

The Society of the
5th Division
United States
Army



99th Annual Reunion



San Diego Ca, 2019

**Greetings to the Society of the Fifth
Division and welcome to the 99th
Reunion**



Before

After

New From Wheatsco Pro.
Chia Agent Green Hair
Restoration Rinse. Tested in
the Jungles of Viet Nam,
works fast Contains 27
secret herbs and spices.



**Welcome Home to all Red Devil
Vietnam Veterans, especially those
who served with C Battery, 5/4**



M109 Firing on FSB Charlie 2



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



In Memory of two great men.

Col. "Jack" Swaren, 1/61 INF Bn, CO. (left)
Capt. Robert Dean 1/61 Alpha Co. CO (right)

Courtesy of John Estrada National Secretary

Hello from Larry Burnett to all of my
C Battery 5/4 Arty brothers who made
the trip this year and to everybody in the
5th Division Mech

Make it a big one in 2019 for Mr. Wheat



Larry Burnett



Somewhere along QL 9 Viet Nam

**Our Very Best Wishes
To National President Steve Wheat,
Alex and Roci Candelaria,
and the entire Reunion Committee and
the 75th Support Battalion
For a Successful 99th Annual Reunion/Convention**



**Phil and Sandy Maniscalco
Past National President 2005-2007
Delta Company 1/11 Infantry**

**Congratulations to all
board members for
their outstanding leadership**



**Thanks to all the wives for supporting these
men during the past year. Lastly, all of you
have shown and displayed the true meaning of:
"Love Hope Faith"**

Best wishes to Alex and Steve for a
successful reunion.

Special shoutout to Catman and the
Recon platoon guys and gals!!

From: JJ and Karen Jackson



Best wishes to Alex Candelaria and Steve Wheat
for a great reunion.



Looking forward to seeing my old Recon 1-61
buddies and all my Red Devil friends.
From: Ray "Catman" Collins



WELCOME ENGINEERS



George and Andrea Shoener
welcome all
A Company, 7th Engineer Battalion,
Veterans to The Society of the Fifth
Division Reunion.

In Memory of Leslie Robert Beach

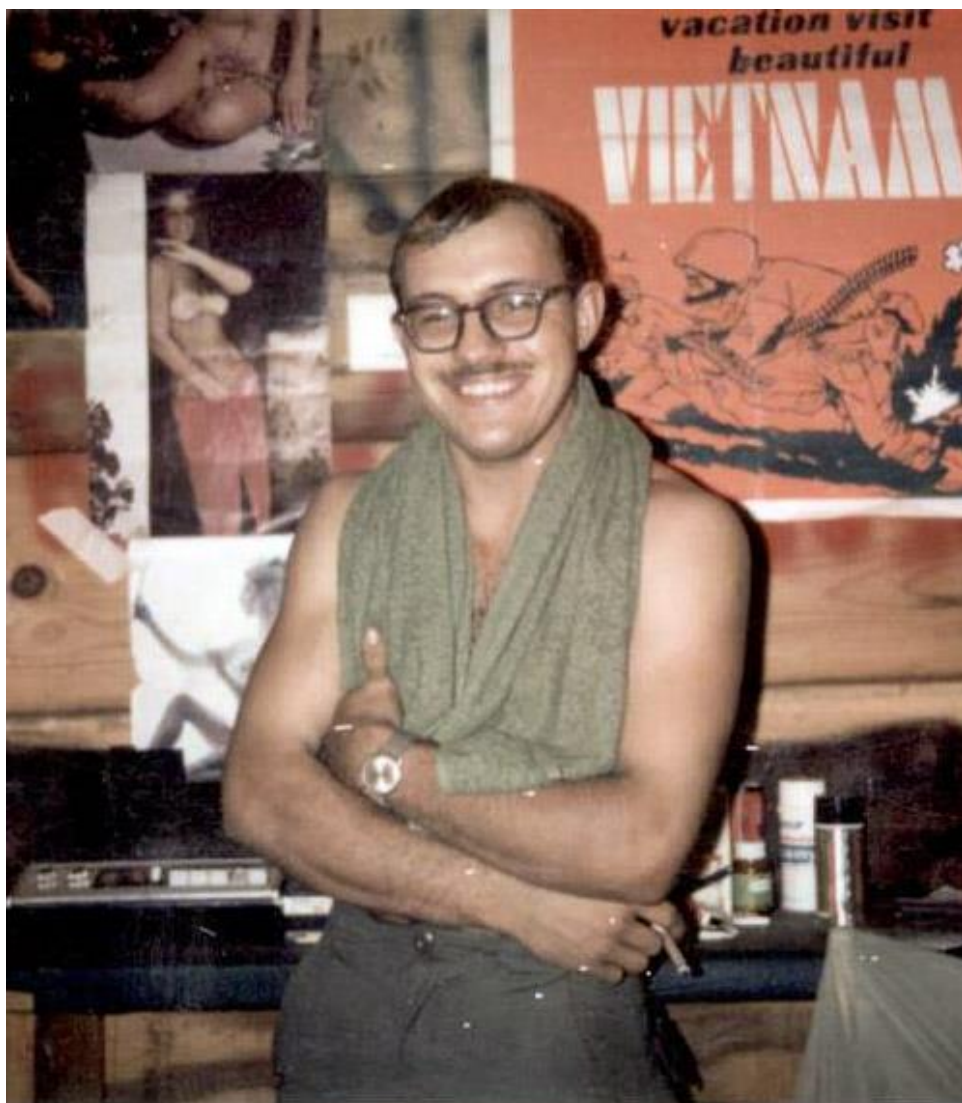
September 1949 to July 1999

Sargent U.S. Army-Vietnam

**Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 61st Inf. Regiment
5th Infantry Division
1970-1971**



**Welcome to all of my Brothers and
Sisters of the 5th Mech.
Robert Galloway
B-Baty 5/4 Artillery**



In Memory of
SP/4 George Glen Hutson
Sgt Charles Paul Montross
SP/4 Lucio Jon Reis
KIA 11 Feb 1971

FSB Vandergriffh-CaLu during Operation Lam Son
719/Dewey Canyon II



Left photo: SP/5 Dennis Moore & SP/5 Gary Lee photo by PFC Doug Mobley at B Btry 5/4 ARTY near the Laotian line not far from Lang Vej.

Right photo: 175 Btry at Vandergriffh-CaLu on my way to Khe Sahn



To all of my Red Devil friends especially:
1st squad 2nd platoon D 1/11 1968.



Front row: Jay Balderson , Dan Goetz, John Pope.

Second row: Bob Sandow, Joe Rudkowski, Willie Davis
and Griffin

Courtesy Jay Balderson



**“MY
BROTHERS
HAVE MY BACK”**

Inside the November 1969
Battle on the Vietnamese DMZ



LOU PEPI

FOREWORD BY Sterling Eugene Kelly, Jr.

AFTERWORD by Clyde “Bud” Wagner

My Brothers Have My Back

In November 1969, what Time Magazine called the “largest battle of the year” took place less than two miles from the Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone. Three companies of Task Force I-61 met 2,000–3,000 North Vietnamese. American forces fought for two days, inflicting heavy casualties and suffering eight killed.

Late on November 12, it became evident that the American position could be overrun. Alpha Company was airlifted in darkness to reinforce a small hill in the jungle. Three hours later, well past midnight, the Americans were attacked by 1,500 NVA.

There was a twist: A secret Vietcong document captured near Saigon urged intense action before November 14 in anticipation of the Vietnam War Moratorium Demonstrations set for November 15 in many cities in America. The Vietcong planned to inflict a stunning defeat in “an effort to get the fighting in step with the peace marchers.”

The author, a member of Alpha Company who rode in on the last helicopter, offers unique insights into the story of the men who fought those three days in 1969.

Bio

Lou Pepi was drafted into the Army in March of 1968. Returning from Vietnam he worked in the construction field and then in building code and zoning enforcement. He lives in West Boylston, Massachusetts.

**Best Wishes
To National President Steve Wheat, Alex &
Roci Candelaria, and the entire Reunion
Committee**

**For a Successful 99th Annual Reunion/
Convention
San Diego, CA**

**Nick Pink
D Company 1/11 Infantry
Vietnam**

Have a Great Reunion!



Dedicated to 100 years of the brave men fighting in the 5th Division; in WWI, WWII, Vietnam, Panama, and the Gulf Wars; and to all those wounded and killed in action, while fighting for America, this GREAT Land, to keep us Safe and Free! SALUTE !



Dedicated to D 1/11 - I was no hero...but I fought next to many. My brothers, what a privilege to share that incredible year of 1969 with you in combat. May the Grace and Blood of Christ The Savior, and The Father's Boundless Love, with The Holy Spirit's Favor...Awake, Keep, Guide, Protect, and Save each of us.

John 3:16

**Ron Van Beek
National Chaplain**

Alpha 1/61 thanks you Alex for hosting the Reunion and thanks also to the Reunion Committee for all your work.



Dennis and Judy Thompson Past President.

Best Wishes to all!

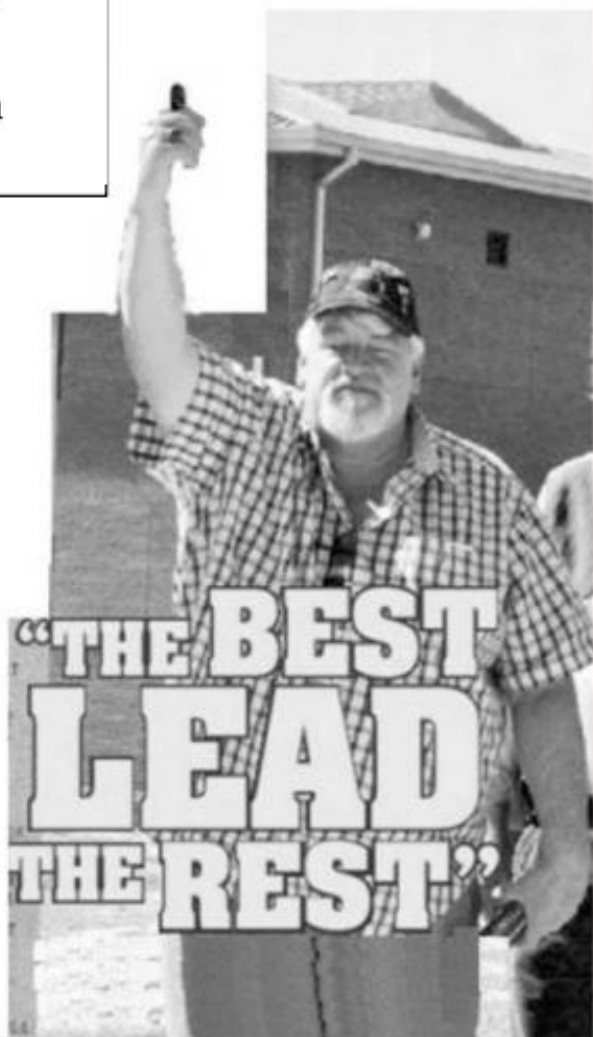
Michael and Linda
Sperling



1/61 Inf. Bn.

HHC RECON

1963-1970



Alex Candelaria and Steve Wheat

and the 2019 Comittee

"Heres to a Successful Reunion"

**Congratulations!!!
For another great reunion.**



**Robb Robertson
Alpha Company 1st /61st
1970-1971**

**WELCOME HOME AND BEST WISHES TO
ALL!!**

From Ken and Carolyn Gaerke



**1/61 INFANTRY BATTALION HHC. RECON|
1969 - 1970**

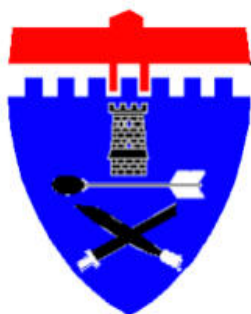
In honor of Sgt. Ralph Dunn, WWII, 11th Infantry Regiment Canon Company

Courtesy of Ken Dunn Associate Member



Ralph in service

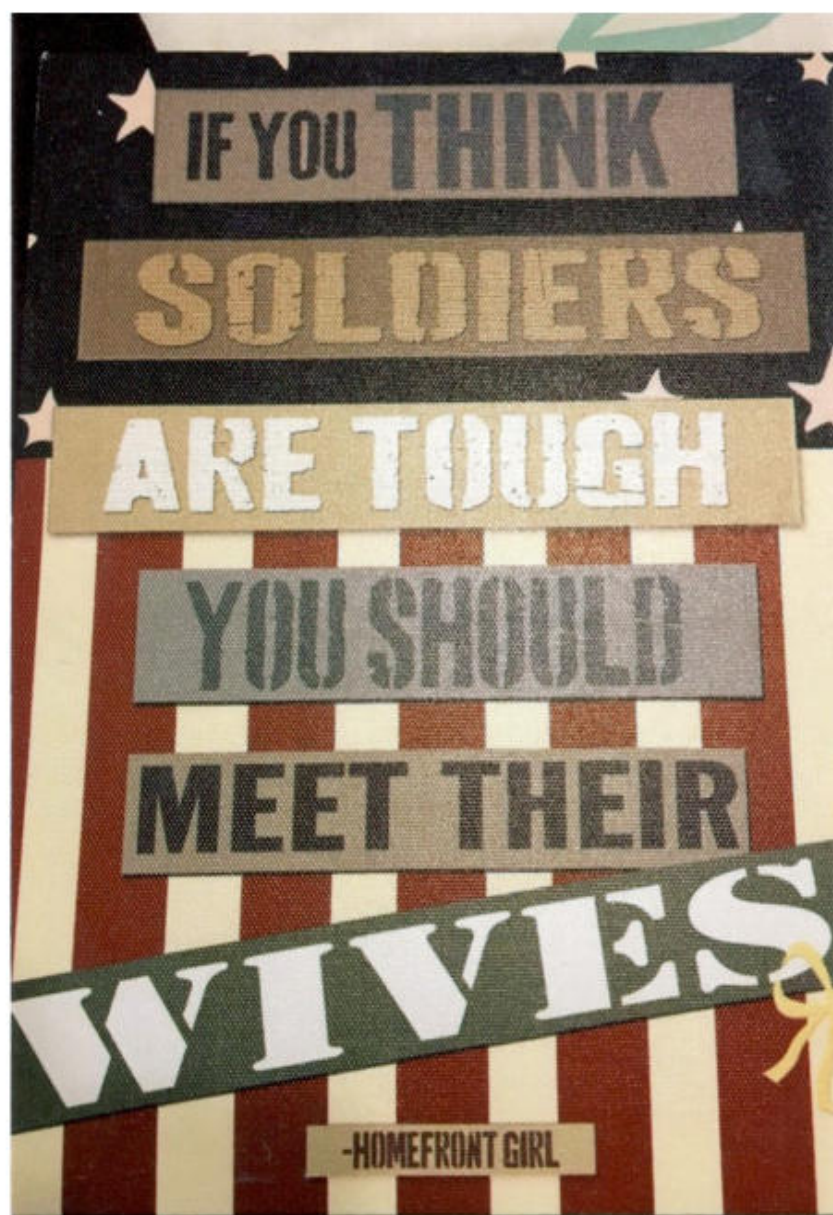
In honor of
Charlie Company 1st Bn. 11th Infantry
C 1/11



Hello to all of my friends
Larry DeHay

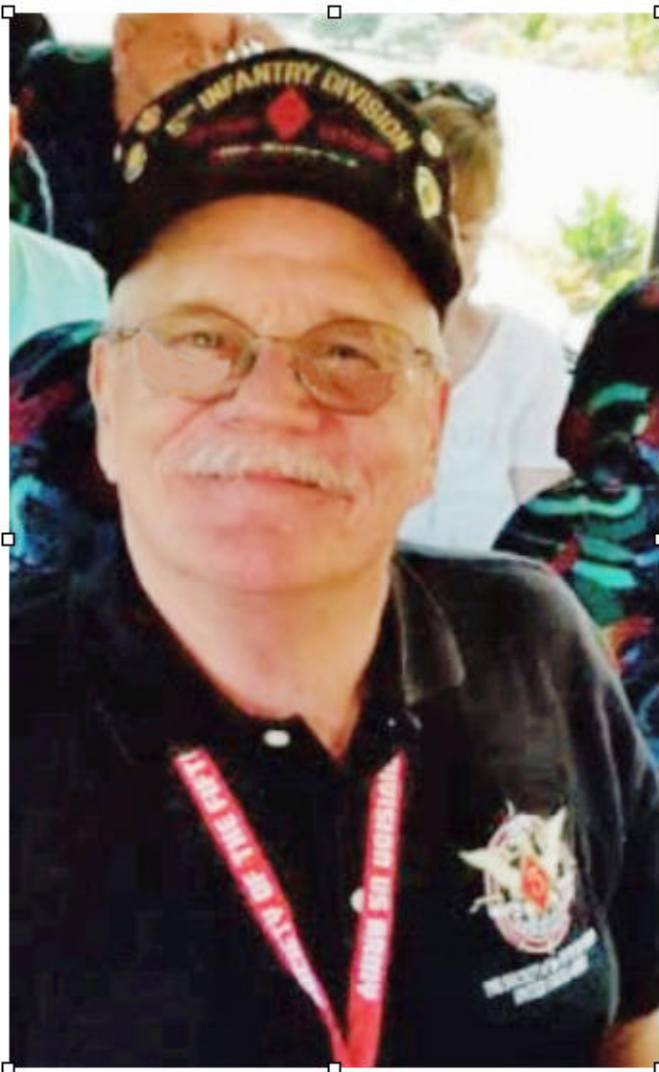


**TO THE LOVELY LADIES
OF THE
FIFTH DIVISION**



Respectfully Submitted By
Wendy Goodrich

Wishing my Red Diamond Brothers a Happy Reunion



Roger Allen
Alpha Co. 75th Support Battalion
Society National Historian

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Wonderful and Memorable 99th Reunion in San Diego



“Brothers Forever”

Robert Rochell

Past National President

2002-2003

SOCIETY OF THE 5TH DIVISION REUNION
CROWNE PLAZA SAN DIEGO - MISSION VALLEY | SAN DIEGO, CA

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

