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A WHITE PHOSPHORUS BURST during bombardment of German emplacements.



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Happy New Year to all. I can hardly believe that 2018 is here already. Time is certainly flying by. Only 50 years ago some of us were preparing to go to a little country in Southeast Asia called Vietnam. Little did we know that during our time in Vietnam, we would make friends and establish friendships that would last a lifetime. For some, a lifetime was not very long, and we never want to forget those friends who gave their lives for our country. We are losing our brothers every day, so don't miss the opportunity to reunite at our next reunion.

Let me take a moment while there is still time, to remember our World War II Brothers and while there are still World War II Brothers alive to be remembered and thanked. Thank you for your sacrifice and support of our country and of the Society of the Fifth Division. I hope to see you in Norfolk, Virginia in September.

Speaking of September, I hope that you all will be making your plans to attend the 98th Reunion of the Society of the Fifth Division September 27th to October 1st, 2018 at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. The plans have been finalized and you will find more information about the Reunion in this issue of the Red Diamond. As you complete your registration, please consider making a donation to offset the expense of the Hospitality Room.

Please remember when making hotel arrangements to call the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel directly at (757)622-6664 or (800)325-3535 and reference the Society of the Fifth Division. You may also visit www.afr-reg.com/society2018 and click on the hotel link at the top of the page. If you do not reference Society of the Fifth Division, the society will not get credit for the booking



and you will not get the group rate. The downtown location allows walkable access long the Elizabeth River to the Battleship Wisconsin, the maritime science museum Nauticus, and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. The MacArthur Center mall featuring Nordstrom and Dillard's and 140-store indoor shopping is only a few blocks from the hotel near the MacArthur Memorial.

The deadline for the Legacy Book of the 5th Division has been extended to April 30th. Be sure to read the information enclosed in this issue of the Red Diamond and submit your story and request your 5th Infantry Division Legacy Book.

I appreciate the work of the Executive Committee and the encouragement and helpful information that many of you have given to me. I look forward to seeing you in Norfolk.



a red 1. The 5th Division chose a red diamond. Then, troops of the 5th Division began to sew red diamonds on their right sleeve. In past years, I have often been asked why the 5th Division is so plain. The answer is simple. It was the original. Other divisional patches came later and were more ornate.

Leigh Blood deserves accolades for the job he has done in getting the 5th Infantry Division Legacy Book up and running. It is a reminder to us that we stand on the shoulders of past 5th Division soldiers and have kept the honor of the 5th Division.

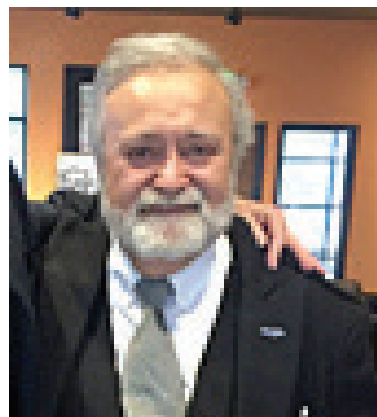
Some Thoughts from the Second Vice President

It has been about eight years ago that I got a telephone call from California. The voice on the other end said, "Is this Lieutenant Roller?" I replied yes and thought it has been almost 40 years since being called Lieutenant. The caller went on to say, "You probably do not remember me, but I was in your platoon in Vietnam." The caller was John Estrada and I was not the only one John called. Through a great deal of work, John had gotten numerous names and telephone numbers of those of us who served in A Company, 1/61st Infantry during 1970 to 1971. He was calling us all for a get together at the next Society of the 5th Division reunion in Branson, Missouri. And, get together we did.

John Estrada deserves accolades for the job he did in getting so many of us into the Society of the 5th Division. Now all of us have an opportunity to keep the momentum going through the Legacy of the 5th Division Book. The 5th Division has a rich heritage and you are a big part of it. We are quickly heading toward the 100th anniversary of our Society of the Fifth Division. There is an article in the November, 2017 issue of the Association of the United States Army magazine **ARMY** about the 1st Division entitled "First in War." The article tells of how the 1st Division fought in America's wars from World War I to Vietnam. Well, so did the 5th Division!

The 1st and 5th Divisions also share something else in common. When the first American Expeditionary Force supplies arrived in the French port at the start of World War I, the 1st and 5th Divisions needed a way to identify their respective crates. The 1st Division chose

Hal Roller

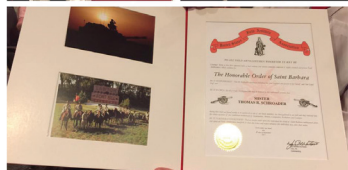


First Vice Presidents Message

For once I will be very brief. Plans for the California Reunion in 2019 are under way, the hotel is under contract and a team of members have been named to help plan and organize the reunion. They are: Phil Maniscalco, Mike Sperling and William Bough. Our aim is follow the plans that Alex made when he originally planned the reunion. I spoke to Alex Candelaria and he will be in contact with us at the meetings giving advice and guidance to make it a memorable and fun packed reunion.

97th Reunion – Kansas City 7-11 September 2017

**Bob Dudley
Past President
Charlie Battery 5/4 Artillery**



I hope everyone had a great time in Kansas City during our 97th reunion. We had 224 people register for this annual get-together, which exceeded our expectations – the average is 185. I tried to ensure that we had a variety of events that would interest our members while keeping the costs in-line with previous reunions. Your Executive Board was kept apprised of all the reunion plans and approved all established fees and expenses. Since you can never predict how many donations the Society will receive to support the reunion, we set costs to cover programmed expenses so the Society did not have to go into the hole to cover any losses. This included the registration fee, plus small add-ons for the dinners and the Saturday tour. Since Armed Forces Reunions, Inc (AFRI) helps us in planning, registering for, and executing our reunions; they also have minimal add-ons for registration and dinner. However, they receive most of their financial compensation from the hotel.

Fortunately we were able to obtain significant donations for the reunion. I was able to obtain donations for the hospitality room to cover almost all requirements – we had 52 cases of beer donated, all the wine, and most of the liquor, plus QuikTrip donated many of the snacks and water. We also received very generous cash donations and items for the silent auction from members, friends, and corporate sponsors. This year we also established a GoFundMe account and were fortunate to receive very generous donations. As in past years, your support for the Society by contributing to the 50/50 raffle, bidding on the silent auction, and donating to the hospitality room tip jar made a major contribution to our treasury.

The major stress I had in planning the reunion was

not to go into the hole and end up having the Society's treasury bail me out on costs. However, the final figures surprised me – we actually ended up depositing \$13,249.23 into our treasury. This figure was a result of the following:

REVENUE

AFRI Registration Collections:	\$37,864.00
Cash Donations:	\$7,852.80
Reunion Booklet Ads:	\$1,164.00
In-Kind Donations:	<u>\$4,120.93</u>
Total Donations/Revenue:	\$51,001.73

EXPENSES

AFRI Payments:	\$31,690.00
Society Payments:	<u>\$1,941.57</u>
Total Expenses:	\$33,631.57
Total Donations/Revenue:	\$51,001.73
Total Expenses:	<u>\$33,631.57</u>
Difference:	\$17,370.16
In-Kind Donations:	<u>\$4,120.93</u>
Profit:	\$13,249.23

I tracked all of the financials on an Excel Spreadsheet over the past three years. If you want to see all of the specific line items, you can review the spreadsheet on our web site. Thanks again for making the 97th Reunion a success – your attendance and support for the Society is the measure of success and as always you made the reunion happen. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the 98th reunion in Norfolk.

The Society of the Fifth Division, US Army wants to recognize and thank the following businesses and organizations that supported our 97th reunion in Kansas City 7-11 September 2017

- Barton P. Cohen & Mary Davidson Cohen Charitable Fund II, Overland Park, KS
- Central States Beverage, Kansas City, MO
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- Quik Trip, Belton, MO
- Scheels, Overland Park, KS
- Sporting Kansas City MLS Soccer Team, Kansas City, KS
- Zona Rosa Town Center, Kansas City, MO

A Short Story About The Wall. By David Kocan

Memorial Day weekend in 2017 my grandson James Paul and I hopped on my Harley and rode to D.C. for Rolling Thunder. If you never seen Rolling Thunder it is something you should attend at least once, James Paul and me have done this a few times.

Thunder Alley is a road where all the vendors are, if you buy anything you receive a copy of Vietnam Magazine Rolling Thunder edition. Inside this edition was a page requesting volunteers to read the names of those on The Wall. I immediately went to the web site and entered my name, patiently waiting confirmation. I believe it was in September I was informed that I was accepted and that they would provide further information on the event. About a week later I received the 30 names that I would read and also my time 11/08 at 8:48 am. So, on Wednesday 11/08 I awoke at 5:00am for my trip to D.C.

The Wall is a very emotional place and I needed my time before I read those names.

Around 8am I checked-in at their check-in tent, the woman in charge asked if I would be willing to read another 30 names, no problem. I finally got in line with about 8 other people, talking with the other people I found out they came as far away as Arkansas to read their father's or brother's name. While I stood in line 1 of the volunteers came up to me and said someone had not shown up and if I could read 30 more names. I told him I would help any way I could. The 90 names were from the years 65-66. I had 1 person in front of me when suddenly a young lady came up to me and asked if I had sheet timed 8:44 I told I had 3 different



sheets. She asked if she could read that particular time because her Father was on that sheet. As she read her Father's name my emotions became blurred with hers.

David R. Kocan, Charlie Co. 1/61 1970-71

Palm Sunday - Christian

An important Christian feast Day is Palm Sunday, which this year falls on March 23, 2018; one week before Easter. It is a day, where Christians celebrate Jesus' Triumphant entry into Jerusalem in 33 AD. The cheering, crowd thronged both sides of the road leading into Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives. They had a strong motive for their loud rejoicing, and eager expectation. They thought Jesus was coming to Jerusalem to be crowned as an earthly King, and then He would drive out the hated Romans, who ruled so cruelly over their land. It was a mixed crowd of men, women and children. Many were curious, many were sick, lame, blind, halt, wanting a Miracle. Many came to see Lazareth, whom Jesus had just raised from the grave. Also in the crowd were the angry Pharisees, the leaders of the Establishment Church, who despised Jesus, with a deadly hatred.

What does this crowd see? Nothing Kingly. Nothing powerful. Nothing rich; for they only saw Jesus, in His human nature. He had no form or comeliness, that anyone would desire Him. He was poor, meek, and lowly; with nothing extraordinary in His Flesh, to distinguish Him, from any other human upon earth. He was riding Triumphantly upon the colt of a donkey, using the cloaks of His Apostles as a saddle. When He nears the Temple, the excitement of the crowd reaches its height. All who loved Him began crying out; "Hosanna to the Highest, Glory to the King. They had taken palm branches down, and are waving them before Jesus, and laying them in His path.

Now the rage of the angry Pharisees, spilled over into vitriol. They openly confronted Jesus, and demanded that He Command these people to shut their mouths, and stop waving the palm branches. Jesus instantly rejected their request, for He knew, that His followers were simply fulfilling; what the Pharisees themselves were Commissioned to do. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. Luke 19:40.

He confronted the Pharisees, the false Leaders of His Church, with their obvious and open lie. The Pharisees were actually the very ones who were Commissioned by God to wave these palm branches, and to be shouting the loud hosannas and Glorious praise. For He riding before them was

Palm

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God. He was the very Cause and the exact Reason why the Church should be expressing unspeakable joy; for He was God, The Promised Messiah, Who had Come to seek and save lost hell-worthy sinners. Jesus point out the Church's incredible hypocrisy. The very reason for His Church; stood openly before them, and their hatred made them blind to it. He said, that because they did not do their duty as priest, God sent the common people to do it. If these would not have done it; God would have given mouths to the stones lying along Jesus' Path.

It was the Jewish week of Feast of Unleavened Bread. This was the time of waving the stocks of grain in thankfulness of God's Blessing and Fruitfulness. It was supposed to be the Pharisees job, as the highest officers of the Church, to do what the common people were doing. Here before them was the "Harvest of Harvests"; Jesus, The Son of God. John the Baptist, the first Prophet Israel in 400 years, pointed this out to the Pharisees plainly; that Jesus was the long delayed Messiah. Instead, the Pharisees refused to believe John the Baptist; and when he was in prison by Herod, they skipped over their yearly opportunity, to free him from prison. John in turn rejected them; rightly calling them, O generation of vipers.

Jesus told them of His Command, which God had given them in Lev. 23:11 - And he (the priests), shall wave the sheaf before The Lord, to be accepted for you; on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Jewish

The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a Jewish feast, which is often mistaken for The Passover. However, Passover is only one 24 hour period, while the Feast of Unleavened Bread, lasts for a total of seven days.

On the evening after Passover, God strongly urged the Hebrew people into a intense hurry; in exiting Egypt. Once Pharaoh had given permission; there was not a moment to waste. They must not even allow their bread in the oven to rise, but they must simply grab everything, and leave. These ancient people used yeast to leaven their bread, to enhance the baking process. However, God said, don't even let any leavening touch the bread dough. He said, just grab it from the oven, and flee toward the Promised land, which God was preparing for them.

Moreover, God told them, in the future, each year they were to teach their children and commemorate this feast, by getting rid of all the yeast from their houses for seven days. Thus on the Passover eve, a family celebrating the Biblical feasts, will usually "hide" a bit of leaven bread in their homes, for the children to "find". The children would then do a search of the rest of the home, until they "eradicate" the yeast from all of the house. Once all gathered, the family then takes what is found; and ceremoniously burns it outside of the house.

Yeast is extremely small, and literally attaches itself to everything it comes into contact with. Once attached, it always grows, and it is very difficult to separate. Thus, even with the most strenuous work, it is almost impossible to clean any home, of all the yeast within it. God teaches what yeast represents to the Jew; for yeast represents sin. In this Feast of Unleavened Bread, "exercise", God is teaching everyone, that this yeast of sin, so often is in us, so easily cleaves to us, and grows so exceedingly. God's object lesson is that everyone's "house/being", must be totally clean of sin.

So, on The Feast of Unleaven Bread, Jews diligently clean out their homes; trying to sweep out all the yeast. They eat Matzo, which is a yeast-less bread. Matzo has a special way it is made. It has stripes, which look like bruises, and is pierced thru. The Rabbi's reason for this is to make the bread cook fast, ideally from start to finish in 18 minutes. The goal of eighteen minutes, is supposed to be the amount of time it takes to prepare and cook it in a manner, which will keep all yeast out. Obviously, with all this work of cleansing; God is teaching a valuable lesson to each Jewish family.

TAPS

Oct. 2017 - Jan. 2018

Jim Battlefield	died Sept. 22, 2017	A - 1/61 Vietnam
Ephor Hall	died Dec. 31, 2017	Vietnam
Jim Combs	died Dec. 22, 2017	Vietnam
Phil Briggs	died Dec. 18, 2017	A - 1/61 Vietnam
Anthony Galgano Bn 2nd Inf.	died Dec. 9, 2017	Co. A, 1st

WWII

**Walter "Buddy" Allard
7th Combat Engineers** died Dec. 22, 2017

Memories of Viet Nam: From Dr. Bernard Master, former Capt. MC, Battalion Surgeon, 1/61, 1st Brigade, 5th Mech. ID, Feb.-Oct. 1969



The General Officer in charge of I Corps, presenting 1st Lt. Joe Abernathy a Silver Star. It was in the spring or summer of 1969 (sorry, don't have the exact date of the ceremony). Location was at LZ Sharon in the parade grounds outside of the Battalion Aid Station. As I understand this was later upgraded to DSC. This photo is almost 50 years old and is sorely underexposed but does record the moment one of ours received one of our nation's highest award for valor in the Vietnam war. I remember Joe to be bright and sunny of disposition, intelli-

gent, and a respected and well-liked leader. I wonder what he is doing now?

I am passing along another photo, precious to me as it memorializes one of our best, and a close friend, 1st Lt. Brian Heath, Inf. (on the left) of Tampa, FL. Brian was killed in action by enemy rockets in Quang Tri while overseeing re-supply of ammo and rations to us in Khe Sanh. I am in the middle over-cooking the steaks purloined from our mess, and 1st Lt. Klemm Ungemach, MSC, Roseville, Ohio, on the right. The scene is LZ Sharon, spring/summer 1969, in Delta Company.



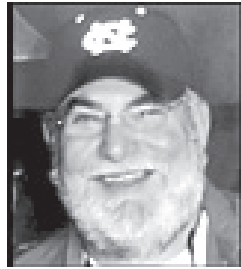
Steve, thank you for all the heavy work you do for us, military and civilian alike. The war is never over for us. The Red Diamond connection is priceless. Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Bernard Master, former Capt. MC, Battalion Surgeon, 1/61, 1st Brigade, 5th Mech. ID, Feb.-Oct. 1969

I would like to add for the record that Klemm Ungemach's glass of refreshment in the photo was, eh, fruit juice. ---BMH

IN MEMORIAM



Philip Lawrence Briggs CHARLOTTE - Philip Lawrence Briggs, 67, died peacefully on December 18, 2017, having been surrounded by those who love him. Phil lived a life of quiet service. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Service Star Medals, and the Combat Infantryman Badge for his meritorious bravery in Vietnam as an Army Infantryman in 1970-71. Phil loved learning and sharing his knowledge with others. Having earned the Master Electrician designation, Phil shared his expertise with Central Piedmont Community College students for more than 25 years. Attending college while working full time, he graduated magna cum laude from Western Carolina University. A lover of nature, Phil was an avid outdoorsman and his favorite time was enjoying a campfire. He shared his passion for the outdoors with the Boy Scouts and its Explorer troops for many years and was honored to take two troops to the National Jamboree at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Phil had many interests including fishing, reading, photography, gardening, Tai Chi, geocaching, camping, and hiking; he was a devoted Carolina Tarheels fan. Phil will be remembered fondly for his brilliant blue eyes, his quick sense of humor, his warm smile, and his loving heart; his strong spirit will live on in the many people whose lives he touched. Susan invites their friends to an informal celebration of Phil's life at their home on Wednesday, December 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Hospice, the Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity, or in support of veterans.

Published in Charlotte Observer on Dec. 19, 2017 --From Jerry Reising

Bruce "Boston" Walmsley (left) Phil Briggs (Right)



Thank you so much for the pictures. You all meant the world to Papa. He passed away this morning. I will send the memorial video and copy of the obit. He will be buried in Arlington. Please tell the rest. I hope anyone that can or is near to Arlington will come to the service. More details to follow. I knew I couldn't hold it together talking with you and Captain Dean on the phone. Much love from South Carolina.

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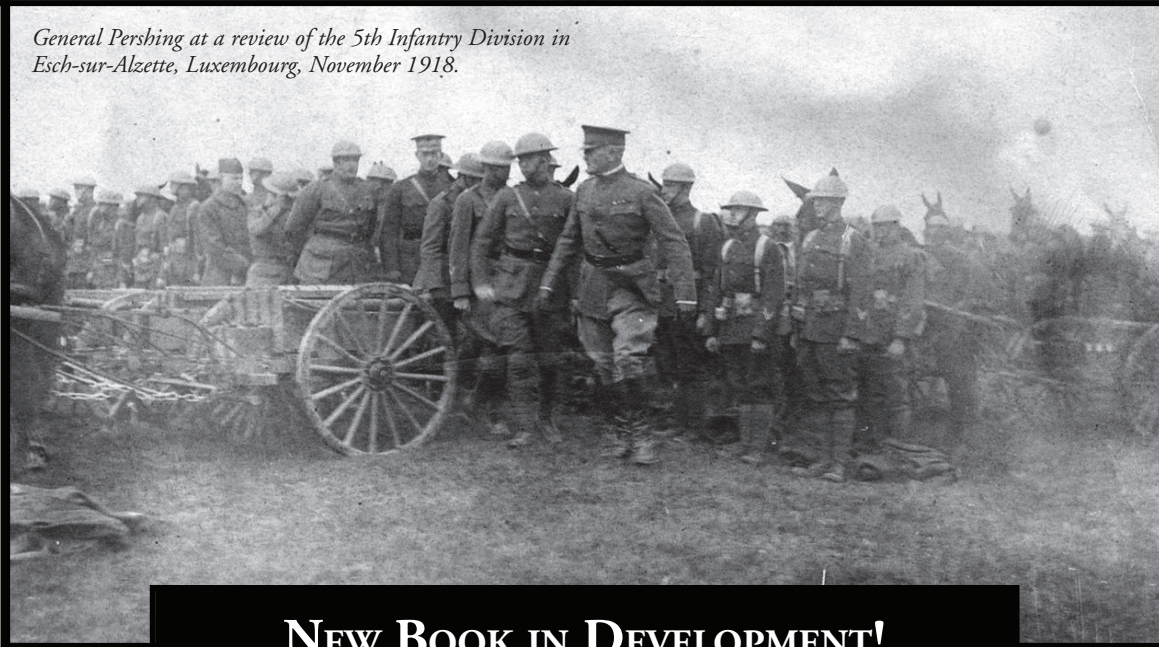
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Our book will feature veterans from all eras, from WWI, WWII, Vietnam, and Panama, until its deactivation in 1992. **Note: all 5th Infantry Division veterans are encouraged to participate, even those who were active in peacetime — all served with honor and distinction.**

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Submit your personal biography. Biographies are brief vignettes (up to 150 words) detailing the person’s military career and life after the military (see example inside), and also may include up to two (2) photographs of each individual, one from the service and a current picture.

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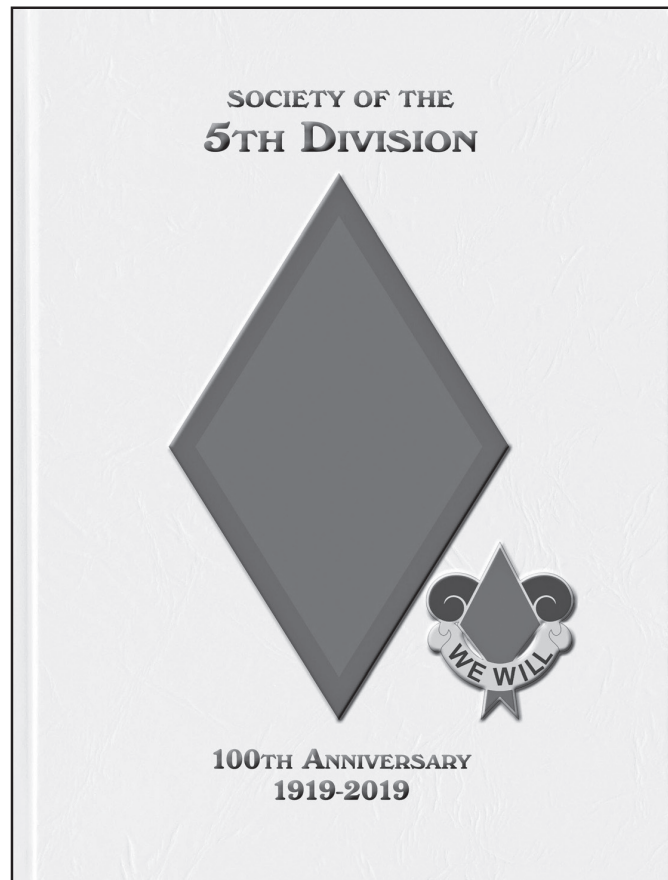
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Members and friends of the Society of the Fifth Infantry Division may order their personal copy of this keepsake for only \$59.95 (see details inside). This will be a limited edition printing and only those who order now, before it goes to press, will be assured of receiving a copy. Therefore, you are encouraged to order by the 15 November 2017 deadline.

Please take advantage of this special opportunity and help us document the rich legacy of the 5th Infantry Division!

Sincerely yours,

Leigh Blood, National Historian
Society of the Fifth Infantry Division



Pictured above is a rendering of the book cover. This will be a 9x12-inch “coffee-table” volume including hundreds of pages with historic photos!

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SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY FOR THE 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION LEGACY BOOK

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LEIGH BLOOD was born 8 August 1947 in Atlanta, GA, and graduated from Paris American HS in 1965. He earned a BA in History from North Georgia College in 1969, a Masters in Education from Georgia State University in 1975, and a Masters in Transportation Management from Florida State University in 1976.

Blood entered the service on 1 June 1969 and received basic training at Ft. Benning, later attending Recondo School, Ranger School, Transportation Corps Officer Basic, Transportation Corps Officer Advanced, and Command and General Staff College.

He was stationed at Ft. Carson, CO; Quang Tri, RVN; Ft. Benning, GA; Ft. Bragg, NC; Heidelberg, Germany; Schwetzingen, Germany; Frankfort, Germany; and Atlanta, GA.

Blood received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm; Combat Infantryman Badge; Ranger Tab; and Distinguished Member of the Regiment (Transportation Corps).



His most memorable experience was the night of 21 May 1971 at Firebase Charlie 2. After a bunker received a direct hit from an NVA 122mm rocket, killing the company commander and killing and wounding 60 other 5th Div. soldiers, he became the senior LT in charge. During the chaos that followed, he was handed a TA-312 telephone on a direct line to the Pentagon Casualty Office, and was asked to read dog tag information for those soldiers confirmed dead. That memory remains fresh today.

He was discharged on 1 June 1989 at Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, GA, with the rank of Major (04). Following the service, he worked for Microbilt Corp., First Financial Management Corp., Bellsouth Corp., and AT&T Corp., where he retired in August 2012.

He is married to Jeanne. They have two children, Alice Leigh Myers and Carroll Virginia Harris, and four grandchildren.

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Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us are not ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you will be more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall.

Take These Steps for Your Home

Many people prefer to remain indoors in the winter, but staying inside is no guarantee of safety. Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter months.

Winterize your home.

- Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
- Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
- Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.

Check your heating systems.

- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year.
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.
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bors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards.

Don't Forget to Prepare Your Car

Get your car ready for cold weather use before winter arrives.

- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
 - o Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.

• Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. The kit should include:

- cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries;
- blankets;
- food and water;
- booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction);
- compass and maps;
- flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries;
- first-aid kit; and
- plastic bags (for sanitation).

Be prepared for weather-related emergencies, including power outages.

- Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers.
- Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged.
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 - Protect your family from carbon monoxide.
 - Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement and garage.
 - o Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house.
 - o Leave your home immediately if the CO detector sounds, and call 911.

Take These Precautions Outdoors

• Many people spend time outdoors in the winter working, traveling, or enjoying winter sports. Outdoor activities can expose you to several safety hazards, but you can take these steps to prepare for them:

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- Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation,
 - o Carry a cell phone.

When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions.

- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories.
- If you must travel, inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival.
- Follow these safety rules if you become stranded in your car.
 - Stay with your car unless safety is no more than 100 yards away, but continue to move arms and legs.
 - Stay visible by putting bright cloth on the antenna, turning on the inside overhead light (when engine is running), and raising the hood when snow stops falling.
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• Above all, be ready to check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards: young children, older adults, and the chronically ill. If you have pets, bring them inside. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate, warm shelter and unfrozen water to drink.

• No one can stop the onset of winter. However, if you follow these suggestions, you will be ready for it when it comes.

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COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Colonial Williamsburg is the only place that takes you back in time to the dawn of America. Start your visit by dining with patriots at one of the three historic taverns – each with its own distinct menu and specialty. Following lunch, step into Colonial Williamsburg's Historic area, where you will be transported back in time to meet tradespeople, women, members of the enslaved community, shopkeepers, and political figures that call Williamsburg home. Explore historic 18th century buildings, engage our nation's founders and gain a new perspective on our American story. With so much to see and do, there is something for everyone – history lovers, makers, and fans of architecture.

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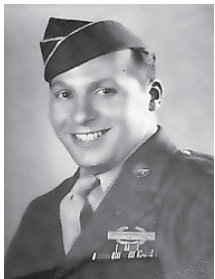
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Downtown Norfolk is home to the MacArthur Memorial, the final resting place of the late General and eleven-gallery museum. Visit the gift shop and see a film summarizing the General's life and achievements. Next stop is the Spirit of Norfolk, the premiere cruise boat on Norfolk's waterfront. The harbor lunch cruise with live entertainment features the sights of Hampton Roads harbor and the mighty ships at the Norfolk Naval Station. Enjoy a wonderful buffet while the captain narrates.

9:45am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel
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Tour prices do not include gratuity for bus driver and tour guide/escort. In order to accommodate an on-time departure, please be at the bus boarding area five minutes prior to posted time.

A WW II 5th Infantry Division Soldiers Story



This article was compiled from letters and documents provided by his son Tony Galgano through John Estrada as a tribute to his father Anthony Galgano Jr. and his sister.

Dad passed away December 9th, 2014. We are very lucky to have had our Dad/Gramps for these years. He just had his 100th birthday party on October 12, 2014. Dad was such an inspiration to us all. His tolerance for pain was unbelievable as his desire not to put anyone out of their way. He did it all and with the Lord's help Dad did it his way.

He was born on Hancock Street in Brooklyn to Francesca and Vito Galgano. At one point, Vito had 3 speakeasys turn saloons after prohibition. For a short time, dad went to Franklin K Lane, and then on to Jamaica High where one day in 1929 he and his football teammates hopped on a Beeline Bus to play football in Southampton.

He won Mom's heart while they were working at JT Stanley's Soap Factory on W. 30th St. and Hudson River in 1941. Dad n' Mom and Dad's best friend Stanley Jaeger and Mim headed to Philly to work at Bendix (plane parts factory) and in 1943 I came along. Dad was drafted in early 1944 and sailed to Europe on the Mauretania.

Dad landed in France in summer as did General Patton. Dad was in the 5th Inf. Division, part of Patton's 3* Army. Patton's style of fighting was to maintain constant pressure on your opponent. So, dad and the 5th were on the move on December 16th, 1944 - The Battle of the Bulge - March to Bastogne. All came quickly...

At one point, dad and the men of his company were in a rest area. A Colonel came along and was upset by this disheveled crew of soldiers. After finding out that Dad was in charge the Colonel told Dad, "You and your men are the only thing between me and the Germans! Dad remarked, "Did they get you yet?"

The Colonel went to HQ to see Captain Jones who called Dad into the HQ. The Captain said, "The Colonel wants your stripes!" Dad asked the Captain "what did you say?" I told the Colonel he could have your stripes if he can find another soldier who can replace you!

A couple of years later we found Dad's senior high school yearbook from Jamaica High - under Dad's photo was one word - UNTAMED...

On 6 March 1945 Swartzborne, Germany. At this time our unit was attacked by a large force of German infantry and armor in the town of Schwarzenborn, Germany. In adjacent units a number of officers and soldiers were captured by the enemy. Sgt. Galgano's position was isolated by enemy, armor and infantry, and he was wounded in one leg and a portion of one hand was shot away, but he fought on with skill, courage, and confidence. His position became a rallying point for survivors of adjacent units, and he successfully held this position for approximately 12 hours until the town was secured by additional American forces.

Capt. Lennis Jones 5th Inf. Div. 1945

After the war Dad worked for the Post Office. My sister Frances was born in 1947. For a number of years in the late 40's and 50's Dad rented a home for us in, Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton for \$500 a summer. Each week he would take 3 vacation days with 2 weekdays to keep us out East for the summer. He was an avid "investigative driver". Actually, on the USA East Coast, he was a GPS before GPS. After retiring he devoted time to DAV 76 and the National Amputation Foundation.

Dad was a quiet man and he quietly helped many people over the years. He truly is a member of the greatest generation. On a side note while Dad was overseas Mom was "Rosie the Riveter". She worked at Liberty Aircraft in Farmingdale.

We were very fortunate to have Mom and Dad for all their years and I believe Dad gave us a "God's wink" after the first night of his wake.

Jeff's dad, Jim Minihane went home and decided to go online to Youtube and search veteran interviews. There he finds Part II of Willie Bader's interview speaking of the events 6 March 45 at Schwarzenborn, Germany. He describes the barn, Holstein cows, German tanks and infantry, the call for artillery and he said, "Sergeant Tony Galgano who the Captain has all the trust in the world in and whom he highly regards calls out that he's been hit".

Willie Bader describes Dad's wounds and the actions that he took to help save dad. Perhaps the

biggest part of all of this is Dad's will to live and his goodness. When the priest gave Dad his last rights and forgiveness of sin I said, "I don't know that he ever committed a sin".

All of us that were with dad over the past 10 years or so would hear him in his room saying his prayers.

God bless you Dad.

God bless you Mom.

And thank you Lord for their love and your love.

Always,

Anthony

Aka "Lightning"...

In 2015, I was with Fr. Peter Colapietro. Pastor of Holy Cross Parish. West 42nd N.Y.C. He performed Dad's Funeral mass in December 2014.

"Oh That Colonel that wanted Dad's stripes," While I was in the Army in 1969 I re-opened Dad's battlefield commission case. The Colonel called me and said that he would meet us at the Marine Corps Reserve Center in Garden City. He did. Now a General he helped Dad to get his commission.

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A photo of Anthony Galgano Sr. enjoying a day of single handed Golf. Due to losing his right hand in combat he learned to golf holding the club with his left hand and using his left arm he would one armed swing. And yes, he did drive the ball down the fairway. He played a better game of golf than me and I got two hands. — Stephen Wheat



Greetings my fellow Red Devils



This edition of the Red Diamond (RD) is looking like what I have often hoped it would become and has. It has become so entirely due to our “friends and neighbors” aka members who graciously have sent me their articles and stories. Above all the RD is OUR newsletter and as such I will continue to invite you to contribute your stories and photos to keep making it OUR RD.

Everyone has memories, interests, and something to share and I will put whatever message you send, (as long as it is not insulting to anyone or me for wearing a kilt).

I hope you enjoy this issue as much as I have compiling it. The next deadline for sending in articles is 02 May 2018 for the June edition.

In last issue I threw out the idea of featuring those mementos and things that we returned home with from VietNam. I keep my treasures in an old cardboard box amid other lost and forgotten items tucked away in my basement. I would like to have a section in the June RD displaying that wide variety of mementos that almost all of us returned home with.

If you would like to put your two cents into this feature, here is how to do it.

- Place the object(s) on a well lighted table that has a light colored background and using your iphone or similar camera take a digital photo of each item that you wish to show your friends.
- Then send the digital file to me giving a brief description of what it is. For instance, I have four cases of C4 (just joking).
- I do have a few keepsakes, and outside of our elite group most folks wouldn't know what they are looking at. Send them to my email wheatsco@gmail.com by 01 May and you will get to see everyone's junk in the June issue.

This could be the start of a heretofore unseen Photographic Museum of Red Devil Collectibles. I have no more to add to this intellectual exchange so farewell. “tempest fugit”

Thanks Everyone
Steve Wheat

Civil War Letters Home and Viet Nam Letters Home

by Steve Wheat

One of my interests is reading about the Civil War also known as the Yankee War of Aggression. While reading some of the letters home Union and Rebel soldiers sent I was amazed at how with a simple name and date change their content looks a lot like ones we wrote. Though I never wrote about fighting or operations, they put it right out there. I have included a few of the letters and maybe you will agree. The conclusion I have come to is that soldiering both then and now puts soldiers in harsh conditions and when communicating with wives and families we much like them cover similar topics because we were Americans then and are Americans now. The hat in the photo has a partially obscured Diamond in the center top. It is not our red diamond but was used as a way of easily telling one regiment from another. The italicized letters will begin.



“The truth is, when bullets are whacking against tree trunks and solid shot are cracking skulls like eggshells, the consuming passion in the breast of the average man is to get out of the way.”

Pvt. David L. Thompson, Company G, 9th New York Volunteers

Our first fire was a rattling volley; then came the momentary interval occupied in loading. The rifles were, of course, muzzle loaders, with iron ramrods; the cartridges were new and the brown paper of the toughest description, so that strong fingers were required to tear out the conical ball and the little paper cap of gunpowder. Emptying these into the muzzle and ramming home and capping the piece took time—seemingly a long time in the hurry of action...

8th Florida Volunteer Infantry Regiment Confederate
Shepherdstown, Jefferson County Virginia

My dear wife,

I write to let you know that I am now in this place badly wounded, was shot on Wednesday the 17th near Sharpsburg Washington County Maryland, about three miles from this place. The ball entered my left shoulder and lodged in my breast here it still is. I want you or my brother to come to see me Come by Richmond in Virginia then on to Winchester where you will only be twenty two miles from here. You can then get a conveyance to this place probably by the railway which comes down to Harpers Ferry where a connection is made to a station called Kearneys Ville that is only five miles from here and by the time can here from me and get to this region of country the stage which runs to that place in times of quiet about here, may be running again. We have had hard marching to do, and desperate fighting, our Captain was killed the same day I was shot.

I remain as ever your Devoted husband Bird B Wright, Confederate Soldier

A strong, sturdy-looking Reb was coming laboriously on with a Yank of no small proportions perched on his shoulders. Wonderingly I joined the group surrounding and accompanying them at every step, and then I learned why all this especial demonstration; why the Union soldiers cheered and again cheered this Confederate soldier, not because of the fact alone that he had brought into the hospital a sorely wounded Federal soldier, who wouldt have died from hemorrhage had he been left on the field, but from the fact, that was palpable at a glance, that the Confederate too was wounded. He was totally blind; a Yankee bullet had passed directly across and destroyed both eyes, and the light for him had gone out forever. But on he marched, with his brother in misery perched on his sturdy shoulders. He would accept no assistance until his partner announced to him that they had reached their goal - the field hospital. It appears that they lay close together on the field, and after the roar of battle had been succeeded by that painfully intense silence that hangs over a hard-contested battlefield; where the issue is yet in doubt, and where a single rifle shot on the skirmish line falls on your ear like the crack of a thousand cannon. The groans of the wounded Yank reached the alert ears of his sightless Confederate neighbor, who called to him, asking him the nature and extent of his wounds. On learning the serious nature of them, he said: “Now, Yank, I can’t see, or I’d get out of here mighty lively. Some darned Yank has shot away my eyes, but I feel as strong otherwise as ever. If you think you can get on my back and do the seeing, I will do the walking, and we’ll sail into some hospital where we can both receive surgical treatment.” This program had been followed and with complete success.

We assisted the Yank to alight from his Rebel war-horse, and you can rest assured that a loud and imperative call was made for the surgeons to give not only the Yank, but his noble Confederate partner, immediate and careful attention.

Pvt. Ezra E. Stickley, Company A, 5th Virginia Infantry “Wounded at Sharpsburg,”

**Periodically GOD has an interesting way of getting our attention.
From a brother Marine in North Carolina
Paul Sutton. and forwarded to me by Alex Candelaria.**

This cross was put up on this California mountain many years ago to honor the veterans of World War II. These pictures were taken during the Southern California fires.

It is the last picture that is so awesome. This was really something for those fire fighters who witnessed it.



Even the fire fighters who were near the cross as it was surrounded with flames, said it was going to be destroyed.



The next day, photographer Gene Blevins went back to the scene to get some more shots.. He saw that the cross was not even touched or even scorched from the heat.



If that doesn't give you pause about Divine intervention, I don't know what will!

May God's richest and best be yours always!



A Bit of Fifth Division Viet Nam History

by Kenny Love

I have a piece of 5th Infantry Division History that I am trying to find the background on. I Would love to locate someone or a 5th ID Vietnam Veteran who may remember hearing something about the presentation of this captured rifle trophy.

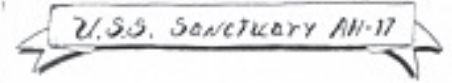
The USS Sanctuary (AH-17) and the USS Repose were stationed off the coast of Vietnam serving our Military personnel who were injured or wounded in Vietnam. The USS Sanctuary served off the coast of Vietnam from April 9, 1966 – May 2, 1971 when it earned 12 Campaign Stars for Service in the Vietnam War. I was able to save this piece of 5th ID History in Vietnam and USS Sanctuary. I found it at an auction and it came out of California from a Retired Naval Officer from what I was told, but could not get any more information on the Officer. I have talked with some of the 5th ID Vietnam Veterans and showed them pictures of the rifle stock and many agreed that the color of the stock and the worm holes in the wood resembled things they saw on NVA & Viet Cong weapons that were found and captured. Some said the wood looks like it came off of a Chi-Com AK-47 (which I provided a picture of a captured one brought back by a Vietnam Veteran). The wood and color match pretty good.

I have looked at many in-country manufactured Vietnam award plaques and they have the same style of square engraving that is on this rifle stock.

From what I can gather from Vietnam Soldiers and Sailors I have talked to is that it was not uncommon for the Army & Marines to issue a captured weapon as a token of thanks and awards to the staff of other units and supporting Armed Forces. The Plaque on the stock reads “ Presented to USS Sanctuary, “ In Grateful Appreciation “ 1st INF BDE, 5th INF DIV (M).

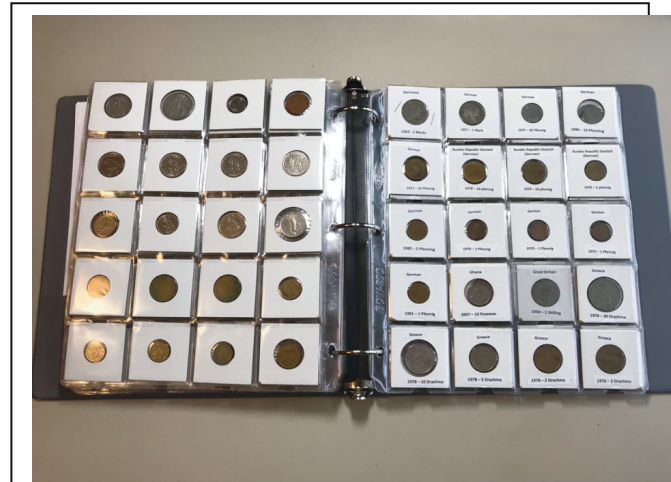
I think that during the 68–72 time frame, the 1st Inf. Bde. 5th ID presented this to the USS Sanctuary for treatment of their wounded & Injured soldiers and presented the ship with a captured NVA/ Viet Cong AK-47 thanking them for saving Red Devil lives. I have talked with just a handful of USS Sanctuary personnel but haven't come across any who remembers this or can add anything to its provenance.

If anyone knows the story behind this artifact, please contact me.



Kenny Love

My name is Len Funk and I am a member of the Society of the Fifth and a Veteran of the Fifth Div. in Viet Nam. My hobby is coin collecting and mostly I enjoy collecting Viet Nam era foreign coins. I thought that maybe some of our members might have some foreign that they don't want, but don't really want to throw away either. If this describes you, please contact me and I will add them to my collection. As you can see, in my photos and read in this article that I am passionate about coins from this era and I would gladly display them in my growing collection.



At the time of my R&R, Sydney, Australia had recently changed their currency system from shilling/pence to dollars/cents. A very nice Australian lady invited me and other servicemen to her house for an afternoon visit. She baked a cake for us and put some of the older Australian coins in the cake. I have been curious about coins ever since. The picture shows one of the coins that was in the cake. The lady later came to the States and visited me and several other servicemen that had visited her. She was an extremely nice and generous person.



I have enjoyed reading the articles by Louis Pepi and the past articles by George Shoener, who was the Company Captain while I was in Vietnam.

Thank you.

Len Funk

To contact Len Funk lfunk@pendulumsite.com

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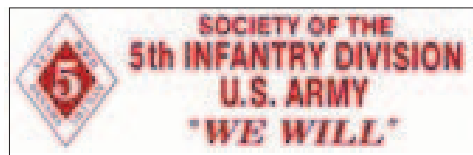
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