew Anderson, Dr. Harold Levy 5th RCT Surgeon during the Korean War, Bill Easterling (Co. E 2/5th) Korean War and our Historian Sam Kier.

The above named individuals then read the names of 103 Fifth Infantry soldiers who were killed-in-action from the state of New York during World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also read were the names of thirty-five 5th Infantry Veterans who died since the last re-



union.

After the reading of names a plaque, paid for by our Association, commemorating and remembering the 5th Infantry's participation in the battle of Lundy's Lane was dedicated.

At the conclusion of this very moving and memorable Memorial Service we moved to the nearby church for a dinner provided by a local Subway restaurant.

Then it was time for a ceremony by the local Canadian government that commemorated the Battle of Lundy's Lane. The

military band a Canadian Bagpiper and our ceremony was the 32nd Canadian Brigade.

The ceremony ended with a candlelight participated in by our active duty 2/5th soldiers.

After the conclusion of this event we boarded the busses to go view the brilliantly lite Niagara Falls at night.



Markers noting the burial of unknown Bobcats killed in action at the Battle of Lundy's Lane.

ceremony began with music by a Canadian own Jon Blickenstaff. Participating in this

walk and wreath laying ceremony partici-



After the falls viewing we returned to our Days Inn hotel on the American side. But first we had to pass through customs to enter back into the US. This



process will probably long be remembered by Steve Murphy. His bus was stopped waiting to go through customs when an agent entered the bus, walked up to Steve and said "Come with me". I'm sure Steve must have wondered "What have I done?". Well it turns out that Steve had had a medical procedure involving a radioactive solution a week or so prior and the residual of it was still present. Of course once this was explained to the border customs agents the problem was over. What really impressed me about this episode was that although Steve was sitting on the bus and the radioactivity had to be minimal the border detection unit alerted to it. Makes you feel that maybe it would be impossible for a terrorist to sneak something radioactive across the border. Let's hope that is the case!

It was a long day but well worth the time. I think all that attended will not anytime soon forget this very moving



day.

Saturday 26 July (Meeting/ Fragging/Banquet)

Saturday started with the ladies getting together for breakfast and the members attending the annual Membership Meeting at 9 AM. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting which took place earlier are on pages 14&15. At the meeting the hat was passed to collect



donations to go towards the Scholarship Fund and a total of \$1279 was collected.

Fragging

At 10:30 we had our annual "fragging" and this year's honoree was Andy Gimma. We took him by surprise and surprising the fraggee always makes



the event more enjoyable for all.

At 6 PM we all met for a social/ cocktail hour followed by our Bobcat



Banquet at 7 PM.

The room was called to order with the sounding of bugle calls. We also had Carolyn Deverse lead us in the singing of the Army Song. After the food was served and consumed some members were honored.



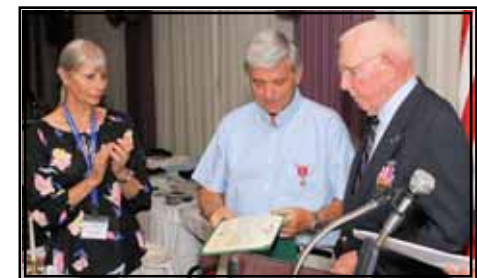
UPDATE

1LT Carl "Trey" Blanton III gave us an excellent very informative update on the 2/5th telling us about their accomplishments in Afghanistan and what the future holds for them.



AWARDS

Alex Bubas was presented with a Bronze Star with "V" for Valor for his



See Alex's Bronze Star Citation on page 29.

service in Vietnam.

Jimmy Caudle was honored for his



(See NF Reunion on page 13)

Stryker Soldiers Strive for the Expert Infantryman Badge

Maj. David Mattox, 1-25th SBCT PAO

“More than 870 infantry Soldiers with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division will test their skills and compete for the Expert Infantryman Badge next week.

As part of a 70-year-old tradition the 1-25th SNCT will host a week-long test, here for infantry Soldiers of the unit to prove their expertise by completing 33 infantry-series Soldier skill evaluations and earn the badge.

The evaluated skills include a physical fitness test, marksmanship, weapons knowledge, land navigation, first-aid, dismounted movement techniques and reacting to enemy actions before concluding with a 12-mile road march. Each of the events must be passed with expert proficiency.



Pfc. Warren Mullins and Spc. Mason Thomas of 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division perform function checks on the M2-.50 Caliber Machine Gun under the supervision of Sgt. John Blackman of 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment....
(Photo by Staff Sgt. Mylinda Dourousseau)



Spc. Matthew Hoskinson, an infantryman with Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade, 25th INF DIV prepares to treat a casualty as part of the Expert Infantryman Badge testing on Fort Wainwright July 30. More than 880 Infantry Soldiers from across 1/25 SBCT took part in the week-long, 39 station test in an attempt to distinguish themselves from their peers by proving their expertise and professionalism in their field. (Photo by Spc. Tyler Farris, 1-25th SBCT PAO)

Staff Sgt. Mark Barnum, a weapons squad leader with 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Division, said the land navigation testing is especially difficult on Fort Wainwright because of the terrain the Soldiers are tested on. “Getting into the Muskage up here makes it hard,” said Barnum. “You lose your pace count, you get stuck; people got up to their chest in water.”

The next three days of testing consisted of three Individual Tactical Testing lanes in which Soldiers were given 20 minutes to complete ten tasks to standard. Soldiers were only allowed to fail three tasks throughout the entire testing period making attention to detail key according to Barnum. “Little things get people,” said Barnum.”



U.S. Army Alaska Soldiers from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division were presented with Army Achievement Medals for assisting in the Central Issue Facility of the Logistics Readiness Center. Their contribution had been truly appreciated. Deputy Director LRC, CW5 Al Cleary presented the medals to; and Pfc. Saif Albazzaz, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment.



SSG Johnston (B Co, 1-5 IN) with newly inducted Medal of Honor recipient SSG Pitts in Washington, DC.

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safe keeping of our money while serving as Treasurer and Quartermaster for the last 22 years.

Carolyn Kethcart was presented with "an Alex and Ani Army Charm Bracelet" for her extraordinary work as our Reunion Coordinator.

Joe Bane had acquired a mounted bust



of a Bobcat that it was decided would be presented to MG-R Andy Anderson.

Then we had a ceremony where we placed the six newly purchased cam-



paigned streamers and four unit award streamers on our 5th Infantry Regiments colors.



One by one Bob Wood called a different person to attach a streamer to the flag.

At the end of the banquet we all sang "God Bless America" and the ladies sang "The Battle of New Orleans" to kind of get us thinking of next year's reunion in New Orleans.

RAFFLE/AUCTION

With the banquet now being over we held the raffle and auction.

Sue Caudle had made two afghans and Becky Craig made a quilt. All three were of a patriotic/military nature and resulted in the selling of a lot of raffle tickets. The raffle brought in \$490. Thank you Sue and Becky! Bob Wood won the quilt and Joe

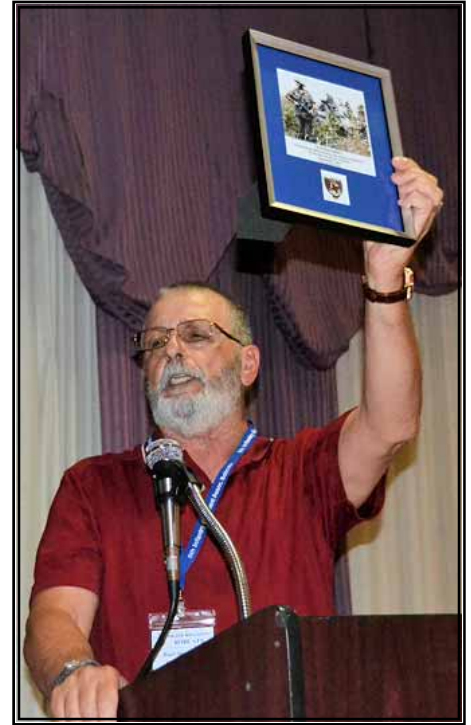


Bates and Edward Zahn won the afghans.

The final Event up to his old habits George Chavez who was winning bids on a regular basis. Bart was assisted by Patty



was the auction and Bart Stanzone was of emptying our pockets especially



Stanzone, Carolyn Kethcart and Sue Caudle. The auction brought in a total \$2784.

As usual the banquet, raffle and auction are an enjoyable conclusion to our reunion.

Fred Deverse



Awarded Medal of Honor - Korean & Vietnam



Barbara / Roger Sperl came from Fairbanks AK

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



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

August 30, 2014

Bobcats,

On July 11th of this year, I had the great privilege of taking command of our Regiment's 1st Battalion. Concurrently with the change of command ceremony, we also conducted a change of responsibility ceremony and CSM Arvento L. Collins became the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment Command Sergeant Major. We look forward to increasing the Association's ties as we train for future operations.

The Bobcats are not currently scheduled for another deployment, however we are determined to be prepared if the need should arise. Being within the 1/25th Stryker Brigade, it is crucial that the Bobcats are ready to attack and defend at a moment's notice. With the battalion under the alignment of the United States Army Alaska, we are poised and prepared to support needs of the United States Army Pacific.

As we move toward the winter months, the battalion will prepare for the brigade rotation at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California. In the upcoming months, the Bobcats will complete multiple Stryker Gunneries, Team through Platoon Live Fires, Mission Command Exercises, Company Level Training Exercises, and Advanced Reconnaissance Training. The Bobcats are also implementing the use of Javelins and Indirect Fires throughout the formation to increase the lethality of the unit. This vigorous training schedule is guaranteed to test the skills of our Officers, NCOs and Soldiers, but I assure that these highly professional Bobcats can handle any tasks laid before them.

During the last few months, the Bobcat leadership has changed throughout the entire battalion. Hawk Company (HHC) is now commanded by CPT William B. Hoelscher III, and he is assisted by 1SG Randall L. Johnson. CPT Kyle T. Brown continues command of Amarak Company with 1SG Christopher L. Campbell. Berserker Company is commanded by CPT Steven P. Solaja with 1SG Christopher R. McKenney, and CPT Kevin S. Cory now commands Charger Company with 1SG Richard E. Martinez.

My wife, four boys, daughter and I are all very excited to be in Alaska and part of the Bobcat family. I am truly grateful to serve as Bobcat 6, and look forward to increasing the affiliation of all Bobcats, past and present. It is an honor to be the battalion commander for a unit with over two centuries of valor and I am excited to work toward being part of the next chapter of this already historic legacy. If I can ever assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me at thomas.m.hough.mil@mail.mil.

Thomas M. Hough
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Commanding

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ward even when the commander fell in combat. All others may perish, but the colors live on.

With the transfer of the colors, the unit's legacy is passed as a building block for future performance and achievement. The passing of the colors emphasizes that even though a commander may change, the organization is

LTC Hough Assumes Command from
LTC Wesbrock



This picture and the picture on page one were sent by Roger Sperl who lives in Fairbank Alaska

constant and continuity remains.

On the final day 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry, said farewell to Lt. Col. Jason A. Wesbrock and welcomed in Lt. Col. Thomas M. Hough to the "Bobcat" family.

"I am proud and honored to have served with you," said Wesbrock. "Serving with you has made me a better officer."

"You inspired me every day and I truly have not had a bad day of work in the last two years," he added.

Wesbrock then relinquished command to Hough."

Staff Sgt. Trish McMurphy, USARAK Public Affairs



LTC Thomas Hough & CSM Arvento Collins



SSG Willoughby



PFC Rodriguez & SSG Brown

*Pictures provided by 1LT Seth Williams
Battalion Adjutant*

A Soldier employs a javelin trainer on target from Birch hill during the Bobcat Best Platoon Competition



SSG Miller and SPC Vasser, (MGS PLT, B-Co), 'punch' the gun tube IOT prepare for upcoming MGS Gunnery.



PFC Johnson (B Co) demonstrates how to properly don and clear his NBC mask for EIB



SPC Berreto (Recon.) performs a functions check on the MK-19 as part of EIB Training.



Team Leader and SAW Gunner



LTC Hough and leaders meet with principal of Ticasuk Brown El. Sch. to discuss volunteering.



1SG Campbell conducts a hot wash with SFC Stewart and SPC Odowd after an MGS gunnery iteration



S2 DCGS Training



PFC Dalton (Medic/HHC) practices stabilizing a fractured arm in preparation for EFMB.



Ranger Initiative Training



Ranger Initiative 5 Miler



PFC Carothers and SPC Spain assist other Soldiers with digital upgrades during Arctic Fusion I at the MTC.

Thanks and Remembering Vietnam

Bud Holochwost wrote me a nice letter thanking me for my work on the newsletter which was very much appreciated. Bud also sent two stories about experiences he had in Vietnam. One, titled "New AT Mines" I printed in the last newsletter. The second story "Just Another Rumor" is printed below. Thank you very much Bud!!

At the Niagara Falls Reunion **Gary Robertson** gave me a story titled "Friendly Fire" from his service in Vietnam. I have printed it on page 22.

I bet you have stories/experiences from your days in the Army that would prove to be interesting to others. Please write them down and send them to me. I think we all enjoy reading about what others experienced in their Army days.

... just another rumor

Of all the unlikely things to hear one morning after we had been living in the field for weeks was that we would have ice cream for dessert that night. How could that be true? It took hours for the convoy of trucks to reach us from Tay Ninh every day. Had we never noticed refrigerator trucks in the convoy?

I couldn't remember having anything cold since I had arrived in Vietnam. Not even in Cu Chi. Not a cold soda or cold glass of milk. I hadn't even seen any ice anywhere. The coldest thing I had eaten were the C rations I ate straight from the can if I didn't heat them with a lump of C4 or gunpowder from our .50 cal.

So we were going to have ice cream for dessert tonight. I wondered what flavors. Vanilla, chocolate and strawberry or maybe something with nuts or fudge swirl. After thinking about it long enough I could almost feel ice cream on my tongue. It wasn't the flavor that stirred my senses, it was the idea of cold, cold that numbed my mouth while I waited for a freeze headache to hit. By midday I could not get the idea out of my mind.

Everyone had heard the rumor now and the question was always the same, 'think we'll really have ice cream tonight?'

We returned inside the perimeter before anyone else and we were ahead of the convoy into the camp. We parked our trucks and ran back to where the first canvas covered duce and a half trucks were pulling in. We stood on the roadside as each truck passed, thinking someone would give us some sign about the ice cream. We were afraid to just ask, after all, it really might just be a rumor.

After awhile we saw a truck coming toward us that had the canvas pulled back and two guys were standing on top. Their shirts were off and they were reaching down under the canvas. Then they pulled out a cardboard carton in each hand and yelled, 'ICE CREAM!!'.

They began tossing ice cream cartons to us and it took some nifty moves to catch each of them before it hit the ground.

It was Formost ice cream, a brand I had never heard of. The cartons were one half gallon size boxes glued shut so nothing could leak out. Not even what had been a frozen delicacy when it left the manufacturer or the refrigerator ship that brought it to Vietnam's port or maybe even when it was transferred to a refrigerated truck to travel to Cu Chi or Tay Ninh.

But the last leg of the ice cream's trip was in the back of a duce and a half under a canvas cover where it completely melted on its ride to Katum for our dessert.

The best we could do was tear a corner off the carton and drink a warm sweet concoction that had once been vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream.

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just anything that you remember about him that you would love to share with his family. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and I hope I have not made you feel uncomfortable in any way."

Janice Plaster

jplaster60@gmail.com

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It Still Made It

*THE C-130 ON DISPLAY AT THE
FRONT GATE OF LITTLE ROCK AFB,
ARKANSAS*

This C-130A Hercules was the 126th built by Lockheed Aircraft corp. of Marietta, Georgia. It was accepted into the Air Force inventory on 23 August 1957.

On 2 November 1972, it was given to the South Vietnamese Air Force as part of the Military Assistance Program. A few years later, the aircraft would be involved in a historic flight.

On 29 April 1975, this Herk was the last out of Vietnam during the fall of Saigon. With over 100 aircraft destroyed on the flight line at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, some of them still burning, it was the last flyable C-130 remaining. In a very panicked state, hundreds of people

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The Soldier's Medal

by **Sam Kier**

I was recently perusing a stack of General Orders from HQS 24th Infantry Division in order to develop a list of Silver Star and Bronze Star with valor recipients who served with the 5th RCT during the period of September, 1950 through January 1952. I was surprised to find a citation awarding the Soldier's Medal to CPL Nick Monastra of Company B. I was under the impression that the Soldier's Medal is awarded only for a heroic act that takes place during peacetime. Congress authorized the medal in 1926 for heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy.



For example, on the evening of June 30, 1933, PFC Fritz Gaebler of Company D was standing on the shore near Fort Preble, Maine, when he heard cries for help. Plunging in, he swam through the darkness toward the frantic screaming. Suddenly he was seized by a severe cramp and barely made it back to shore. Gaebler found a plank and set out again. Meanwhile, a rescue had been made. Nevertheless, PFC Gaebler was awarded the Soldier's Medal for his heroic effort, the first receipt of the medal by a member of our regiment.

The Korean War incident took place on May 22, 1951 near Topyong-ni. Corporal Monastra, from Canton, Ohio, was serving as a radio operator for his company commander, and was accompanying his boss on a hike forward to join the assault elements of their unit. As they picked their way along a narrow, slippery ledge, the officer suddenly slipped and began to fall over the precipice. As he plunged, he barely managed to grasp the edge of the ledge, to which he hung desperately in an extremely precarious position. The young RTO, still wearing a 38 pound, World War II-era, SCR-300 on his back, unhesitatingly lunged for-

ward, at the peril of his own life, grabbed his commander's arms and pulled him back onto the ledge.

Another interesting Soldier's Medal citation that came to my attention involved an incident that took place on Adak Island, Alaska, to wit: *Sergeant Prince Verbeck, 6938452, K-9 Corps, United States Army. For heroism on 17th September 1943, at Adak Island, Alaska. By distinguishing himself conspicuously by gallantry and intelligence and beyond the call of duty in saving the life of Private Skook Erickson, Sergeant Verbeck reflected great credit on himself and the military forces of the United States of America. Residence: New York City, New York.*

The citation was signed by LTC William J. Verbeck, Assistant Chief of Staff at Headquarters, Alaska Defense Command. I haven't been able to find further details regarding this matter, but apparently Prince Verbeck was a four-legged friend of LTC Verbeck and saved the life of a comrade, Skook Erickson. Whether Skook was man or beast is not clear from the citation.

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were rushing to get aboard, as the aircraft represented a final ticket to freedom.

People hurriedly crowded into the Herk, packing in tighter and tighter. Eventually, the loadmaster informed the pilot, Major Phuong, a South Vietnamese instructor pilot, that he could not get the rear ramp closed due to the number of people standing on it. In a moment of inspiration, Major Phuong slowly taxied forward, then hit the brakes. The loadmaster called forward again stating he had successfully got the doors closed.

In all, 452 people were on board, including a staggering 32 in the cockpit alone. Using a conservative estimate of 100 pounds per person, it translated into an overload of at least 10,000 pounds. Consequently, the Herk used every bit of the runway and overrun before it was able to get airborne.

The target was Thailand, which should have been 1:20 in flight time, but after an hour and a half, the aircraft was over the Gulf of Slam, and they were

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A Member writes his first book

Fred,

"Feel free to use this in the Bobcat newsletter. If anyone is interested please have then send me their home address or an email so I can put them on a pre-mailing list for a copy of my novel at bobcatmoir48@me.com

Thank you in advance for your considerations,"

Paul Moir

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By Paul Moir

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About The Author

Paul Moir is a combat veteran, a journeyman carpenter, and a "natural-born writer." He has traveled the world both as a soldier and as a truth-seeker, and he has packed an exciting lifetime of knowledge and experience into his first novel, *The Most Beautiful Woman in the World*.

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shores of the French Quarter and
takes you on a voyage back in
time to when cotton reigned as
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peaceful. Before the cruise is
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10:30 - 11 AM Fraggging

(See NO Reunion on page 20)

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‘WE BOTH MADE IT’

Two Ohioans forged lifelong friendship while serving in Vietnam

*By Spencer Roush
The Eagle-Gazette Staff*

LITHOPOLIS-Vaughn Campbell still remembers the last thing his friend told him the night he nearly died.

It was a pitch-black night, the kind in which you can't see your hand in front of your face. At least it was that dark until' What seemed like 1,000 North Vietnamese army soldiers surrounded Campbell's listening post and started firing, illuminating the area around him.

"It was 1or 2 o'clock in the morning, and it just started raining rockets. It



Charles Kennedy and Vaughn Campbell

was just like it was daylight" said Sgt. Charles Kennedy, the squadron leader who would later be honored with a Silver Star for saving Campbell's life.

Sept. 16, 1968, was a day neither Campbell nor Kennedy two 20-year-old Ohio boys from Athens and Fairfield counties would ever forget serving in the U.S. Army Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry.

Kennedy woke up to explosions, realizing two of his men, Campbell and another soldier they called Blue Boy, were outside the perimeter and unaccounted for. Kennedy was determined to find them.

Shot four times and at risk of bleeding to death, Campbell called out to his friend and sergeant, who had always assumed the responsibility of looking after him.

"We get out there and I assess the situation, and for some reason I said,

'Campbell, you're too bad. I have to go get a stretcher,' " Kennedy said.

"No you're not," Campbell replied. "You're not going nowhere without me. Just drag me."

So he did.

Kennedy and one of their other comrades dragged Campbell back by his arms to the perimeter, under fire the whole time. They went back out to look for Blue Boy, who they were sure was killed in action. Their suspicions were confirmed when they attempted to load him on the stretcher.

"We knew he was gone," Kennedy said.

Getting shot at while recovering his two men was tricky, but getting Campbell and the other wounded soldiers to safety, Kennedy said, took even more finesse.

"The battle was so intense that they couldn't get dust off choppers to come in for these guys," he said. "They found a gun ship that would come in if we got them to where the (helicopter) could land."

Kennedy alerted the helicopter to their location with a strobe light.

"I turn the strobe on and here comes our gun ship," he said. "It just dropped out of the darkness. I turned the strobe off right away because you could start seeing the rockets and mortars start falling, and I thought; 'This is going to be a ducky.'"

Campbell might have been bleeding out and paralyzed on his right side, but he remembers the last thing his friend said the moment before the helicopter lifted off.

"Call my Mom and Dad and tell them I'm OK."

Despite all odds, Campbell made it out alive, with the helicopter smoking all the way to its destination about 20 minutes away.

In the hospital where Campbell spent several months recovering before he was discharged Feb. 1, 1969, Campbell kept his promise. He called Kennedy's parents, who felt they knew Camp-

(See Kennedy on page 29)

Friendly Fire

Much is printed, and even more talked about, when a friendly fire incident occurs. Anyone in the military knows it's a painful, emotional, analyzed event that we wish would never happen. In war it does happen: men using weapons meant to kill in situations that are fluid, fast, and responsive. Luckily this is not one of those stories.

I was with the 1/5th Mech. "C" company. I had been with the company since May of 1968 and have been on at least 50 ambush patrols during my tour. I was a squad leader in the 1st platoon and most of the guys in the squad were seasoned and had seen lots of battles and been on numerous ambushes. In early 1969, after a day in the field, I was informed that I would be taking an ambush out to a remote site (usually we walk from the wire). It was very unusual to need the Tracks to take us to an ambush site but that was what we did that day.

After reviewing the topo's we loaded ten 1st squad members and headed out on 2 tracks to the drop off point. The drop off was on Rt.1, not far from an ARVN compound. We off loaded and the tracks headed back to the companies night hard spot. We still had about half an hour before dark so we took a hold position in the ditch along the road and we were waiting for dark to move into our final ambush spot. 50 yards to our west was a culvert that was about 5 feet in diameter that I planned to use to cross under the road and move to our ambush location. We never got to make that move.

We were waiting and just before dark we noticed a Cobra flying parallel to the road and heading our way. We watch as the Cobra got closer and as it hit a spot perpendicular to our position it banked hard, went into a dive, and headed straight toward us. I told everyone to hold position and wave their hand. I kept watching the rocket pods on the side hoping not to see smoke from a launch. He didn't fire but went into a 360 turn and I hit the radio. The Cobra completed his turn and went into a 2nd dive straight toward us. The same orders applied, don't run, wave your hands. The pilot didn't hit the trigger on that run either and I had our C.O. on the radio explain-

ing the situation. We signed off while calls went into Battalion to pull the Cobra off. Within minutes the Cobra turned off and continued east away from us.

Shortly after that I received a call from Battalion wanting to know why we were there. I explained that this was our assigned ambush spot for the night. At that point I was informed that an NVA division was 1500 meters north of our position and all hell was about to break loose. I was told to plot a route back to the company and call back after I had that complete. While I was plotting a route back the artillery started flying over to pound the area north of us. I called battalion to give them the route back to company but was informed that units had been moved in and it would take time to alert them to our present position and the route we were taking back through. While we were waiting the fighter jets started in on the NVA. They seemed to be only a hundred yards over our heads as they came in for their bomb runs. They would drop then turn the nose up and hit the after burners. The NVA would open up with 51cal. machine guns but the jets seemed to accelerate away from the traces.

It seemed like forever but I finally got the call back that everyone along our route back had been informed we were coming through. By this time it would have been dark if not for the flares filling the sky that made it look like day time. We started back in file with me in the lead. I had flares to pop if we had a problem. The first issue was the ARVN compound. We made it across their field of vision without incident and continued along our route. The next unit we encountered was a tank company I believe was 2/34th. With all the flares we could see them perfectly in a circle with guys walking around between the tanks. They didn't seem excited so I thought everything was clear through their field of vision. We were about half way through when we heard someone shout "there they are" and everyone started running toward the tanks. Turrets on the tanks started swinging toward us and I started popping flares. We had our hands up again and held our position. To their credit, and our lives, no one pulled the lever on the guns. I was calling at the top of my lungs to not shoot while I walked toward the tanks. I kept saying "I'm American" to that I received "sure,

keep your hands up". I didn't feel safe until I was inside the circled tanks and could call in the rest of my guys. The tank commander met me as soon as I entered wanting to know why we were there. I went through that explanation again and asked if had got the call we were coming through and he had not. I told him we would be pushing on back to our company to which he informed me we were spending the rest of the night with them. The C.O. contacted Battalion to let them know we were with them while I called into the company and let them know we were in for the night.

We spent the rest of the night helping with guard duty and watching the fireworks the fighter jets and artillery put on a show for us. At first light we said our farewells and hiked back the 6 miles to "C" company base camp.

For years now I've tried to find the Cobra pilot or any of the guys from the 2/34th that were there that night to thank them for not pulling the trigger. My guess is they were seasoned soldiers used to combat that identified the target before they fired. For that I, and the other 9 guys, are very grateful.

*Staff Sgt. Gary Robertson "C" Company
1/5th Mech. Inf. 25th Division*

Thank you, Gary, for this story!

I bet you, just like Bud Holochwost and Gary Robertson, have stories/experiences from your days in the Army that would prove to be interesting to others. Please write them down and send them to me. I think we all enjoy reading about what others experienced from their days in the Army.



OUR BOBCAT FOREBEARS



The Private Life of James Garner
by *Sam Kier*

During the evening of April 22, 1951, the entire Chinese 20th Army struck south, intent on wiping out the U.S. 24th Division. Able Company, 5th RCT, was perched on a ridge on the right flank of the division. The rugged terrain prevented the company from tying in with the 19th Regiment, 6th ROK Division on its right. They could cover the gap with fire but it was still a source of concern for the company commander, CPT Horace West, given the Korean unit's tendency to "bug-out" in the face of a Chinese assault. Sure enough, as the Chinese infantrymen ascended the north slope of the hill, the Korean soldiers left their positions and fled south to the valley floor.

Shortly after 0100, two Chinese companies slammed into Able Company's forward-most rifle platoon and destroyed it. More than eighty members of the company were captured by the Chinese swarming around them. At 0430, Captain West was ordered to gather the few survivors he could find in the darkness and lead them off the ridge.

At one point during the harrowing descent, the battered riflemen were strafed by confused FEAF pilots in the vicinity of the village of Undam-Jang. One of those wounded during the straf-

ing was PVT James Bumgarner, who was destined to survive and go on to become the much admired star of movies and television, James Garner.

James Bumgarner was born in Norman, Oklahoma on April 7, 1928 to Mildred Scott and Weldon Warren Bumgarner. His childhood was like something out of a Charles Dickens novel. His mother died when James was 4-years-old and he and his two older brothers, Jack and Charles, were farmed out to relatives. Three years later the family was reunited when their father introduced them to Wilma, the first of four stepmothers. She was a mean-spirited woman who beat the boys regularly. Garner said that his father, who drank a lot, would come home drunk and tell the boys to sing to him or get a whipping. James left home at age fourteen. Those early experiences contributed to Garner's life-long concern for the "little guy."

James dropped out of school and joined the Merchant Marine at age 16. He enjoyed the work and got along well with his shipmates but developed chronic seasickness and had to give up a seafaring life. He moved in with his Aunt Grace Bumgarner in Los Angeles and enrolled at Hollywood High School. James wanted to play football at Hollywood High but he missed so many classes that he was kicked out of school.

It was then that he heard from the high school football coach back in Norman, Oklahoma. The coach told him that he needed help fast or he was going to lose his job, so young Garner returned to Norman. By now he was two years older than most seniors on the team.

A brief enlistment in the Army National Guard ended when he injured a knee during maneuvers. He was given a medical discharge.

James Garner always claimed that he was the first Oklahoman drafted for service in the Korean War. When he reported for his induction physical in January 1951, his conversation with the doctor went something like this, "Hey, Doc, what about my knee?" "What about it?" "They operated on it, you know?" "Well, they must have fixed it. Next!"

PVT Bumgarner completed basic training at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and was then assigned, as a rifleman, to the 5th Regimental Combat Team. He

caught up with his unit during the first week of April just as it re-crossed the 38th Parallel and set up its positions on Line Kansas. He was assigned to Company A.

James was bringing up the rear of a patrol on his second day in combat when he got too close to an exploding mortar round. Most of the shrapnel hit his helmet, but some of it caught him in the



James visited his father in Los Angeles before leaving for Korea.

face and one of his hands. He was sent back to the battalion aid station but, instead of going inside, he proceeded to pick the fragments out of his face while looking in the rear-view mirror of a jeep. An officer walked by and suggested that he go into the aid tent and let them take care of him, otherwise he wouldn't get his Purple Heart.

The incident at Undam-jang took place, at dawn, two weeks later. Bumgarner was hit in the buttocks by white phosphorous shrapnel as he dove into a foxhole to evade the friendly air attack. As the jets continued launching rockets, he vacated the hole and ran until he tumbled down a steep embankment, dislocating his shoulder and injuring both knees.

A South Korean soldier, with bad phosphorous burns on his back, landed close to James. The two allies limped south in search of their retreating units. Garner recalls that after walking for about six hours, they heard the "sweet sound of American tanks." He was immediately taken to the aid station and then air-lifted to the hospital in Japan where he remained for the next two weeks while the swelling in his knees subsided.

When James returned to duty, the 5th RCT was in division reserve at the

confluence of the Han and Pukhan Rivers. Much to his delight, he was given a new job: mail clerk.

The survival skills that James had developed as a child, fending for himself, enabled him to quickly grasp the informal procedures that were frequently employed in the Army to get the job done. His self-assigned mission was to create a recreation center in an old bombed-out shoe factory. He had the power to see that people got their mail on time as long as they were able to provide seating for a theater, lay out a baseball diamond, plumb the building for hot showers, build a small swimming pool, and provide materials for a bar and keep it stocked with whiskey. Ice was provided by the Graves Registration unit. Years later, James got a chance to reprise this "dog-robber" role when he portrayed LT Bob "The Scrounger" Hendley in *The Great Escape*.

When Bumgarner mustered out of the Army, his vocational choices were limited by his lack of education and experience. He felt that there were only two avenues for unqualified people: acting and politics. He didn't want to be a politician, so he landed a small part in a Broadway production of the *Caine Mutiny Court-Martial* and that led to a contract with Warner Brothers, casting him in both TV and movie roles. After portraying a Marine captain in *Sayonara*, he took the lead role in a new TV series, *Maverick*, a Western filled with comedy. Warner Brothers arbitrarily changed his name to Garner and James made the name change legal upon the birth of his daughter, Greta, in 1958.

Garner's movie career peaked in the 1960's with starring roles in such films as *The Americanization of Emily*, *Duel at Diablo*, and *Hour of the Gun*. His only non-starring role during the decade was that of playing second fiddle to Steve McQueen in *The Great Escape*. That film and *The Thrill of it All* starring James Garner and Doris Day hit the box office at the same time in 1963.

While Garner's movie career was sky-rocketing, his country went to war in Vietnam. In May, 1967, while on tour, the former rifleman paid a visit to the 25th Infantry Division's Cu Chi base camp. He spent much of that time at the 12th Evacuation Hospital chatting with wounded 5th Infantry Bobcats.

When soldiers returned from World War II, their home towns celebrated. When they returned from Vietnam, many were insulted and spat upon by anti-war protestors. When soldiers returned from Korea, they would often hear, "Where have you been? I haven't seen you for a few months." True to form, Garner's Purple Heart Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster was finally presented to him in 1983, following repeated requests.

This absence of recognition for the Korean War veteran's sacrifice stuck in Garner's craw. He joined forces with Air Force veteran and former astronaut Buzz Aldrin to help raise funding for the National Korean War Museum that will finally open in New York City in 2015.



He did live long enough to see the Korean War Memorial established in Washington, DC. James Garner's devotion to and concern for the welfare of young soldiers and veterans persisted throughout his life.

In June of 2012, it came to the attention of the 5th Infantry Regiment Association that James Garner was very ill. He had suffered several strokes and was bed-ridden. Robert Wood, the association's president, requested that the Department of the Army recognize James Garner as a Distinguished Member of the Fifth Infantry Regiment. In July, of that year, COL (Ret) Ted Westerman, Battalion Commander of 1/5, 1969-70, presented James Garner with the Distinguished Member of the Regiment certificate and a Bobcat challenge coin. Westerman reported that the old *Maverick* was very pleased to be so honored.

Garner died of a massive heart attack on July 19, 2014. He is survived by

his wife of 58 years, Lois Clarke Garner, and daughters Kim and Greta. His brothers Charles and Jack pre-deceased him.

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clearly lost. Finally, a map was located, they identified some terrain features, and they were able to navigate. They landed at Utapao, Thailand after a three and a half hour flight.

Ground personnel were shocked at what "fell out" as they opened the doors. It was clear that a longer flight would almost certainly have resulted in a loss of life. In the end, however, all 452 people made it to freedom aboard this historic C-130.

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Article sent by John Barnard

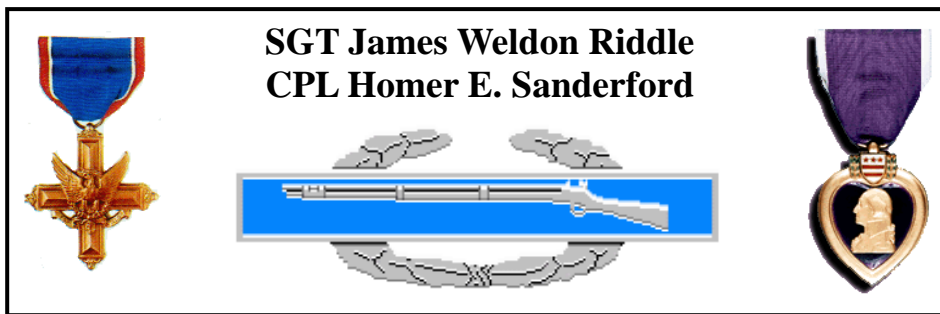
Did Grandfather Serve In The 5th

"Hello I believe my grandfather was in the 5th Infantry if that is what it was called he walked the shorelines in Portland Maine. I am not sure if this was considered the service or not. And when he went in the service he was really too young so he used his step father's name. I know he use to go to reunions here before he passed away. His name was Kenneth Southward but he used one of these two names when he was in either Poulin or Ferris I believe. I would appreciate any information you could get me or tell me who to contact. Thank you."

Jeanette York

Dear Jeanette,

(See Comments on page 29)



**SGT James Weldon Riddle
CPL Homer E. Sanderford**

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*Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 650 (August 18, 1951)
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SANDERFORD, HOMER E.

Citation: The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Homer E. Sanderford, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company C, Fifth Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, on September 21, 1950, near Taegu, Korea. His company was engaged in an attack in an attempt to seize vital high ground and encountered heavy enemy machine-gun and automatic-weapons fire and was pinned down. Despite the heavy volume of enemy fire and with an additional hazard from overhead supporting fire from friendly troops, he voluntarily and without regard for his own personal safety, rose to his feet and began to advance aggressively on the enemy. When he made his way about 150 yards, he began to throw grenades at the enemy, continuing this until he exhausted his supply. He then commenced firing on the enemy with his rifle until he also exhausted his ammunition. Withdrawing and replenishing his supplies four times, he repeatedly and heroically assaulted the enemy position. When his comrades, inspired by his fearlessness and enabled by the confusion caused in the enemy ranks, overran the enemy position a total of seventeen enemy dead were counted in the area of his single-handed assaults.

*Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 79 (FEB 17, 1951)
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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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Make the check payable to: **5th INF ASSOC**

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

For information or questions contact
Jim at **757-588-0056** or
E-mail: jecaudle@cox.net

5th Infantry Chapter Quartermaster

Items For Sale

Prices listed include shipping.

- 1). Hats (black) - \$12.75
- 2). 3.3" Patch Exactly like the one on the hat - \$4.00
- 3). 5th Patch & Tab (Sew on type - 4" patch + tab) - \$7.50
- 4). 4" 1/5th Patch with green M-113 APC on it - \$7.50
- 5). 3" Decals (Go on the outside of a window or any solid object) - \$4.00.
- 6). Pin - Coat of arms - For hat, lapel etc. (1/2 X 3/4 inch) - \$5.50
- 7). Challenge Coin - \$10.50
- 8). (License Plate Frame (8A "US ARMY") or (8B - "5th INF BOBCATS") - \$10.50
- 9). Polo/Golf 100% cotton collared shirt - Item #437M
 - 1). With 5th Crest and Combat Infantryman's or Medic's Badge - \$29.00 - With pocket \$32.00
 - 2). Same as #1 but with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - \$35.00 - With Pocket \$38.00
- 10). Winter Jacket with 5th Crest and CIB or CMB Badge - \$55 or \$61 with the 25th INF DIV Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve - khaki/navy, navy/khaki, forest green/khaki or black/khaki
- 11). Light Weight Windbreaker/Summer Jacket with 5th Crest and Combat Infantryman's or Medic's Badge - \$60 or \$66 with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve
- 12). Long Sleeve Denim Shirt - \$29 with 5th Crest and Combat Infantryman's or Medic's Badge or \$40 with the 25th Infantry Division Patch & lettering added on "Right" sleeve
- 13). T-shirt with logo pictured below on left breast - \$19
- 14). 5th Infantry Crest - \$6.50 each
- 15). 5th Key Chain - \$15.50
- 16). MIA Bracelet - (16A Black Medium) or (16B Silver Small) - \$4.00
- 17). 25th Decal with a "Bobcat" tab above (Size 3 3/4 X 2 1/2") - \$4.00

Order these items by contacting
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5th Infantry Regiment Campaign and Awards Streamers, 2004-2014

Our colors (5th Flag) were given to us in 2005 by the then 1/5th CSM Victor Mercado. He also gave us the 59 streamers that were at the time authorized. Since then the two battalions have earned a total of six more “Campaign Streamers” and four “Unit Award Streamers”. We purchased those 10 streamers and at our reunion in Niagara Fall NY at the Bobcat Banquet we had a ceremony and added them to our 5th Infantry Regiment’s colors. *(Information for this article was provided to me by Sam Kier.)*

A. Campaign Streamers

1. Global War on Terrorism – represents the 5th Infantry’s two deployments to Iraq and four to Afghanistan. This includes the 2nd Battalion’s current deployment to the western Afghan province of Herat, where they are tasked with helping Afghan National Security Forces plan and execute their own combat missions.



2. Afghanistan campaign – Inscribe: CONSOLIDATION I 2004-2005 – (2nd Bn, Oruzgan Province) 2nd Bn arrived in central Afghanistan in April, 2004, spending much of that deployment in Oruzgan Province. They curtailed efforts by the Taliban to disrupt that year’s presidential election, trained Afghan forces, and provided assistance to villagers who were trapped by floods and heavy snowfall.



3. Iraq campaign – Inscribe: IRAQI GOVERNANCE 2004-2005 – (1st Bn, Nineveh Province) In November, 2004, 1st Bn was deployed to Mosul, Nineveh Province, Iraq to deal with increased insurgent activity in that northern city. The battalion engaged in direct combat operations, cleared its assigned portion of the city of insurgents, planned and provided security for the January, 2005 elections, trained Iraqi forces and served as a conduit for money to restore the area’s infrastructure.



4. Iraq campaign – Inscribe: IRAQI SURGE 2008 – (1st Bn, Diyala Province) In September, 2008, 1st Battalion relieved the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Diyala Province, Iraq. During the first 45 days of their deployment, they cleared and stabilized the capital city of Baqubah, seized many caches of arms and munitions, and eliminated a significant number of insurgents.

5. Iraq Campaign – Inscribe: IRAQI SOVEREIGNTY 2009 – (1st Bn, Diyala Province) During 2009, 1st Bn provided security for the elections and assisted with the installation of irrigation systems and other government projects needed to restore that farming area.

6. Afghanistan campaign – Inscribe: TRANSITION I 2011-2012 – (2nd Bn, Wardak Province and 1st Bn, Kandahar Province) By September 2011, the two active battalions of the 5th Infantry Regiment were serving in Afghanistan at the same time. This was the first time since 1953 that the two battalions had been deployed in the same war zone. First Battalion headquarters was at FOB Shoja in Kandahar and its rifle companies, relegated to two neighboring districts, observed and supported clearance operations carried out by elements of the 205th Corps, Afghan National Army. Meanwhile, 2nd Battalion ran road runner patrols to reduce the insurgents’ ability to disrupt freedom of movement along Highway 1, the main route between Kabul and Kandahar. The battalion also trained ANA troops and police, partnered with Afghan troops on area clearances and participated with district governments in a wheat seed distribution project.

B. Unit Award Streamers

1. Valorous Unit Award – Inscribe: NINEVEH PROVINCE 2005 – (1st Bn, Mosul, Iraq) Given to all elements of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in recognition of their fight to secure Mosul during January and February 2005.



2. Meritorious Unit Commendation – Inscribe: AFGHANISTAN 2004-2005 – (2nd Bn, Oruzgan Province).



3. Meritorious Unit Commendation – Inscribe: IRAQ 2008-2009 – (1st Bn, Diyala Province)

4. Meritorious Unit Commendation – Inscribe: AFGHANISTAN 2011-2012 – (2nd Bn, Wardak Province)



(Comments from page 23)

"Your grandfather probably did serve with the 5th Infantry Regiment if his time in the Army took place between March 1922 and October 1939. During those years the regiment was garrisoned in Portland, Maine. The regimental headquarters was at Ft. Williams and the soldiers were quartered at Forts Williams, Preble and McKinley. You mentioned that Mr. Southward attended reunions before he passed away. Those were probably meetings of the Fifth U.S. Infantry Regiment Association, PO Box 5025, Station A, Portland, ME 04101. I don't know if that organization still exists. I have attached a 2-page newsletter from that group that somebody sent to me. There are some names and addresses listed that may prove useful to you. Have you gone online to see if you can get his military records?"

If not, try evertrecs. That will direct you to the National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records in St. Louis, MO. Please let me know if find out anything."

Sam Kier

Historian, 5th Infantry Regiment Assn.

(Kennedy from page 20)

bell through Kennedy's frequent letters home.

"I called his mom and dad collect from the hospital because I didn't have any money," Campbell said, laughing at the thought.

Kennedy's parents even came to visit Campbell when he was still in his casts. However, Kennedy wouldn't see Campbell again until he was discharged about nine months after the incident.

It's now 46 years later, nearly to the



Kennedy left Campbell right sit atop their squad's armored personnel carrier

day that the two men, now in their mid-60s, met for the first time.

They told war stories as they normally do; specifically the story about the night Kennedy saved his closest friend's

life.

"We were in a lot of fights together," Campbell said. "We would pinch each other because we both made it." There were a lot of other stories too, such as the time Kennedy pulled Campbell up by his collar when all he saw was Campbell's helmet floating on top of a river where he had just stepped in a deep hole. Or the time Kennedy spent his 20th birthday having Campbell pick leeches off him.

The stories continue to roll until someone stops them.

The pair say their bond was instant from the day Kennedy selected Campbell and his five other friends off a truck bringing in new soldiers May 19, 1968.

"I turned around and said 'Anybody from Ohio'" Kennedy recalled.

Campbell motioned that he was from Ohio, specifically Glouster. For that reason, Kennedy, a Bloom-Carroll graduate, selected Campbell and five of his friends to join the squadron.

"There were six of us, counting myself, who came in together off the truck, and only two of us came back alive, and



Campbell left

we were both wounded;" Campbell said.

With Campbell now living in Buckeye Lake and Kennedy miles away in Lithopolis, the war buddies keep in frequent contact.

"We call each other when something spooks us or we will call to talk about nightmares we had. Only people that have done it understand the nightmares," Kennedy said.

When asked why they remain so close today, Kennedy said: "We love each other, simple as that."

**Copied from the "Lancaster Eagle-Gazette" Lancaster Ohio*

Minutes of the 5th Infantry Regiment
Board of Directors Meeting
July 25, 2014

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by the President.

2. Roll Call:

The following Board Members were present: President: Robert Wood, Vice President: Bart Stanzione, Treasurer/Quartermaster: Jim Caudle, Bobcat Bulletin: Fred Deverse, Webmaster: Randy Kethcart, Historian: Sam Kier, Past Presidents: Paul Robinson and Jon Cartwright and Board Members: Jon Blickenstaff

The following Board Members were not present: Secretary/Membership: Denis McDonough and John Snodgrass

Board nominees to be presented to General Membership: George Bates and Andy Gimma

The following were also present: MG (Ret.) Andrew Anderson, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Carolyn Kethcart and 1LT Trey Blanton (2-5 Infantry Representative).

3. Reports:

Bobcat Bulletin - Fred Deverse *"said that 500 Newsletters were distributed. Out of these 60 copies were sent to the 2/5 in Ft. Bliss, TX. Only 108 members are getting them by email."*

Membership - Denis McDonough was absent thus Fred Deverse reported on membership. *"There are 441 registered members in the Chapter now, 50 members are active duty from the 2/5 in Texas. Those memberships are 2 year memberships. This membership is down from 500. We are not getting new members, some members are dying, or not renewing. There are 224 life members in the Chapter."*

Finance - Jim Caudle *"gave a 2nd quarter financial report, showing assets of \$25,244.00 and a total of \$78,928.00 in assets before Reunion bills for meals and expenditures."*

Webmaster - Randy Kethcart *"Kethcart gave a report on the Website. With Ron Henry's passing, the website account is now in the 5th Infantry Regiment Association's name and a cost of \$300.00 for 3 years. The domain will be transferred per Death Certificate to the 5th Infantry. The new Facebook page has 226 members."*

Historian - Sam Kier *"gave a report on the Articles of years Activities discussed. All of them are in the Newsletter. The 2/5 history was printed and put into this year's Reunion packet."*

4. Old Business:

Recommit the Association to support the two battalions of the 5th Infantry Regiment.

Pass the Hat at General Membership Meeting (Bart and Fred).

Memorial Fund for CSM Barreras (\$250 approved).

New Streamers for Regimental Colors.

6. New Business:

"Bob Wood gave a report regarding the continued support of the 1/5 and 2/5. Pass the hat for the annual Scholarship will take place at the Annual meeting. A motion was made to continue the \$1500 Scholarship Fund, going to a Bobcat child/grandchild. Tom Frame made the motion and Randy Kethcart 2nd the motion, all agreed and it was passed. It was also discussed to give \$250.00 to a Memorial Fund and Paul Robinson suggested that it be donated in the name of CSM Martin Barreras and allow that family to donate it to the charity of their choice. Streamers for Iraq and Afghanistan for the 1/5 and the 2/5 will be added to the colors at this year's Banquet. A total of 9 new streamers will be added based on 11 years of service. Each streamer cost \$100.00. A new flag and cover will be ordered for the Chapter."

Approve \$1,500.00 contribution to 25th ID Scholarship Fund to be made in the name of CSM Barreras.

According to the by-laws we are to elect a new VP and Board Members to replace Tom Frame, VP Nominee, and Joe Burdick. George Bates and Andy Gimma have been nominated and have agreed to serve. I proposed and the Board affirmed these nominations to be made at the General Membership Meeting.

Paul Robinson drops off the Board this year.

Status of 2-5 Infantry.

As the Brigade to which 2-5 is assigned will be inactivated, the future of the battalion is in some doubt. This issue will be followed so as to take appropriate action whatever occurs.

The Board confirmed that the Association will provide support for the battalion formal dance which is tentatively scheduled for November 2014.

Design & Order new Challenge Coin.

The President appointed a committee made up of Sam Kier, Bart Stanzione and Jim Caudle to recommend a design for a revised regimental coin.

Design and purchase letterhead.

The President appointed a committee of Bart Stanzione, Jim Caudle and Fred Deverse to develop a design for a standard official letterhead. It was decided that this would then be digitized and made available to those needing it.

"A motion was made to donate \$250.00 to the Drummond Hill Church for the use of their hall during the events at our Memorial Service at Lundy's Lane. It was approved unanimously."

Purchase National Colors. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase new national colors. Subsequently George Chavez volunteered to donate a set.

2015 Reunion: New Orleans, LA May 4-9, 2015.

2015 Winter Social: Teri Tringali is currently working on the Winter Social/Cruise arrangements. For

2015 it is planned that the cruise will be before the social.

Tentative dates are

Cruise: Feb 15-20, Eastern Caribbean - Carnival Sunshine - Port Canaveral, FL

Winter Social: Feb 20-22, Clearwater Beach, FL

2016 Reunion Locations: After a discussion of Phoenix, AZ, Savannah, GA, Albuquerque, NM, Columbus, GA and Colorado Springs, CO as possible locations, the Board decided to ask Carolyn Kethcart to investigate Albuquerque, NM and Columbus, GA as potential locations. . *“Fred raised an issue on cancellations for Reunions. In the case of death, your money will be refunded and also refunded for attending the funeral. You will have to cancel within 30 days of the date of the Reunion to get your refund for any other reason, except for health.”*

Repository for 5th Infantry historical items: The issue of the future of 2-5 Infantry caused the Board to discuss the issue of the potential loss of items having to do with the history of the Regiment. Robert Wood confirmed that he is to visit Ft. Snelling, MN, where the Regiment was posted, and will review with management there the idea of them forming a repository for such items. Included will be an effort to determine the potential for long term storage of items with the Regiment able to access the items as they have requirements.

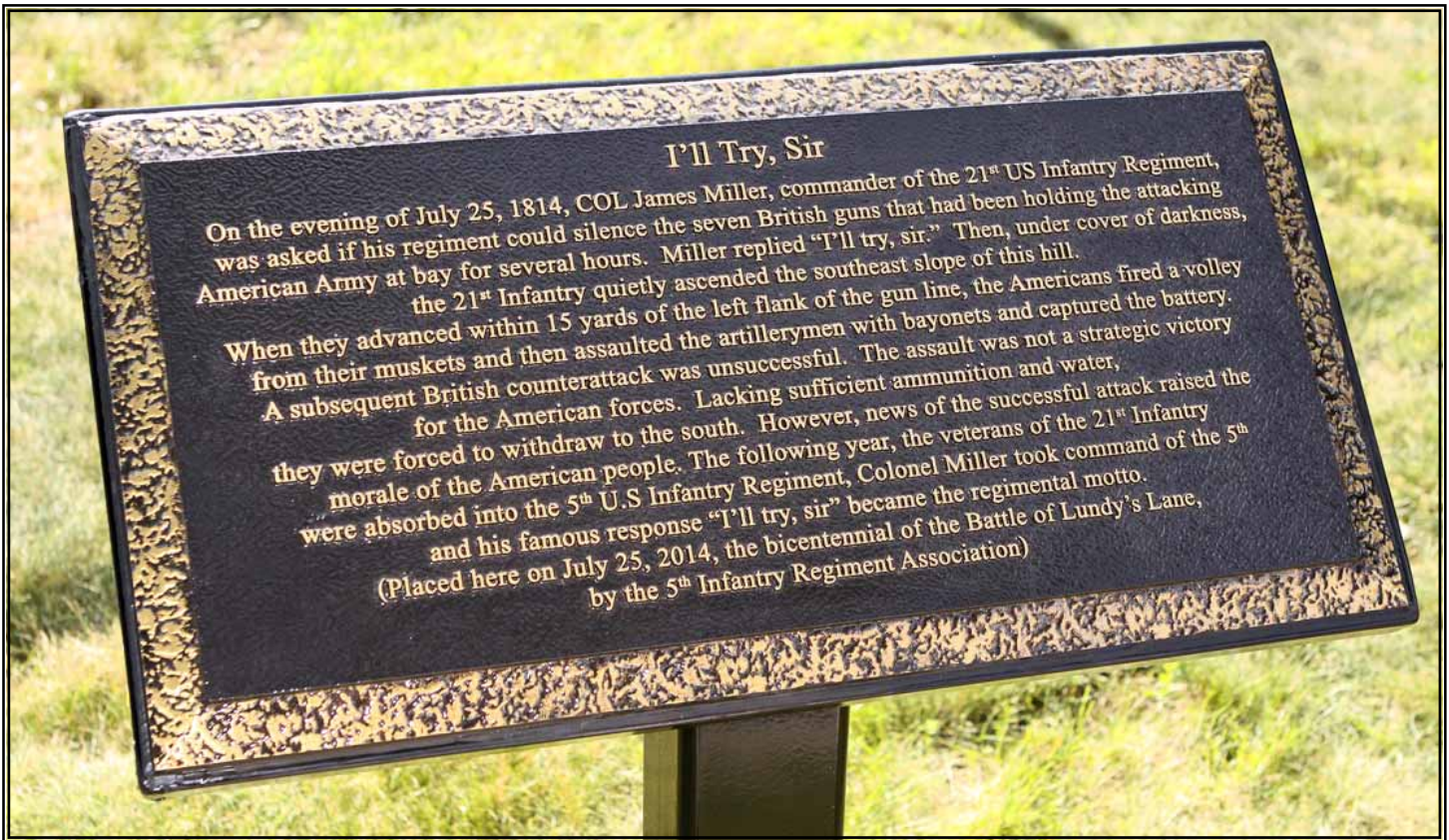
Minutes submitted by President Bob Wood. Carolyn Kethcart was present and took notes. Her notes are those portions that are in italics.

Niagara Fall's Reunion Pictures



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