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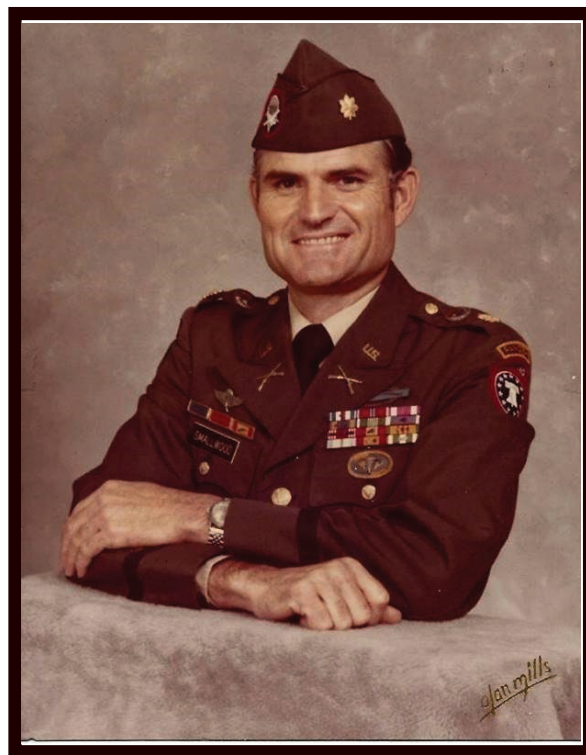
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Please contact me at colrdudley@aol.com or 913-220-3725 if you are interested. Bob Dudley, Past President

An Important Message From the Society President and the First dog.



Greetings to all members of the Society of the Fifth Division. The clock has not moved ahead but it seems that the hands are spinning around faster than usual.

If you got the May Issue of the RD later than expected it is because the Editor has been up to his neck resolving some personal issues, plus recovering from a complete computer system failure as well as having a steady stream of non-society commitments. As Society President I am going to light a fire under that Editors office chair or maybe even fire him so that this will hopefully never happen again. He may have more to say about this in the Editors Two Cents page. I ask everyone to please accept my most sincere apology for the late arrival of this issue of the RD.

The upcoming 99th Reunion is close to being on final approach and the pilot has tuned in the San Diego Tower and begun descent for a smooth landing and start up of our Reunion. I have gotten a lot of calls inquiring about the upcoming reunion from Red Devils both members and not who have never been to a reunion. I think we will be seeing some new faces in our midst so for these four days ignore the warning to not talk to strangers as it will be suspended until the following Monday. I know the friendly gregarious bunch of bon vivants you all are especially when around each other so lets make some new old time pals and make them not feel like strangers.

I am getting excited, even stoked about the upcoming reunion. I feel much the same as I expect Jed Clampett did when he moved his kin folk out to Beverly Hills in California. I hope to come back with a gold nugget and a movie stars autograph. Foremost, I really cant wait to see all of the members who owe me money for short term loans I made at the last reunion, you know who you are and I am holding the title to your cars until then. (Just kidding). If I can answer any questions regarding the upcoming reunion just let me know and I will answer them.

Sincerely,
Stephen Wheat, President Society of the Fifth Division 2019

From the Co-President: Alex Candelaria



San Diego Reunion plans are in full swing. Please register with the hotel as soon as possible. Have you e-mailed your 75th Support article to Red Diamond Editor, Mr. Steve Wheat? Now is the time to inform the “tip of the spear” grunts about the largest segment of the 5th Infantry Division. I have received several positive comments from grunts stating they have learned a lot from recent 75th Support articles in the Red Diamond Magazine. They are becoming more knowledgeable of the many 75th Support MOS contributions within and outside Support duties. Some comments were “I did not know you guys went outside the wire on short patrols,” or “I never did know how we got paid” or “...

did not know how personnel made things happen such as processing orders or promotions.” Several grunts told me the article by graves registration was a job they would not do.

So once again I ask that Support Personnel please contribute your story of your Vietnam War tour. Most Support Personnel did not go past the perimeter but all were subject to incoming and pot shots.

Our guest speaker for the Saturday evening banquet will be Mr. Doan, a South Vietnamese civilian who with his parents and siblings was able to escape the horrors of the War. They eventually arrived in the United States. Mr. Doan became educated and is now a resident of Riverside, California. He is a dentist and has helped many a Vietnam Veteran by providing free dental exams. He and his family are most grateful to Vietnam Veterans and to the United States of America for the freedom they enjoy. He will speak of his journey from South Vietnam to the United States. He lived in Can Tho South Vietnam (Mekon Delta). With the city of Riverside Mayor, City Council, Mr. Doan and two Vietnam Veterans (you know one of them) were able to make Can Tho a sister city of Riverside, Ca.

Sunday evening, Full Bird Colonel Henry (Hank) Neill will be our main speaker. He was the finance officer in charge at Camp Red Devil. This is where your hard earned money came from. He became the Finance Commandant when he returned to the United States. Will be accompanied by his wife, General Judy Neill.

Col Neill said he will have a table set up so his finance clerks can take pay complaints during the reunion.

Alex T. Candelaria, SOFD Member since 2007

America's Great Air Force

Some Thoughts from First Vice President Hal Roller



Nobody enjoys teasing about the United States Air Force more than I do. That being said, let me tell you how I really feel.

In November of 1970 the northern I Corps sector of Vietnam was in the middle of monsoon season. The rains were relentless. Standing water was everywhere. Armored Personnel Carriers (otherwise known as RPG targets) were limited in mobility to the ridges. Tanks were withdrawn from the Areas of Operation and maneuvered only the most solid high ground. The rain clouds were so low helicopters could not fly. This left a long-range patrol of Papa Company, 75th Rangers stranded at the mountainous base of the Khe Sanh plateau unable to cross the swollen

Quang Tri river. Brigade Headquarters ordered a company of 1/61 Infantry and a battery of 4/5 Artillery to the, then, currently empty Fire Base Vandergrift in a rescue effort. At Vandergrift, Alpha Company Commander Robert Dean told me to take my platoon and find a location where the APCs could cross the river. Up and down the river flood waters were raging and no crossing was possible. That night, my platoon remained near the river as a blocking force. Alpha Company took a Night Defensive Position around the artillery on Vandergrift. It was a miserable night with a continuous downpour. We were wet, cold and nothing was visible in the pitch-black fog. It was in these conditions I gained my respect for America's great Air Force.

Sometime after midnight, out of the deafening sound of pouring-down rain, came this low roar of a piston-engine aircraft. Earlier, I had been told a C-47 Gunship was on call. But even if we were in contact with the North Vietnamese Army, there is no way any air support was possible under the weather conditions.

These airmen had to be highly skilled to fly at night during monsoon with zero visibility. The aircraft sounded to be flying just above the mountain tops and following the river valley. Immediately upon hearing the hum of those engines,



my spirit was lifted. I realized the pilot and crew were there because of those of us on the ground. At risk to their own lives, they were there for us. I do not know why they flew the mission, but I am sure glad they did. It lifted my morale. The aircraft continued to fly down the river valley, turn around and flew back until the sound of the engines was drowned by the pouring rain.

When morning came, the rain let-up. By mid-morning the clouds broke enough for two helicopters to clear the river and rescue the patrol members. It is worth noting that this rescue came about the same time as the Son Tay Raid attempted to rescue American prisoners of war in North Vietnam. This was a joint Army / Air Force mission with Air Force long range helicopters, as well as, fixed wing cargo aircraft. Five Air Force Crosses, four Distinguished Flying Crosses and 35 Silver Stars were awarded to Air Force personnel for their valor during the Son Tay Raid.

Wouldn't it be great to have a joint reunion with an Air Force unit association from Vietnam? Now, if we could only get those Air Force guys out of the club to ask! *Hal Roller*



Known variously as Puff the Magic Dragon or just Spooky, the AC-47 gunship was a sight to behold.

In 1965 with the grunts on the ground needing as much persistent close in air support as could be spared, the Air Force went about converting a handful of World War II-era C-47 transports into lead slinging death dealers by attaching a number of General Electric GAU-2/M134 miniguns arranged to fire through the left-hand side of the plane at a target below. By going into a pylon turn, which pointed the wingtip towards the target, the crew could circle a kill zone below while its three miniguns zipped 2,000 rounds per minute of 7.62 mm

NATO (each) into the hapless enemy contact.

To maximize effectiveness and minimize risk to the gunships, they typically flew at night with call signs Spooky and Puff, each for obvious reasons. Only about 50 aircraft were converted and a dozen of these, as a testament to their hard use, were lost in combat. The rest were largely turned over to the Royal Laotian and South Vietnamese Air Forces, replaced in U.S. service by the much larger and even scarier AC-130 which is still in use today, though much upgraded.

Second Vice Presidents Message



Lou Pepi

Greetings 5th Infantry Brothers. I have a brief update on the 2021 Reunion. Due to the high cost of hotel accommodations in Boston, we have moved the location of the 101st Society of the Fifth Infantry Reunion 45 miles south to the City of Providence Rhode Island. We still are considering a tour of Boston's Freedom Trail, as well as many other possibilities closer to Providence and Newport. More on that in the future. We have contracted the Crowne Plaza Hotel Providence-Warwick (Airport), for the reunion venue. It is presently under a 25 million dollar renovation and will be state of the art well before 2021. All of our meeting and banquet rooms will be on the 1st level in one centrally located area. The hotel is only 2 miles from TF Green Airport and served by a free shuttle. The airport accommodates all major airlines. There will be another free shuttle to the restaurant and shopping district only a few miles away as well. Finally, there will be a 3rd shuttle to nearby Fox Woods Casino. Again, I will provide more information down the road in late 2020.

Louis A Pepi Jr.

2nd Vice President

First of the 61st Reunion Fort Jackson, S. Carolina

Every other year, the 1/61 Basic Training Battalion at Fort Jackson, South Carolina invites 1-61 Vietnam Veterans to attend Basic Training Graduation. This year five companies of trainees (a fair percentage of them were women) became soldiers on March 21, 2019 and the Vietnam Vets were invited to the ceremony. Most of us arrived at the on-post hotel on Tuesday, the 19th and were met by Pedro Marzan who gave out 1/61 T-shirts and hats. There were many new faces for me there, notably Dave Tousignant, Chelsea Korte and Dave Kocan. Tousignant, a dustoff pilot in Nam, came to reunite with Korte, this time under more pleasant circumstances. Tousignant piloted the medivac chopper (Dustoff 708), that brought the first extraction of wounded to the Hospital Ship Repose from Gallagher Ridge on November 13, 1969 and Chelsea was on that flight. The previous day, he also medevac'd several wounded from Charlie Company, including Captain William Starr. Dave Kocan was a Silver Star recipient from Charlie Co. 1-61.

At 5pm we were gathered up at the cocktail hour and shuttled to an on-post bar & grill called McGruder's where 1-61 Command Sergeant Major Fox met us in the parking lot. He escorted us in where we were introduced to the officers and NCOs of the five training companies by battalion XO 1Lt Harrison. The ice was broken with 5 trays of chicken wings—with all the Bar-B-Q fixin's and nonstop glasses of beer (\$4 p/pitcher). A few of us also drank stronger fare. Needless to say, a good time was had by all and the consensus among we vets was that the Army is in very good hands.

The next day, we were transported to the battalion mess hall for lunch. Following a great meal, we were bussed to the graduation grounds for family day and a trial run of the graduation ceremony scheduled for the next day. Then we were shuttled to the obstacle and rappelling tower to watch the recruits in training. JJ Jackson was disappointed that we were not invited to rappel down the 40-foot wall as in past years. We got the feeling that they think we are getting a little old for such doings and that is fine with me.

Later in the afternoon, we returned to battalion headquarters to Starr Hall for an unveiling ceremony of three plaques containing the award citations of Lt Chelsea Korte (DSC), SSgt Russ Widener (Silver Star) and PFC Dave Kocan (Silver Star). It was great to see the brave, but humble men, recognized for their valor. Stan Blunt who passed away earlier this year, was mentioned as well and fondly remembered. The ceremony was followed by another great southern barbeque banquet. Then we shuttled over to the trainee barracks grounds where the soon to be soldiers put on a display of a medley of their marching songs. It seems that these modern Army marching songs are a little more politically correct and gender neutral than in our day. Oh well, nothing stays the same.

Thursday, the final day, was the actual graduation ceremony and goodbyes. It was a great reunion, and, as usual, we all met many new brothers.

Below is a list of the attendees. I hope I have not missed any. Thank you RoadRunners for inviting us, and thank you Pedro Marzan for doing a great job organizing the proceedings!

Maylon Burnette
 Greg Bushong
 Wayne Cumer
 Dave Tousignant
 Dave Kocan
 Joe Piechoinski
 Leonard Samora
 Dennis Thompson
 Ray Collins
 Charles Gray
 Roger Jones
 Joe Prince
 Mike Sperling
 Russ Widener
 Bud Russell
 Greg Chapman
 James Gelsthorpe
 JJ Jackson
 Ken Mag'nett
 Robb Robertson
 Efraim Rivera
 Leigh Blood
 Pedro Marzan



Lt Chelsea Korte and Capt



Lt Korte, SSgt Russ, David Kocan



SSgt Russ Widener (ret.)
 Maj) with CSM Fox and
 Battalion Commander

ATTENTION RED DEVILS !!!

People often ask me, *“Steve, I cant make it to the reunion this year but I really would like to, I sure will miss seeing my old friends.”*

So I tell them this: *“Other than attending a Society of the Fifth Division Reunion, the next best thing is making your own ad saying Hi to all of your Red Devil friends.* Face it, the guy who is not present at the reunion will be the one talked about by all of his friends and who doesn't like to get the last word in even if you cant be present.

So how can you overcome this puzzling predicament?

EASILY!!! By placing an ad in the 2019 Reunion Booklet you will ensure that your words and photo will represent you in fine order and give all of your buddies a reminder that you are still thinking of them. All of the proceeds from the Ad Book are used to offset costs of the reunion, so you are also doing a good deed for the Society.

Like last year, the ads will be all one page in size and you can add a photo with your message all for one low price.

A single page ad is 4.5" wide and 7.5" tall.. Using your hardcopy or *soft copy photos and words, I will make something you will be glad to have your friends see. Keep it brief, 1-2 sentences and one to two photos. Net proceeds from the Program Book go toward the reunion expenses.

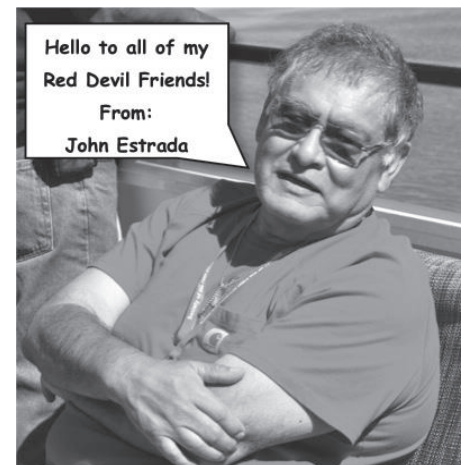
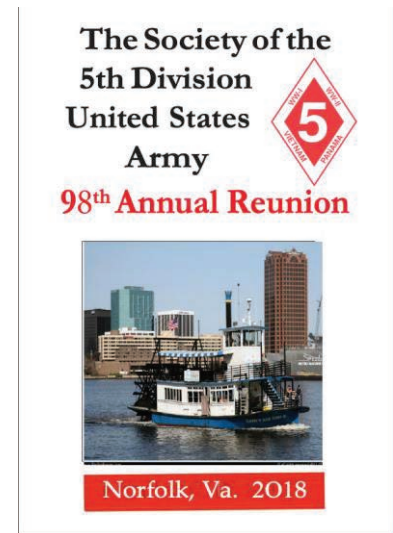
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Christian - What all humans will see; the moment after their Death.

Few questions can be more important than this one! It is asked by almost everyone at some point in their life; but especially by soldiers in combat, the elderly, or those suffering from terminal illnesses and diseases. Our death is a final event of our humanity upon this world. As we physically leave this earth; we enter into another radically different world of Spirituality, of which even the most advanced, know very little about. As much as humans do not want to think or talk about their death; this doesn't change this Great Grim Reality. Obviously, everything will be radically changed, as we transition into this totally different "spiritual world".

Actually, we don't have to speculate on this matter; for the Bible has always given us a very clear picture of what every human will see, in the moment after our death. The Apostle John gives us the first view; "and a door was opened in Heaven; and the first Voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, "Come up hither, and I will show you things which must be hereafter."

And immediately I was in the Spirit; and, behold a throne was set in Heaven, and one sat on the Throne. And He that sat, was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the Throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And out of the Throne proceeded lightning and thunderings and voices; and there were seven Lamps of Fire burning before the Throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before The Throne, there was a sea of glass like crystal. Rev. 4:1-3 And in the midst of the seven Candlesticks, one like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girt about with a golden belt. His Head and Hair were as white as snow, and His Eyes were as a flames of fire; And His feet like fine brass, and His Voice like Thunder.

The sight of God's Divine Majesty was so hyper-overwhelming, that Holy John, who walked with Jesus for three years, fell at His Feet, in utter amazement and adoration! Imagine then, what a unforgiven, unbelieving, willful sinner will experience. Every human will bow before Him, and immediately see and meet God; Face-to-Face! And His Face; shall Shine as 10,000 suns! Like death this appointment is one, which we can not avoid, delay, or minimize. We all must appear before Him, to be Judged of all of our deeds!

And what a Judgment, that will be! John fleshes out this scene further, in Rev. 20:12. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and The Books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things, which were written in the Books, according to their works. It may come as a surprise to many, but every sinful thought, word and deed, of commission or omission, which we have done during our entire life, is fully recorded in the Book of God, and unfolded at this Judgment.

Today with the massive storage capacities of the global computers of Goggle, Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, etc., we can understand just a little of the “infinitely greater storage capacity”, within Eternity’s “hard-drive-storage”. Actually every thought, word, and deed, is recorded in two places; in God’s Book, and also in our own mind/ consciences, that both can be compared to their accuracy. Nothing is going to “slip through the cracks; as God separates the ”sheep from the goats”.

God placed us on earth for the singular purpose; of Glorifying Him. He Gave humanity the comprehensive 10 Commandments, as the “grand templet” of Life, to show us how to Glorify Him. Whenever/however/wherever, we miss this Divine Standard; He calls sin. Sin is a hyper-serious matter to God; for clearly no sin can enter Heaven, but rather condemns to hell. God Eternally hates sin. There are only two ways; Heaven and hell! Only those whose sins have been covered by The Blood of Jesus Christ, and those who live in and out of Him, can enter Heaven. Jesus Who is Love; talks repeatedly of hell, for those who will not have Him King over them.!

What will your deeds testify on that Day of Days; when at death, you come face-to-face with A Living and Holy God? A Christian’s only Hope lies in His Promise...Look unto Me; ye ends of the earth, and be Saved.

TAPS

Major Donald Burland Smallwood 68-69	died March 10, 2019	D-1/11
Robert A. Pancir 68-69	died Feb. 10, 2019	D-1/11

Jewish - Shavuot

Shavuot is a Jewish religious holiday, which takes place in the 6th month of the Hebrew calendar; and falls between May 15-June 14. The Word itself, means weeks. It also corresponds to Pentecost. As one of the Shalosh Regalim, it is one of the three Biblical pilgrimage feasts.

Shavuot marks the culmination of Israel’s all important wheat harvest. It marks the conclusion of the measuring of the crop or the “counting of the Omer”. This process involves seven weeks of activities, and is designed to better express anticipation and desire for the giving of the Torah. It began with the harvesting of the barley, during Passover, and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at Shavuot. Shavuot was also the first day which Jews could bring the Bikkurim to the Temple in Jerusalem. The Bikkurim were brought from the seven species of crops for which Israel is famous; wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

On the first day of Shavuot, the Akdamut is publicly read. It is a liturgical poem praising the Greatness of God, usually read before the first morning reading of the Torah. It was written by Rabbi Meir of Worms, Germany, whose son was murdered during the First Crusade in 1096. He defended the Torah and the Jewish faith in debates with local priest. He especially emphasized the certainty of God's Power, His Love for the Jewish people and the excellence of the Torah. Later he also wrote Akdamut, a 90-line poem in the Aramaic language that reinforces these same three themes. This poem is written in Grandeur and Triumph, and follows the formation of the Hebrew alphabet.

As is typical of Jewish feast days, there is both a night meal and a day meal on Shavuot. Meat is served at night, and dairy products are served for the day meals. The reason that dairy foods dominate Shavuot is because with the coming of the Torah, all meals had to follow its kosher rules, and dairy products was the easiest way to do this. King Solomon wrote in the Song of Solomon, Like honey and milk, it lies between your tongue.

According to the Zofa, each day corresponds to the Torah's 365 negative commandments. It remembers the 40 days and 40 nights Moses spent on Mt. Sinai.

Today, Israel's youth often follow the custom of staying up Shavuot night to study the Torah. Any subject can be studied on Shavuot night, although the Talmud, Mishnah and the Torah usually head the list. This custom grew rapidly in 1967, when one week before the Shavuot of that year, the Israeli army recaptured the Old City in the Six-Day War, and opened the Western Wall to visitors. Today over 200,000 Jews came to pray at the Western Wall, which had been off limits to them since 1948.

Explorer System - Medal of Honor Award

In one of the last Red Diamonds, I wrote about defending Project Igloo, as one of the purposes/tasks of the 5th Division. This was the Plan of Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, to build a series of top-secret, sophisticated, electronic, detector systems, on the high peaks along the DMZ, between South and North Vietnam

and into Laos. It was designed to detect enemy troop movement, and vehicle traffic across the DMZ, and those coming down the Ho Chi Minh trail. While this electronic system did not work well, North Vietnam feared our sites in Laos could eventually be upgraded, to prevent their heavy vehicle traffic supplying the war in

South Vietnam. Because it was an existential threat to their being able to continue the war, they were determined to take these detection systems out. The mountain top terrain on Hill 950, was very similar to that on Dong Ha mountain and the Rock Pile. It was high, rocky sheer cliffs, and an extremely difficult battlefield. Below, from the historical archives we have a story of the enemy's vicious and overwhelming attack against our forces located on Hill 950, (near Khe Sanh). SGT Jon R. Cavaiani was awarded the Medal of Honor in that battle. Below is his MOH narrative:

Sergeant Jon R Cavaiani, U.S. Army, USARV Training Advisory Group (TFIAE), Republic of Vietnam, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 4 June 1971 through 5 June 1971, while serving as a platoon advisor to a security platoon providing security for an isolated radio relay site deep within enemy held and denied territory. On the morning of 4 June 1971, the entire camp came under an intense barrage of enemy small arms, automatic weapons, RPG, B-40 rocket, and mortar fire from a superior enemy force. The relentless enemy barrage continued on all through the morning and afternoon, increasing in intensity and accuracy as the battle wore on. During

this period SGT Cavaiani acted with complete disregard for his own personal safety as he repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire to move about the camp's perimeter directing the platoon's fire and rallying the platoon on in their desperate fight for survival. SGT Cavaiani also returned heavy suppressive fire upon the assaulting enemy forces during this period with a variety of weapons, 50 Caliber machine gun, CAR-15, hand grenades, as well as M-79 fire. All attempts at suppressing the heavy enemy fire failed; as the enemy rocket and mortar barrage steadily reduced the camp's defenses. On one occasion SGT Cavaiani ignored the heavy enemy fire directed at him, as he fought his way through a hail of enemy fire and safely removed a resupply of ammunition off at the helicopter pad to an area where it would be secure from enemy fire. When the entire platoon was to be extracted, SGT Cavaliani unhesitatingly volunteered to remain on the ground and direct the extraction craft into the landing zone. Through his expert guidance and high degree of professionalism, SGT Cavaiani was able to direct the first three extraction craft in extracting a major portion of the platoon. The fourth extraction craft was forced to abort its attempt due to an intense increase in the enemy fire. Forced to remain at the camp over night SGT Cavaieni calmly directed the remaining platoon members in

strengthening their defenses. As the fierce battle raged on throughout the night the camp's wall was completely demolished, leaving the remaining small force in a very vulnerable position. As first light approached in the morning of 5 June, a heavy ground fog greatly restricted visibility. The superior size enemy force launched a major ground attack in an attempt to completely annihilate the remaining small force. The enemy forces advanced in two ranks, the first firing a heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons, and RPG fired, while the second rank continuously threw a steady barrage of hand grenades at the beleaguered force. SGT Cavaiani returned a heavy barrage of small arms and hand grenade fire on the assaulting enemy force, but was unable to even slow them down. Quickly he ordered the remaining platoon members to attempt to escape while he provided them with cover fire. With one last futile effort SGT Cavaiani picked up an M-60 machine gun, stood up completely exposing himself to

the heavy enemy fire directed at him, and began firing the machine gun in a sweeping motion along the ranks of advancing enemy soldiers. Through his valiant efforts with complete disregard for his own personal safety the majority of the remaining platoon members were able to safely escape. Although inflicting severe losses on the advancing enemy force, SGT Cavaiani was also wounded numerous times. When the extraction craft arrived on station later that morning, they found the entire outpost overrun. SGT Cavaiani's courageous actions, high degree of professionalism, and untiring efforts were a great inspiration to the entire platoon through the battle. Sergeant Cavaini's conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at a great risk to his own life, above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highness traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

7 things you probably did not know about Chaplains

ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS



Military service members are all familiar with chaplains, the qualified religious leaders who serve troops and their families, but they are somehow still shrouded in mystery. If you ever get the chance to talk to one, especially someone with a few deployments under their belt, you'll start to get an appreciation for what they

offer to troops (also, the more I talk to chaplains, the more combat ghost stories I hear...but I'll just sort through that on my own time. Here are seven fascinating facts about chaplains:

1. Chaplains don't fight in combat

FRANCIS P. DUFFY



Chaplains are in the military — but they do not fight in combat. Chaplains are non-combatants as defined by the Geneva Convention. Chaplains may not be deliberately or indiscriminately attacked and, unless their retention by the enemy is required to provide for the religious needs of prisoners of war, chaplains must not become POWs. And if they are captured, they must be repatriated at the earliest opportunity. But that doesn't mean chaplains have never seen combat which leads us

2. Despite non-combatant status, many have been killed

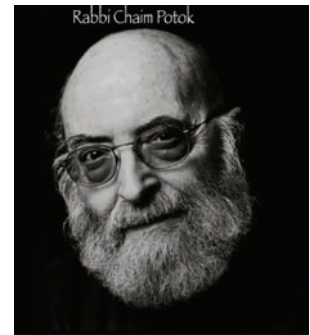
419 American chaplains have died in the line of duty, including Confederate chaplains during the Civil War. Father Emmeran Bliemel, a Catholic priest serving in the Confederate Army, became the first American chaplain to die on the field of battle. He was administering last rites to soldiers during the Battle of Jonesborough during the Civil War when he was killed in action by cannon fire. In 2010, Army Chaplain Dale Goetz was killed in Afghanistan, becoming the first chaplain to die in combat since the Vietnam War. In 2004, however, Army Chaplain Henry Timothy Vakoc was severely injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq and he died from his wounds five years later.

3. Nine chaplains have been awarded the Medal of Honor

Four served during the Civil War, one served during World War II, one served during the Korean War, and three served during the Vietnam War.

4. They represent 200+ denominations

Chaplains in the military represent more than 200 different denominations. **TWO HUNDRED.** Denominations recognized by the Pentagon include many variations of the major religions of the world — including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam — but Chaplains provide care for all people.



Rabbi Chaim Potok

5. They hold rank, but not command

In the United States, service members have a constitutional right under the first amendment to engage in religious worship. While chaplains are commissioned officers and can obtain the rank of major general or rear admiral, they will never hold command.

And even though they hold rank, the proper title for any chaplain is, in fact, "chaplain." Not "major." Not "general." Not "captain." Chaplain.

6. They served during Nuremberg trials

Two U.S. Army chaplains ministered to the Nazis on trial in Nuremberg. The Allies didn't trust Wehrmacht chaplains to counsel war criminals like Hermann Goering, one of the most powerful figures in the Nazi party, or Ernst Kaltenbrunner, the man responsible for the Nazi extermination camp system, so they sent their own chaplains. Within the Nuremberg jail, Chaplains Henry Gerecke and Sixtus O'Connor created a 169-square-foot chapel and honored their duty to offer the nazis a chance to return from the darkness and into the light.

7. One is being considered for sainthood

EMIL KAPAUN



A Korean War chaplain is being considered by the Vatican for sainthood. Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun moved from foxhole to foxhole under direct fire to provide aide and reassurance to soldiers fighting in the Battle of Unsan. He recovered wounded men and dragged them to safety or he dug trenches to shield them from enemy fire. He was captured and tortured by the Chinese, but even then he continued to resist and provide comfort to his fellow prisoners. He died in captivity on May 23, 1951. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism, patriotism, and selfless service.

EDITORS TWO CENTS

by Steve Wheat, National Editor



Greetings my friends and neighbors,
The spring weather is upon us and I have been busy with many things in my personal life, some of them quite fun and some of them not so much. Because of this I was delayed in compiling the May Red Diamond so if you got your RD about two weeks later usual it is due to my doing. That is unless you took advantage of the free "EARLY BIRD READ AHEAD" service that is on our webpage. The RD is posted there weeks before it arrives as third class mail at your domicile and you can download a copy and read it in full living color at your ease.

Two of the four pillars that make up my change of life plan is continuing education, and learning experiences. As a result I am about to embark on a path that could change my daily life for the better while realizing one of my life long dreams. If you are wondering what that vector change maybe, all I will say right now is that things are moving along well albeit these are the early days. That is all of the detail I want to go into right now because I do not want to risk being subjected to nay sayers or unsolicited advice or opinions. Suffice to say, my plan is wholesome, healthy and could spare me the regret of going gently into the dark knowing that I did make a full throttle gun run in pursuit of my longtime postponed dream. This time I have thrown the scabbard down with no intent of picking it up until I succeed or die trying.

As such the job of editor which is an elected position will be vacant. If you are reading this take it as a sign pointing toward your destiny to become the next editor. Okay, now that you have taken a deep breath, poured a tall glass of V-8 juice and sat down with no distractions you may be wondering what are the steps that will get me into that coveted Executive Board Position? It is simple, contact Col. Bob Dudley and tell him that you are self nominating for the position of editor and he will guide you from there. If you are wondering: Am I capable of this job? FEAR NOT I will travel to your home town and meet with you for a day of Super High Intensity Training and show and teach you everything to do the job down to the last detail. What are the bare necessities I will need? They are as follows: 1) a computer with internet access 2) a simple word processor 3) a basic digital photo software program for photo editing, and 4) a PDF editing program. If you lack any of these except for a computer, the Society will pay for sufficient software to enable you to do the job. Contact me if you have questions and REMEMBER: The editor position is a vital job. The Society Constitution stipulates that 4 issues of the RD are to be published and distributed each year. That will be your goal are you up to it? To accept this job will be an act of selfless giving to all of the Society members and it is one that will permit you to enjoy those rare rewards that common men seldom seek (and they are good ones).

"Be bold and wonderful, and if not wonderful, be bold"

The book of Last Minute Bargaining, S. Wheat 1970

Editors Note: *"This is an article sent to me by my good friend from Alpha Company 1/61 John Ginty "Da Gint". Here is a man who knows what good food is. I can personally attest that his Master Chef skills set the standard for C-rat Culinary excellence. He always knows where the good chow is, even if he has to cook it over a C4 fire. His exploration of planet earth for decent eats knows no limits and while foraging through the New York state outback like a man on a mission he made this discovery. You will never find another like it."*

The Red Diamond Market and Deli.

by John Ginty

ABOUT twenty seven years ago I was driving in my Chevette on the way to look at a job, I was a little ahead of schedule and only a few minutes away from my destination. While passing a crossroad, I noticed a little delicatessen nestled among the pines. The store sign read The Fifth Division Deli.

In total disbelief, I took the first opportunity to turn the car around and headed back as fast as I could.

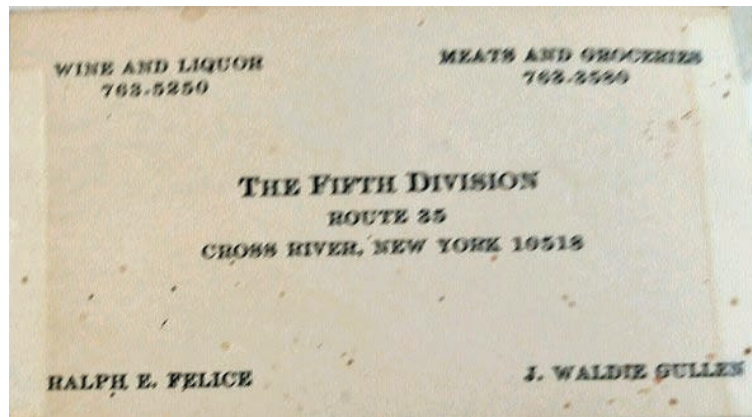


The Fifth Div. Deli today 2019

I pulled into the parking area and saw the Red Diamond on the store sign beckoning me to enter. So many thoughts were going through my mind; Might I know this guy? What outfit was he from? When was he in Vietnam?

When I walked into the store I asked the fellow at the counter if he was from the Fifth Division; he replied no, and said that those fellows were long gone from the place and that there were new owners. He said that everybody in the area knew the place so they kept the name. I believe that the store has changed hands twice since that time, but everybody keeps it as The Fifth Division Deli.

Now, turn the page to the present, I have recently retired and one day I started to think about that old store so I went on the internet and found that it still existed. So last March my pup and I got into the car and headed down to the northeastern part of Westchester county on Route 35.



Local signs stated that our first chief justice John Jay had lived nearby. We moved down the highway and entered the hamlet of Bridge Crossing and just a short way down the road there it was, the old building still strong and serviceable with the Fifth Division sign and the Red Diamond still there.

I had a few copies of the Red Diamond in my hand and I asked the counter person to speak to the owner, she told me that he was not there at that time so she called to the back kitchen and Gina the manager came out to see me and saw the magazines in my hand, I showed them to her and I was wearing my colors, the fifth division cap complete with the red diamond. Gina asked how she could help me and I explained that I was from the Society of The Fifth division and was gathering any information I could get about the store. The staff and Gina were nice people but they could not provide any back ground. Then Gina said that she would call the owner of the building Waldie Gullen, and that he was in the army and was one of the owners a long time ago.

Gina dialed a number, said that Waldie was in his nineties but was as sharp as a tack, she spoke for a moment then handed the phone to me. After a brief explanation of my mission he immediately invited me to his house which was about three miles away. When I arrived at his beautiful lake side residence I noticed his van proudly displaying his Combat Infantry Badge on his license plate and thought

this is great he speaks our language. At that moment I figured we had our Fifth Division guy, and over the next few minutes Waldie filled me in.

The store was bought by Anthony Felice in 1938 with the money he received



Fifth Div. Deli 1939

from his bonus check for his service during World War One. Tony as he was known was an infantry soldier, a PFC who served in combat in France. Mr. Felice bought the market with that bonus check of about four hundred dollars according to Waldie and promptly renamed the market in honor of his beloved WW One division. Back in the old days the store was a full market serving the needs of the community, and was sold in 1979 . The bonus check formula the VA used was \$1.25 a day for everyday served overseas.

Waldie and Tony's son Ralph were good buddies growing up and after their service in WW2 they went into partnership with Tony. Waldie served as buck sergeant in the infantry with the 70th division in Southern France and Ralph served as a PFC with a tank destroyer unit in Italy. I have not been able to find a lot of information on line about Anthony Falice but if anyone has access to WW! archives we may be able to add to this story.

The Fifth Division deli is still in business serving delicious breakfast and lunch and darn good coffee to local's, contractors and tradesfolk. So if you are in that area of the country, stop by.

Documented and written by. John Ginty A Co. 1/61



THE NATIONAL
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THE VIETNAM WAR: 1945-1975
Wylie Gallery
November 2019 – May 2020

The National WWI Museum and Memorial is pleased to present a groundbreaking exhibition on one of the most controversial events of the 20th century: the Vietnam War.

World War I and Vietnam

Independence from France was a request made by a young man, Nguyễn Sinh Cung, at the Paris peace talks in 1919. He was ignored. His country eventually became Vietnam and he renamed himself Ho Chi Minh.

A bespectacled artillery captain from Missouri, Harry S. Truman, said all his later decisions were based on his World War I experiences. Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, a tank captain named Dwight Eisenhower, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt, Colonel George C. Marshall, Distinguished Service Cross recipient Sam Ervin and many others deeply involved in World War I had connections to the war in Southeast Asia a half century later.



Populating the gallery with interpretive displays, digital media, artwork, artifacts, photographs and documents, the exhibit provides an enlightening account of the causes, progression and impact of the war. Spanning the duration of U.S. involvement in Indochina from 1945 to 1975, the narrative incorporates perspectives that cover both the home front and the war front.

Almost 100,000 Vietnamese (Annamese) served France in WWI as soldiers, medical staff and laborers. Military wins and losses, as well as the experience of laborers working in factory and industries, contributed to a sense of national identity, which were to take root in the anti-colonial and nationalists movements post-WWI.

The exhibit features such topics as the Cold War, the draft, military campaigns initiated by both sides, the growth of the antiwar movement, the role of the president, and the loss of political consensus. Throughout the exhibition, explore themes of patriotism, duty and citizenship through key objects, including a troopship berthing unit, vibrant antiwar posters, artwork by Vietnam vets, a Viet Cong bicycle, the Pentagon Papers and historical film footage.

Long overdue in the realm of public history, the exhibit not only provides a chronological and thematic analysis of the Vietnam War but also inspires a fuller, more diverse conversation about the war.

Along with the main exhibition, the Museum and Memorial offers connections to World War I, related public programming and a traveling version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in May 2020.

Curated by Marci Reaven, Vice President of History Exhibitions, this exhibition was organized by the New-York Historical Society with special collaboration of the National WWI Museum and Memorial. The exhibition's illustrated companion book may be purchased at the Museum and Memorial store.



Major support for *The Vietnam War: 1945-1975* provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities: *Exploring the human endeavor*, Bernard L. Schwartz and The Achelis and Bodman Foundation.

Please note that this is a traveling exhibition with all content already curated. No historical items will be accepted for loan to be used in the exhibition.

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INCOMING!!! Mail that is.

These are some of the letters that I get from Red Devils around the country that I find in my mailbox which I think are of interest to all of us. With the permission of the senders here is what I read.

From: Ruben Sandoval

Hi Steve thanks for organizing the 5th Infantry Division reunion. I served with the 5th Division in Germany 1955 – 1956 with the 47th AAA Bn. (SP) C. Battery, Will Kaserne, Munich, Germany. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend but was hoping that some of the members of our great organization will be able to attend. If anyone does it would be nice if I could hear from them. Thanks for organizing this great event.

Ruben Sandoval

Laredo, Texas

Rsandoval10@stx.rr.com

From Jeff Taylor

Mr. Wheat,

Five years ago, I forwarded an invitation from the Moselle River 1944 Association—inviting veterans and their families to attend commemorations in France in November 2019—to several email addresses that had a connection to the Fifth Infantry Division veterans`association. Someone, perhaps you, placed the invitation in a Red Diamonds` publication.

As a consequence, four Americans represented the division at the 2014 commemorations in the French county called the Moselle: veteran Mr. Dan Santagata and his companion, Ms. Adrienne Hopkins; and Ms. Margaret Stocker and Mr. Terry Stocker, the widow and son of the late veteran, Mr. Lloyd Stocker. The Red Diamond group seemed to savor the honors that were given to the division, and their presence was deeply appreciated by the French hosts and the other American participants. We all had the time of our lives!

The Moselle River 1944 Association will host more commemorations from November 14 - 20, 2019, to observe the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Moselle. I have been expecting to receive the formal invitation to the Americans, which would include the essential details, but it has not yet been formulated.



I am writing to let you know that the invitation is forthcoming. If you will be producing publications for the Red Diamonds this year, could you publish a save-the-dates notification before the invitation is received? Then could you print the invitation when it becomes available?

In the past, the Moselle River 1944 Association has hosted the veteran and the widow, as well as a travelling companion sharing his or her hotel room, for free. All other Americans have been charged a fee. All Americans are responsible for making their own way to and from Thionville, France. The Luxembourg City Airport is fairly close.

Attached below is a photo taken of the largest of the parades of November 2014. The French hosts are promising an even greater display of gratitude this November. God alone knows how many WWII veterans will be able to attend, so families may need to represent the Greatest Generation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss these commemorations.

Cordially,

Jeff, (son of Alfred H. Taylor)

veteran of the US 10th Armored Division 501-279-2875

This is a new membership application from Mr. Richard Sanne who is a WWII veteran. If any of you can find time to send him a welcome letter to the Society from one Red Devil to another, I am sure he would enjoy hearing from you.

Richard Sanne
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Member Application - Society of the 5th Div
Comrade John Estrada, Nat'l. Sec.
Sending check for \$15⁰⁰ membership
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Richard Sanne

P.S. 71 yr. member Amer. Legion
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From: Nancy Rial
Dear Steve,

I found your info on the internet. I've attended several 5th Div reunions, making connections with the WWII Vets that attended. I now travel back to France several times a year, to speak about my book, ALAN'S LETTERS, that tells the story of my uncle, Sgt. Alan Lowell, 10th Inf, 5th Div, WWII.

I also am a member of the very active Fort Driant group,,which welcomes anyone interested in history to now visit the fort that Gen Patton was focused on taking- in both WWI, and WWII. I've written a little peice, and sent several photos if you wish to publish in the next newsletter. Any one visiting the eastern part of France would like to visit there.

Thank you, Nancy Rial

- 1 photo: Vince Suppan with Nancy Rial
- 2: Dan Santagatta
3. Russell Haughey and wife, Wendy



Dan Santagatta



Vince Suppan



Russell Haughey and wife, Wendy

The association, “La Amicale de Forte Driant” , was created in 2013 by the passionate leadership of Jacques Noel, along with encouragement from 15 friends. I was



proud to be invited to be the honorary American member, and have a photo for proof of those early days. Jaques, along with his life-long friend, Roland Meyer, and several of the others, grew up at the foot of the Fort, and explored the battlefield as youngsters. Nowadays, that free exploration is forbidden by the

French government, yet a very dedicated band of French citizens have made it their mission to keep the history of the Fort alive.

During the past 6 years since it's inception, the “club” has been seriously at work. Spear-headed by writing “THE” book of the history of Fort Driant , by the team of Noel and Meyers, the association has been proposing improvements and funding themselves, through some book sales and other means. Coffers have been augmented by personal sacrifice of hard labor (shoveling out underground tunnels from blown barrages), individual's skilled expertise, as shown by soldering on huge steel doors (that our WWII engineers had made inoperable), providing generators for lighting, and creating a huge overall display table (which our WWII general's would have loved to have for battle planning). This was a massive undertaking after being granted permission by the French government, but the group has been rewarded by being granted permission to be on the premises, and guide other visitors who apply.

In 2014, in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of WWII, The group, “L'Amicale of Fort Driant” hosted their first official guests, in conjunction with the Moselle River Association. Seven WWII Veterans of the 5th, 90th and 95th Infantry units were guests of honor. This Fort was the nemesis of Gen Patton, and guarded Metz and across the Moselle, both in WWI and WWII, and the other units knew of the famous fort's history. We were thrilled that two of our own 5th Vets who fought at the fort back in 1944 had returned. Dan Santagata ,was with the 7th Engineers (he was ribbed for blowing off the doors!), and the late Vince Suppan , had been there with the 46th Field Artillery. It was a thrill for the French that day to talk to several vets who had actually worked there at the fort, and I was thrilled to have two sets of special friends- my French friends, meet my American friends. I was so proud of them both!

If anyone is planning a trip to the Metz area and would like to visit the Fort, Please contact the group directly. They are on Facebook at:

I am happy to act as an American correspondent for them- since I speak English very well! My contact is: (I became acquainted with this group because I have done research in the area as to my uncle's participation in WWII as a member of the 2nd battalion, 10th Infantry Reg, 5th Div.) I encourage anyone going to eastern France to visit this extraordinary undertaking.

In Memoriam: MAJ. Donald Burland Smallwood U.S. Army Ret.

Major Donald Burland Smallwood, U.S. Army (Retired), passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2019. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Barbara Ann Hurst Smallwood. Donald is survived by his loving children, Tammy Smallwood Roark (Steven), Donald Burland Smallwood, Jr., Brenda Suzanne Smallwood, and Joseph Patrick Smallwood (Tonya); four granddaughters, Amanda Roark Bonura, Kathryn Roark Reis, Caitlin Alane Smallwood, and Carsyn Ann Smallwood; and one great-grandson, Darren Hunter Reis.

Born on May 17, 1934 in Gulf Hammock, FL to Lucius Burland Smallwood and Mildred Watkins Smallwood (both deceased), Donald is survived by his eight siblings, Amelia Dampier, Maxine Sharpe, Sarah Varnum, Lugene Schinagel, Abigail McGehee, Carl Smallwood, and Howard ("Hank") Smallwood, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their progeny (from both the Hurst and Smallwood clans).

In Dec. 1952, Donald enlisted in the U.S. Army, wherein he served honorably for 22 years. His assignments included Ft. Jackson, SC, Ft. Gordon, GA, Ft. Hood, TX, Eglin AFB, FL, Ft. Benning, GA, Ft. Bragg, NC, Ft. Carson, CO, and NAS Algiers, LA. He served a year and four months in Korea, three years in Germany, and two tours in Vietnam.

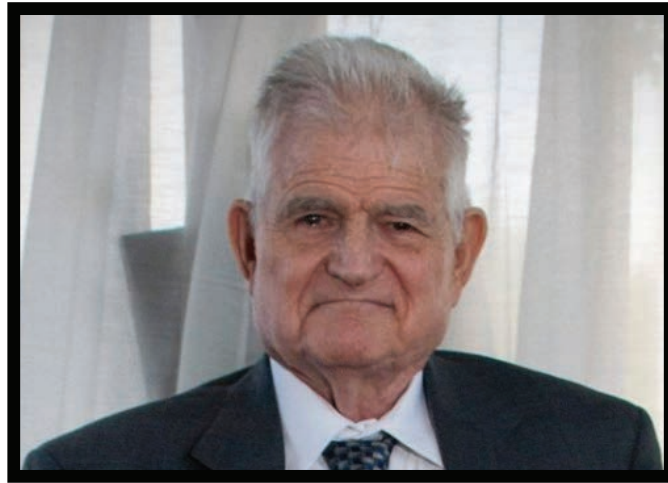
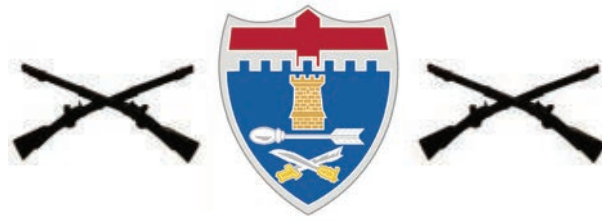
A highly decorated war Veteran, Donald courageously served his country as a U.S. Army Ranger, Paratrooper, Green Beret, Commanding Officer of a 12-man Special Forces A Detachment, and Commanding Officer of Company D 1/11 Infantry ("Delta Co.").

After retiring from the U.S. Army in 1974, Donald worked for the Internal Revenue Service in New Orleans, Louisiana, until his retirement in 1994.

Donald was a long-time member of First Pentecostal Church in Marrero, Louisiana. He was an avid reader, hunter and fisherman. He also delighted in taking his family on many road trips, introducing them to the natural wonders and great beauty of our country. He thoroughly enjoyed a good joke or a tall tale... both the telling and hearing. He fiercely loved his family, friends and the "sons of his heart" (his Delta Co. boys).

Donald was a man among men: A man of honor and character, well-loved and loving... he will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

MAJ. Donald Burland Smallwood U.S. Army Ret





In Memoriam: Vincent V. Suppan

Vincent V. Suppan, 97 years, formerly of Whitehall, died Friday January 26th, 2018 at Neighborhood Hospice, West Chester, PA. He was the husband of the late Josephine E. (Setterberg) Suppan. Born in Nazareth, he was the son of the late Joseph A. and Helen P. (Grech) Suppan.

Vincent was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Catasauqua. He graduated from West Chester University with a B.S. in Music Education and from Columbia University with a M.A. in Speech and Drama. He taught English and Math in the Whitehall-Coplay School District from 1947-50 and 1953-55. He was then a speech teacher for Bucks County for 17 years, retiring in 1981. He was also an Associate Professor of Speech Pathology at West Chester University.

Vincent was a member of the Catasauqua Band since 1934 and conductor for 65 years from 1947 until 2013. He was a former member of the Pioneer & Marine Band in Allentown. He played with a German orchestra and dance band from 1936-61 and was a member of the Association of Concert Bands.

He was a semi-professional magician, a member of the Allentown Society of Magicians Ring 32, the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the Society of American Magicians, and the Magicians Alliance of Eastern States.

He was an Army veteran of WWII and the Korean War. Vince left West Chester University and enlisted in June of 1942 as a Pvt. 1st Class serving in the 101st Airborne Division, then reassigned to the XII Corps, 5th Infantry division, 10th Regiment, 46th Field Artillery Battalion, where he served as a forward air & ground observer, artillery officer & battalion command Liaison Officer. Landing D-Day +30, they formed up under General Patton's 3rd army, and pushed across France in 16 days until reaching Metz France where a 23 day battle occurred also involving the 90th and 95th Infantry divisions. After taking Metz they pushed into and across Germany ending in Czechoslovakia with the Axis surrender. Honorably discharged from the Army in 1945 as 1st Lieutenant, Vince continued to serve by joining the US Army Reserves and rose to the rank of Full Bird Colonel, retiring in 1980.

His decorations and citations include Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, American Campaign, Europe / Africa / Middle East w / 4 Battle Stars, Victory Medal, Army Occupation of Germany, National Defense, Armed Forces Reserve w / Hour Glass, Meritorious Service Medal US Army Reserves awarded for selfless dedication and great personal sacrifice from '69-'74.

A member of the Military Order of World Wars, the Knights of Columbus of Allentown, and a lifetime member of the Fullerton Legion Post #367.

Survivors include 1st cousins David Roletter of Winston-Salem, NC., Joanne Wylie & Susan Coates of Richmond, VA, Kathy Roletter of Harrisonburg VA great nieces and nephews of the Grech & Setterberg families, and Godchild Rosalie Morgan of Barto, P.A.

Online condolences may be to the family at www.brubakerfuneralhome.com.

In Memoriam: Robert A. Pancir



Robert A. PANCIR February 10, 2019 of Mastic, New York. Beloved husband of the late Sandra. Loving father of Alan Pancir (Tracy), Brian M. Pancir and Keith R. Pancir (Gina). Cherished grandfather of Hunter, Dailee-Ann, Bryce, Stella Rae, Kaylyn and Gabrielle. Dear brother of Julie Geyer and the late Stanley Pancir. Reposing at O.B. Davis Funeral Homes, 1001 Route 25A, Miller Place, New York. Visitation Thursday, February 14, 2019, 7-9 pm; Friday, February 15, 2019, 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Services Saturday 10 am at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Washington Memorial Park, Mt. Sinai, NY In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Leaving a penny on the gravestone means that you paid your soldier friend a visit. A nickel means that you and your fallen soldier buddy both went to the same boot camp or other military training course together. If you were lucky enough to have served with the soldier, then you leave a dime. This next one is going to make you cry. You better make sure you're not at work when you read this next part! "A quarter is very significant because it means that you were there when that soldier died." Wow. That last one is actually pretty intense.

SOCIETY OF THE 5TH DIVISION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/society2019 (3.5% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 8, 2019. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

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<u>TOURS</u>			
FRIDAY 9/6: USS Midway / Seaport Village Tour	\$50	#	\$
SATURDAY 9/7: La Jolla, Mt. Soledad & Old Point Loma Tour	\$50	#	\$
<u>SATURDAY: BANQUET DINNER (Please select your entrée)</u>			
Sliced & Grilled Tri-Top with a Mushroom Sauce	\$53		\$
Grilled Chicken Breast with Roasted Pepper Cream Sauce	\$53		\$
Garlic Herb Marinated Salmon with Sundried Tomato Basil Cream Sauce	\$53		\$
<u>SUNDAY: BANQUET DINNER (Please select your entrée)</u>			
London Broil topped with a Peppercorn Sauce	\$53		\$
Lemon Caper Grilled Chicken	\$53		\$
Teriyaki Mahi Mahi topped with a Mango Pineapple Salsa	\$53		\$
<u>PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</u>			
Covers various reunion expenses.	\$20		\$
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Group Name: Society of the 5th Division

Reunion Dates: September 5 – 9, 2019

Rate: \$129 + tax (currently 12.5%+ \$.59). Daily hot breakfast for up to two (2) guests per room included

in the room rate. Group rate will extend 3 days prior to and following the group's meeting dates, based solely on hotel availability.

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The Crowne Plaza is offering a discounted rate of \$6 (normally \$15) per day for local and overnight guests. The Crowne Plaza does not offer complimentary shuttle service to or from the San Diego Lindbergh Airport. The hotel recommends SuperShuttle for transportation to and from the airport. Currently prices are \$14 per person one way for shared ride service. All prices are subject to change, please contact SuperShuttle, (800) 974-8885 or visit www.supershuttle.com to verify prices and to make reservations; advanced reservations are recommended for convenience. If you do not make advanced reservations, shuttle service and taxis are available at the Transportation Plazas located across from Terminals 1 & 2, and curbside at the Commuter Terminal.

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ScotAround rents both manual and power wheelchairs by the day and week. Please call (888) 441-7575 or visit

**SOCIETY OF THE 5TH DIVISION REUNION
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

1:00pm - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
Hospitality Room and Quarter Master to be open throughout reunion, hours to be posted.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00am - 9:00am Executive Board Meeting
8:30am - 9:30am **Reunion Registration Open**
 10:00am - 3:00pm USS MIDWAY / SEAPORT VILLAGE TOUR
3:00pm - 4:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
Additional hours will be posted if needed.
4:00pm - 5:00pm **Banquet Seating Requests Collected**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00am - 3:00pm LA JOLLA, MT SOLEDAD, & OLD POINT LOMA TOUR
 6:00pm - 7:00pm Cash Bar Reception
 7:00pm - 10:00pm Dinner Banquet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00am - 10:00am Non-denominational Worship Service
 10:00am - 11:00am Memorial Service
 1:00pm - 2:00pm Society General Membership Meeting
 6:00pm - 7:00pm Cash Bar Reception
 7:00pm - 10:00pm Dinner Banquet

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Farewells and Departures

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

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Northern I-CORP with The 5th Infantry Division

Vietnam Battlefield Tours has planned a trip just for us. The dates are April 5 - 19, 2020. The proposed itinerary follows on the next two pages. Those participating will be able to request specific sites to visit in addition to anything on the proposed itinerary.

We need a minimum of 12 tourists to make this work. 25 is the max. At this writing (April 24, 2020) we have two registered, my wife and me. Lou Pepi advises he mailed the registration for himself and his son April 22. Several others have expressed serious interest. At this time the tour is restricted to 5th Infantry Veterans, their friends, and relatives. The tour will be opened to others summer, 2019 if we do not max it out ourselves.



If you have intent to join us on this trip, you can register by downloading the registration forms and sending in \$500 per person deposit. The deposit is refundable before a cutoff date published on the web site of Vietnam Battlefield Tours. vietnambattlefieldtours.com

You can see from the itinerary that most meals are included. My experience from my 2018 trip to ICORP with this group is that accommodations are excellent. The price includes air from LAX. If you want to go, are healthy enough to go, and can afford to go you should seriously consider joining us.

My email is dwcoulter1@aol.com. I am not an employee of nor do I speak for Vietnam Battlefield Tours. I will try to answer your questions. I may have to refer

you directly to Vietnam Battlefield Tours. You can call them directly if you wish, 1-877-231-9277.

This trip is not sponsored by The Society Of the Fifth Division. The Executive Committee has allowed me to present this to the membership.

Day 1 & 2: (Sunday - Monday, 05 - 06 April 2020) – **Enroute**

Report to the **Los Angeles International Terminal (LAX)** by 8:00 p.m. and proceed to the EVA Airlines ticketing counter for our flight to Taipei. Lose one day crossing the **International Dateline**.

Day 3: (Tuesday, 07 April 2020) – **Taipei to Ha Noi**

After a short layover in **Taipei** where we endure the **Big Speech**, we depart for **Vietnam**. We land at **Noi Bai Airfield** (heavily bombed during the American War) and proceed through immigration, retrieve our bags, clear customs, and board our waiting motorcoach. We then cross the **Red River** and its dikes to explore the **Ha Noi** environs. We visit the **Hoa Lo Prison** (Hanoi Hilton) and stop at the **John McCain Monument**. Tonight, we enjoy our **Welcome Dinner**.

Day 4: (Wednesday, 08 April 2020) – **Ha Noi to Hue**

This morning we visit the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, **Ho Chi Minh House**, and **One Pillar Pagoda**. Next is the fascinating **War Museum** with its **Dien Bien Phu** exhibit and American artifacts. We then head back to **Noi Bai** to catch our flight to **Phu Bai Airfield**. Upon landing, we travel north on **Highway 1** and enter **Hue City** (the old Imperial Capital of Vietnam) and arrive at our hotel (which was the ARVN BOQ during the war) on the southern bank of the **Perfume River**.

Day 5: (Thursday, 09 April 2020) – **Hue**

Today is devoted to the study of the **1968 Tet Offensive** battles for Hue. We will first walk the southern battle. We follow the actions of 1/1 and 2/5, covering, among others, the former **MACV Compound**, **Tran Cao Van Street**, **Joan of Arc Girl's High School**, **ARVN BOQ**, **Hue University**, **Treasury**, **Public Health Building**, **Provincial Capital Building** area, and the **Church of the Redemptress**. After lunch we visit the **Citadel**, with its ramparts and towers, and visit sites specific to the northern battle, including the **Chuck Meadows Gate** and the **Dong Ba Gate**. We finish at the **Imperial Palace** gate blown by 1/5, which allowed the ARVN to enter and lower the NVA flag that had flown from the main flagpole for 24 days. We then visit the **Forbidden City**, home to the ancient emperors.

Day 6: (Friday, 10 April 2020) – **Hue to Dong Ha**

This morning we head north on Highway 1. Our first stop is **Camp Evans**. Continuing north, we come upon **My Chanh Bridge**. It was here that the ARVN held the line against invading NVA forces during the **1972 Easter Offensive** and from which they launched their counterattack to drive Ho's forces back toward the DMZ. North of here is the section of Highway 1 known as the '**Highway of Horror**.' During the NVA's 1972 Easter Offensive, thousands of local refugees - most of which were old people, women, and children trying to flee south - were mercilessly slaughtered by communist NVA troops and artillery. The north side of the bridge is where the worst of the massacre occurred. Massive numbers of people were trapped because the downed bridge prevented escape. We then head east past the **Street Without Joy** to **Wunder Beach**. Returning to Highway 1, we visit **La Vang Basilica** (site of a 1798 appearance of the Blessed Virgin), passing through the **LZ Sharon**, **LZ Nancy**, and **LZ Ann** areas. Returning to Highway 1 we enter **Quang Tri City** where we stop at **Long Hung Church**, a Catholic Church in which ARVN troops sought refuge during the **1972 Easter Offensive** invasion from the North and in which NVA troops sought refuge as they retreated during the ARVN counter-attack. The church has been left as it stood after the battle, with scars from grenades, rockets, and bullets. We also visit **Bo De School**, which provides a shocking and violent reality of the 'Battle of 81 Days and Nights' for the city and its **Citadel**. The battle is infamous for the huge amount of ordnance fired by both ARVN and NVA forces. We stop at the Citadel and then cross **Quang Tri Bridge**, stopping at **Camp Red Devil** and the **75th Support** area and **Ai Tu Airfield (Quang Tri Airbase)**. Our last stop will be to walk the **Dong Ha Bridge** (destroyed by Capt. John Ripley which stopped the initial NVA advance during the 1972 Easter Offensive).

Day 8: (Sunday, 12 April 2020) – **Dong Ha to Lao Bao**

This morning we head west on Route 9 (the main U.S. supply route from the coast to Khe Sanh). Vietnam is a very long, thin country, and we traverse it from the coast all the way to its border with **Laos**. Our first stop is **Mai Loc Airfield**, followed by **Camp Carroll**, (the joint-forces artillery plateau) where we view **Dong Ha Mountain** (aka **Firebase Fuller**) in all its splendor. After walking across the **Khe Gia Bridge**, we stop at the **Rockpile** where we gear up and hike to the northeast side of the **Razorback**. Back on Route 9 we come upon other sites that were of military importance during the war, including **Vandergrift Combat Base (LZ Stud)**, where we visit the airstrip. Passing through **Ca Lu** and crossing the **Hairpin** we enter **Khe Sanh Village**, where we stop for lunch. Next, we venture north to **Khe Sanh Combat Base** where we spend ample time exploring under the shadow of **Hills 950** and **1015**. Under JFK, Khe Sanh Combat Base was a U.S. jungle outpost close to the border with Laos. The area grew into a major military base and airstrip under LBJ and was the scene of a 77-day siege in 1968, as well as many vicious hill battles in 1967-68. Our last stop is **Lang Vei Special Forces Camp**, overrun in the first-ever NVA tank

assault. **Co Roc Mountain** soars to the heavens just across the border. Tonight, we stay in the **Laotian** border town of **Lao Bao** in somewhat Spartan accommodations.

Day 9: (Monday, 13 April 2020) – **Lao Bao to Hue**

After breakfast, we return east on Route 9 for a short while and then head south deep into the **Da Krong** and **A Shau Valleys**. Just before **A Loui** we stop for the difficult hike to the summit of **Hamburger Hill**. Later, we continue south through the town of **A Loui** before turning east on **Highway 547**. Passing **FSB's Bastogne** and **Birmingham**, we finally arrive back in Hue. Tonight, dinner is on our own.

Day 11: (Wednesday, 15 April 2020) – **Hue to Hoi An**

After breakfast, we bid Hue goodbye and head south on Highway 1. Our first stop is at **MAG-36** back at the Phu Bai Airfield. We then pass by **Dam Cau Hai**, one of the largest lagoons in Southeast Asia, encompassing 112 square kilometers. Farther south we enter the **Lang Co** fishing village where we walk across the bridge separating **Dam Lap An** from the sea. We then head up the breathtaking **Hai Van**, stopping at the **Pass of the High Clouds** to take in a view of **Da Nang** and her bay. The Hai Van Pass had been a vital strategic military foothold for the Chinese for centuries, and was used by the French during France's Indochina War and by the U.S. in America's Vietnam War. Bunkers and fortifications dot the hillsides here.

Continuing down the Hai Van to sea level, we cross **Nam O Bridge** which spans the **Song Cu De** flowing out of **Elephant Valley**. We then visit **Red Beach II**, where U.S. Marines made their first amphibious landing in Vietnam in April 1965. We pass through **Dog Patch** as we enter **Da Nang City**. We also stop at **My Khe Beach** on the **South China Sea**. My Khe was better known as "**China Beach**," which was used as an in-country 'R&R' by U.S. troops. A little farther south we pass through the site of the **Marble Mountain Air Facility** (a U.S. helicopter base during the war). Our last stop is a wood-carving and silk shop as we arrive in **Hoi An**. Hoi An, a beautiful well-preserved ancient trading port, is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its temples and architecture show the different cultural influences of its time and its lovely Japanese covered bridge is unique to this town. Luckily for Hoi An, its importance waned long before the War, and it was left essentially isolated and relatively untouched.

Day 12: (Thursday, 16 April 2020) – **Hoi An**

GROUP 1:

This morning, we head southwest and then parallel to the southern edge of **Go Noi Island** stopping at the village of **Phu Lac 6** and the south side of **Liberty Bridge**. Next, we make our way to **An Hoa Regimental Combat Base**. We then make a special visit to the **My Son Holyland** located deep in the foothills of the **Que Son Mountains**. My Son is the site of **Trakieu**, the ancient capital of the **Cham Kingdom**, and contains ruins dating back to the 5th Century. Tonight, dinner is on our own.

Day 13: (Friday, 17 April 2020) – Hoi An to Da Nang

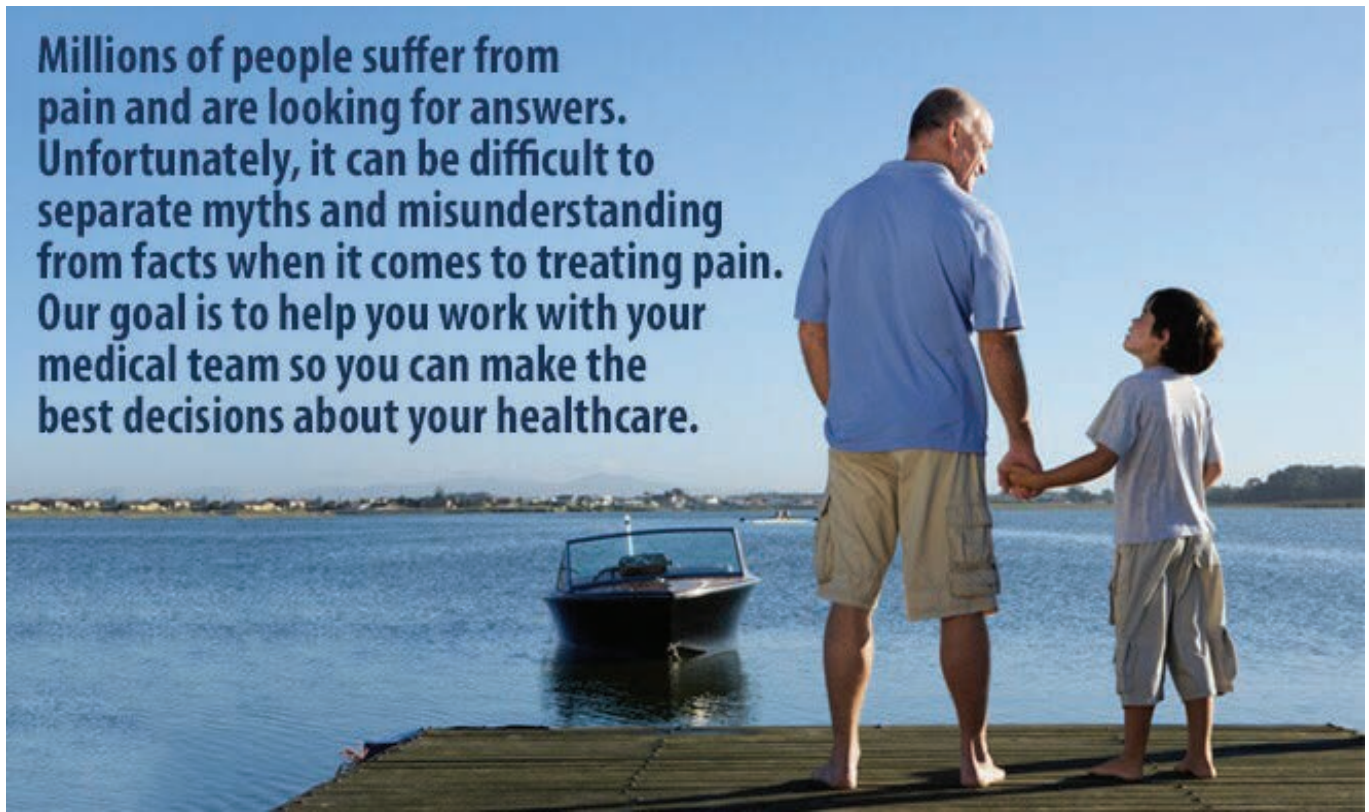
After breakfast, we head north to the **Marble Mountain** area and stop at a marble carving shop. This area is famous for their stone-sculpture industries. These mountains are visually-striking monoliths that rise from the flat coastal plain and are home to Buddhist shrines and numerous caves. We climb to the top of the largest mountain and explore the **VC hospital** area located deep within. We then visit the village of **Hoa Vang**. Our last stop, police-permitting, we visit **Freedom Hill (Hill 327)**. Lunch today is on our own, but tonight all hands are required at our very special **Farewell Dinner** at the most famous restaurant in Da Nang, the **Kim Do**.

Day 14: (Saturday, 18 April 2020) – Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

After breakfast, we head north to **Da Nang Airfield** for our flight to **Saigon**. If you have the urge, you can grab a burger at the Burger King franchise at the airport. Landing at **Tan Son Nhat Airfield** (once the busiest airport in the world), we board our coach and head into the center of **Ho Chi Minh City** (still called **Saigon** by most Vietnamese). We visit **Reunification Hall** (the old **Presidential Palace**), **Notre Dame Cathedral**, and the **Old French Post Office**. We also drive by the site of the **US Embassy compound** (now the **US Consulate**) to see the place where Viet Cong sappers blew a hole in the compound wall and gained access to the Embassy grounds during the **1968 Tet Offensive**. Lunch is not included today, but tonight we enjoy a sumptuous meal in Saigon

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3. Pain is biopsychosocial from the beginning so changed from 'it starts as physical' since it is impacted by various factors the entire way, even when acute.
4. No one approach is enough to help with pain by itself. Chronic pain must be addressed from many directions.



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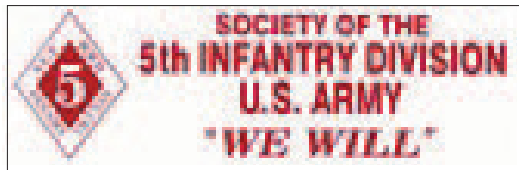


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