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*On this Memorial Day,
Remember the Fallen,
Honor their Service and Sacrifice,
and Rejoice in your Freedom.*

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A Message From Our President Gary Haverman

National President's Message

Hello again to all of the wonderful and beautiful people of the Society of the Fifth Division.

Jeanne and I have just returned from our winter stay in Florida. It always seems to go so fast and leaving is always bittersweet. This was our fifth year in Florida. We have been able to make some good friendships, but on the other hand it is good to be home with our kids and grandkids.

We did not come straight home. I was invited to attend the 1st/61st Roadrunner Reunion held in Fort Jackson, SC. It all began with lunch in the dining facility a.k.a mess hall, where we had time to visit with the trainees who were two days away from graduation. Comparing our times in basic training was very interesting for both sides. Then it was off to watch the finals of the Pugil Stick and MMA wrestling at the Combative Pit. It is hard to explain what I've seen there as far as the competition, but I will tell you I did see a lot of enthusiasm, teamwork, and loyalty in that group of young men and woman. Made me very proud for sure. The next day was Family Day held at Hilton Field. The highlight was when the troops began appearing as they marched through a green and white smoke covered field and came to a halt in front of the bleachers that held their families. A few moments later they were dismissed and were reunited after their ten weeks of training. We then made our way back to 1/16 Bn. Headquarters for a very solemn Monument Rededication Ceremony. A bell rang out after each name inscribed on the monument was read. The ceremony ended with a hand salute and the laying of a rose from each one of us attending. Next day was graduation day. I think we all can relate to that infamous day. After the awards were handed out and the new soldiers pass in review they got back to their families and off to points unknown for AIT. We had a farewell luncheon and gym dedication for Captain Stan Blunt, a 1/61 member and a true American hero.

Onto the exciting times ahead. Jeanne and I want to officially invite all of the Red Diamond family to the 101st Reunion of the Fifth Division. It will be held in Springfield, MO at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center from the 22nd-26th of Sept. 2022. The hills and hollers of the Ozarks await you in beautiful Springfield. There is so much to see and do in the Springfield and Branson area. Come early and stay late to make it a great vacation to savor all the sites and sound of the Ozark Experience. This year's reunion theme is Music, Magic, and Memories. We are planning on providing the music and the magic with a special performance, you don't want to miss. It will be up to you to bring the memories of old and take back your new memories home with you. Your new memories will begin on Friday the 23rd of September with a tour of the grand daddy of them all-the Bass Pro Shop Outdoor World & Wonders of Wildlife. It is a massive outdoor themed experience that includes nearly 500,000 square feet of shopping, even intricate aquariums and waterfalls. And ladies don't worry, there is a lot there for you as well to enjoy as you make memories, also. There will be so much to see and do there. On Saturday the 24th of September, our first stop will be at the College of the Ozarks, a.k.a. Hard Work U. This college will amaze you in that they emphasize on five main goals: Academic, Christian, Cultural, Patriotic, and Vocational. I do believe this will be a very heartwarming stop in that they have great respect for the military and definitely Vietnam Vets. They have built a Vietnam Memorial which we will be able to experience first-hand. The next stop on Saturday will be at Branson Landing, where shopping, dining and entertainment take center stage, with over 100 specialty stores. Ladies and Gentlemen put your walking shoes on and then just shop till you drop. I am so looking forward to enjoying this experience with you, also.

The last stop of the day will find us headed back to Springfield to Wilson's Creek-a Pivotal Civil War Battlefield. We will have escorts board our motorcoach for a five-mile guided tour. August 10, 1861, 2500 Union and Confederate Soldiers were killed, wounded or missing withing five hours of intense fighting. There is much more to do and see in the Springfield area and lots of shows to attend within the Branson area if you choose to make it a longer vacation, but as we all know, the best part of our reunions is seeing the Red Diamond Family- getting together remembering the years gone by and generating new valued memories. With that said it's time to get on the Society of the Fifth Division Website and get registered to join us all in Springfield. It is guaranteed to be a time to be treasured forever.

National President

Gary Haverman



A Message From Our 1st Vice President Hal Roller

A Great Place for a Reunion
Some Thoughts from First Vice President Hal Roller

The Ancient Roman philosopher Cicero said: "Wise men live by reason; ordinary men live by their experiences." That makes me ordinary and my experience in Springfield, Missouri is as a wonderful place to have a Reunion. Gary Haverman is doing a great job of planning and coordinating our next Reunion there. You will not want to miss it!

Now this is going to seem strange- well, not so strange if you know me. When I think of Springfield, I also think of Max Weber the nineteenth century German sociologist. On one of his international study trips, Weber attended the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri. While there he took an exploratory excursion to Springfield to observe the work, daily habits and values of the people. The human condition Weber was studying is why the economies of western Europe and North America (minus Mexico) were so much wealthier than the rest of the world. Out of this study came the sociological and economic masterpiece The Protestant Work Ethic. Simply put it says culture and religion are dominating influences in economics. Within Protestant Christianity is the belief that hard work and trust in the future will be rewarded. After reading my account of Max Weber, you know why my deceased wife would say of me that I am an encyclopedia of useless information!

Now, I am not saying Springfield makes a great place for a Reunion because of Max Weber. Although the hard working and trusting people of Springfield does enhance the visit, it is the entertainment that draws folks. Country music is engrained in its history. Family friendly rides abound. And oh, the shows! Remember Branson is just down the road. Some of the country's oldest theme parks are in or just outside Springfield. Of course at my age this does not carry the appeal it once did. I think I would rather take a stick in the eye that ride one of those huge rollercoasters.

Although they are not rollercoasters, all roads west go through Springfield or so it would seem. The city is a major transportation hub in the lower Midwest. The original Route 66 goes right through it. With this great interstate system we have in America, it is Interstate 44 that carries the vast number of trucks and cars east and west. But why pass through the area when you can do something you love in the area.

The best part of Springfield for many is the outdoor activities. Hunting and fishing abound. Being plentiful with lakes, water sports such as swimming and water skiing are a major attraction. With all these outdoor activities you know there is going to be the most practiced outdoor activity of all- that is right, indoor shopping for outdoor gear. The giant Bass Pro Shop is a must see and Gary Haverman has us lined up to do just that.

We have all these exciting things to do and awe-inspiring sights to see on our next Reunion in Springfield. Though, maybe instead of doing that, we could spend the entire reunion with me giving lectures on the sociological, philosophical and historical theories of Max Weber. Or not.



A Message From Our 2nd Vice President Clyde "Bud" Wagner

Planning continues for our upcoming 5th Mechanized Reunion this September 22-26, 2022, in Springfield MO. Please go to the Society of the 5th Division web page for further information and to sign up and register. Gary Haverman and the rest of the Executive Committee are working hard on our behalf to ensure a wonderful time for all of us. The reunions are so much more than gathering with friends, taking tours, and eating good food. The Reunions give us time together to share and heal from the trauma of war and to honor those fallen brothers who were not as fortunate as us. I hate growing older, but I must remind myself that there are those who did not have the privilege.

I am planning our September 2024 Reunion to be held in Harrisburg, PA at the Best Western Motel and working with Armed Forces Reunion people to firm up the contract, they have helped us in the past and know what to look for. Some of the tours may be to Hershey Chocolate World and the Gettysburg Battlefield. There are also other places to consider like the Carlisle War Museum or a variety of Museums in Harrisburg, PA.

I recently attended a Vietnam Commemoration Ceremony this past March 29 in Lewistown PA. I loved watching my brothers receive recognition for their service to this great Nation. And I am thankful that we are now welcomed home and celebrated for serving our Country. We have come a long way since our return in the sixties and seventies.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you this coming September in Missouri!!

Bud Wagner
2nd Vice President



A Message From Our National Chaplain Ron VanBeek

Chaplain's Message - Christian

Jesus said to them, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me; weep for yourselves and your children. Luke 23: 29

On the way to the Cross, a crowd followed Jesus, weeping and lamenting, His Impending Death. But Jesus rejected their tears and their lamentations, saying weep for yourselves and your children. This crowd was weeping, mourning wrongly, desiring He establish an earthly kingdom. Now some insist, Jesus did not really reject their sympathy, and did not condemn the tears of the Daughters of Jerusalem completely. However, to see this better, all we have to do is to look at the rest of our text, where Jesus says to this group, For behold the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare. Jesus, Who made the future, looked ahead nearly 40 years, to 70 AD, when the Roman Army under Titus, would destroy Jerusalem, burned the Temple, and kill over 1,000,000 of Israel. We read, that God had sent the signal to the Christians, that when you see Jerusalem surrounded, by the Roman army, then all the True Christians must immediately flee from Jerusalem. All this happened just as Jesus prophesied. All the others, stayed inside Jerusalem, and their destruction and deaths were so great, that the women in Jerusalem at that time, wished that their wombs had never given birth. Obviously, In that group are the children and grand children of the daughters of Jerusalem. For General Titus's cruelty at that time was beyond measure. He raised up crosses that circled all of Jerusalem and openly crucified hundreds and thousands of Jews, for all to see. Yes, history tells us that The starvation within Jerusalem was so great, that we read even of these women killing their own children, to eat them. Yes, Jesus is warning them, of what lay ahead in their rejection of Him. Ahead, lay an ever increasingly bitter path of unspeakable suffering. They were weeping and raising lamentations for Jesus on this Passover day, out of a false faith of an earthly kingdom. Jesus tells them so forcefully, to weep for themselves, to repent and to be saved. Because Jesus knew they would not repent, He pointed out that not only were their tears counterfeit and world based, but generations after this generation of the daughters of Jerusalem, their direct descendants would remain bound with a world based faith, instead of a Spiritual Faith. Their future descendants also would never come to know Spiritual Truth. Yes, the daughters of Jerusalem, would remain spiritual blind until they were destroyed in AD 70, as Titus destroyed Jerusalem and The Temple. This was the reason why Jesus, prophesied for them to weep for themselves and their children, who would face this awful destruction. Even though, to the outward eye, they appeared so Christian, so sympathetic, to Jesus, it was wrongly based in the kingdom of this world. But, This was the pathway they have chosen, and would continue to chose until AD 70. What a testimony to each of us. Let us examine our hearts, and see if we also hold the Truth, in unrighteousness. Today if you hear God's Voice, harden not your hearts, as did the daughters of Jerusalem, and to whom Jesus said so forcefully, weep for yourselves and your children, for a cataclysmic Judgment is coming.

TAPS**(Jan - March - 2022)****Isidore Michael Thomas died March 21, 2021 5th Division
D/1/11****Harry Eugene Huff died March 3, 2022 5th Division****Terry "Dee" Garrett****(August 27, 1951 - March 16, 2022)**

Terry Lynn Garrett, known to many as Default or "Dee", 70, of Blanchard, died, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at his home in Blanchard. The son of Eugene Merle Garrett and Vausey Belle (Polk) Garrett, he was born August 27, 1951, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dee was a Christian in faith who prayed for people daily and was a member of the Tri-City Cowboy Country Church. He was an Army Sergeant and was extremely proud to have served the country he loved. During his spare time, Dee could be found outdoors growing trees, doing yardwork, landscaping, or feeding his fish off the dock. He was also known to chase pretty women. But above all, he had great love for his family and especially enjoyed taking his grandkids to Sonic.

Dee was preceded in death by his parents and a sister-in-law, Debbie Garrett.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Bell of Blanchard; one son, Larid Garrett and wife, Amber, of Blanchard; one daughter, Ashley Lacks and husband, Andy, of Edmond; three brothers, Larry Garrett and wife, Janice, of Newcastle, Garry Garrett of Newcastle, and Perry Garrett of Newcastle; one sister, Sherry Kirkes and husband, Terry, of Buffalo Valley, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Damon Garrett, Ethan Lacks, Zach Garrett, Ashland Lacks, and Belle Garrett; and many nieces and other loving family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Newcastle. Arrangements are under the direction of Eisenhour Funeral Home of Blanchard. Online obituary and guestbook are available at www.eisenhourfh.com.

TAPS**Terry Garrett, (Okie) died March 10, 2022 5th Division
A-1/61**



A Message From Your Editor Dave Kocan

Good Day to all my brothers in the 5th Division. I pray that everyone is above ground looking at the bright sunshine. It is now time to think about Springfield the site of our next reunion. Don't forget my brothers to make this reunion and all of our next reunions great you have to let the leaders know what you want and do not want. This is our division and our reunions so make the ours. I attended a 1/61 reunion at Fort Jackson South Carolina this April. About 20 of us enjoyed watching another graduating class of energetic soldiers. The youngest was 17 and the oldest 2 at 43 7 of them had their Masters and 1 had their PHD. Talk about Make America Great Again attend a graduation ceremony of those who made it through basic training. In the next couple of months some important days to remember: May 8 Mother's Day, May 30 Memorial Day, June 14 Flag Day and the US Army's birthday June 22 Pledge of Allegiance was recognized, July 4 Independence Day, August 7 Purple Heart Day, August 8 5th Division left Vietnam. So lets try to read the entire Red Diamond so that when i see you and ask you a question you can give me an honest answer.

God Bless you all and be safe September is right around the corner and i can't wait for you to buy me a beer.

PRESS RELEASE | March 7, 2022

Soldier Accounted For From World War II (Lobacz, C.)

WASHINGTON – The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Casimir P. Lobacz, 25, killed during World War II, was accounted for March 2, 2022.

In the early fall of 1944, Lobacz was assigned to Company E, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division. The unit was advancing through France as part of what was unofficially called the Lorraine Campaign. On Sept. 27, Lobacz's unit was part of the ground attack on Fort Driant near Metz. He was reported to have been killed during the first wave of the assault. However, due to enemy fire, his body was unable to be recovered. When the fort was attacked a second time a few days later, Lobacz's body could not be found.

Thank you for your work with the 5th ID society.

Do you know where I might find details of my uncle and where/how he was wounded, ultimately to die 24 Feb., 1945? Family lore is that he was "killed in the Battle of the Bulge". He was 10th RGT 5th ID. SSGT Herman Mosel. That information is from his headstone I photographed at the American Cemetery in Luxembourg.

If you have access to such information or will suggest where I can look, I will appreciate it. Of his five nieces and nephews, one is still alive, in here 90, and would really like to know details.

If you reply to me, you will receive a message from my spam blocker. Don't worry, I will go into the spam system and label you a friendly.

Sincerely,

Fred Boucher

from left to right

Dennis Coulter

Stan Shaffer

Nick Pink



1 STEPS to Prevent **HEART DISEASE**

QUIT SMOKING
If you don't smoke, don't start. If you do, VA can help you quit.

MONITOR BLOOD PRESSURE
Get checked every year for hypertension.

WATCH CHOLESTEROL
Healthy levels range between 125 and 200 mg/dL.

EXERCISE REGULARLY
Get at least 30 minutes a day to reduce strain on your heart.

MAINTAIN HEALTHY WEIGHT
Strive for a body mass index (BMI) between 18.5 and 24.9.

CONTROL BLOOD SUGAR
Aim for a fasting blood sugar level less than 100 mg/dL.

EAT BETTER
Choose healthier foods such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

KEY POINTS ABOUT HEART DISEASE:

- It's the leading cause of death in the U.S.
- Around 80 million people in the U.S. have it.
- It's a presumptive illness related to Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War, and one of the presumptive or unexplained illnesses related to Gulf War service.

RISK FACTORS YOU CAN'T CHANGE:

AGE/GENDER
Men over 45 and women over 55 years

RACE
Certain ethnicity groups

FAMILY HISTORY
If a close family member had heart disease

MY HEALTHVET CONNECTION:

VITALS + READINGS:
Record and track vital signs including blood pressure, cholesterol, and body weight online to keep tabs on your health regularly.

EAT BETTER:
Plate Method

EXERCISE:
Choose the Best Exercise Intensity for You

BLOOD SUGAR:
Using a Blood Sugar Log

CHOLESTEROL:
Tips to Control Your Cholesterol

WEIGHT POTENTIAL:
Adult BMI Calculator

BLOOD PRESSURE:
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QUIT SMOKING:
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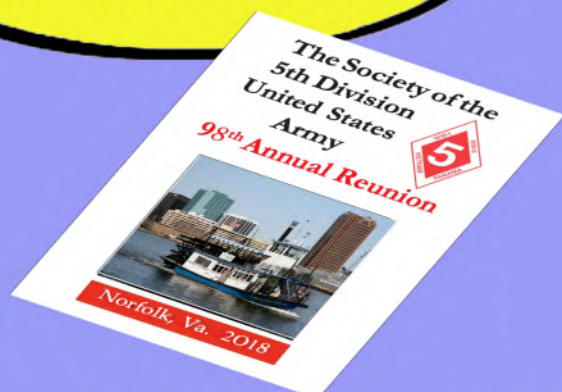
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CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/22/22	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOUR \$	\$ 78	#	\$
FRIDAY 9/23: Wonders of Wildlife Tour			
SATURDAY 9/24: School of the Ozarks, Branson Landing & Wilson's Creek Battlefield	\$ 48	#	\$
MEAL OPTIONS (Please select your entrée)			
SATURDAY 9/24:			
Roquefort Sirloin	\$ 45	#	\$
Rosemary and Red Wine Chicken	\$ 45	#	\$
Hazelnut Crusted Tilapia	\$ 45	#	\$
Stir Fry Asian Vegetable Medley	\$ 45	#	\$
SUNDAY 9/25:			
Bistro Beef Medallions	\$ 45	#	\$
Mushroom Marsala Chicken	\$ 45	#	\$
Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin Medallions	\$ 45	#	\$
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SOCIETY OF THE 5TH DIVISION REUNION
OASIS HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER | SPRINGFIELD, MO

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2:00pm - 7:00pm Reunion Registration Open

4:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Open Hospitality Room and Quarter Master Store to be open throughout reunion, hours to be posted.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30am - 3:00pm TOUR: WONDERS OF WILDLIFE/
BASS SHOP

3:00pm - 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open

4:00pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Open

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00am - 9:00am Executive Board Meeting

9:00am - 4:00pm TOUR: SCHOOL OF THE

6:00pm - 7:00pm Cash Bar Reception

7:00pm - 10:00pm Dinner Banquet

10:00pm - 12:00am Hospitality Open

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00am - 10:00am Non-denominational Worship Service

10:00am - 11:00am Memorial Service

1:00pm - 2:00pm Society General Membership Meeting

2:00pm - 4:00pm KIA Photo Presentation

6:00pm - 7:00pm Cash Bar Reception

7:00pm - 10:00pm Dinner Banquet

10:00pm - 12:00am Hospitality Open

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Farewells and Departures

SOCIETY OF THE 5TH DIVISION REUNION**OASIS HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER | SPRINGFIELD, MO****Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium / Bass Pro Shop****Friday, September 23, 2022**

Travel around the world during your visit to Wonders of Wildlife, exploring exhibits featuring the most extreme wildlife habitats in the world. Start with the Wildlife Galleries which include Theodore Roosevelt's Cabin, the Lewis and Clark Collection and a Journey to National Parks. Transition into the Aquarium where you will be on an expedition of the globe's oceans, lakes and streams starting the great Ocean Hall. Lock eyes with some of the world's most interesting species as you walk through the Great Barrier Reef, The Hall of Fishing Presidents, and the Amazon Rainforest. *Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the sandwich bars in Wonders of Wildlife or at Hemingway's inside the Bass Pro Shop.*

9:30am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel***\$78/Person includes bus & admission only. Bus Driver gratuity not included, Lunch on your own.***

Group is responsible for collecting tickets upon boarding and insuring everyone has boarded the bus prior to departure from venue to return to the Hotel.

35 Person Minimum Per Bus**School of the Ozarks/Branson Landing/Wilson's Creek****Saturday, September 24, 2022**

A student guide will share the rich history of the School of the Ozarks during a driving tour of the school grounds. The Patriotic Goal of the school is "To encourage an understanding of American heritage, the value and responsibility of living in a country that has a constitution, a love of country, and a willingness to defend it." From the school, you will transit over to Branson Landing, an expansive mall for some shopping. After lunch on your own at one of their many eateries, you'll board the bus and head to Wilson's Creek Battlefield in Springfield where the first major Civil War battle was fought west of the Mississippi River. A museum volunteer will board the bus and guide you through a 5-mile tour of the Battlefield grounds.

9:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel***\$48/Person includes bus and escort.***

Bus Driver, Student Guide & Wilson Creek Guide gratuities are not included, Lunch on your own. 35 person maximum on bus

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AFR will be providing the insurance information and links to apply on our online registration site and then directly to everyone who registers for your reunion this year. If you would like to include this on your group's website, please use the links below. A brochure detailing the coverage is also attached for your use.

Best regards,

Amy



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Christian - The second Pentecostal sign

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. Acts Now, Pentecost means 50, so named because this church feast day, falls 50 days after Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the feast of fulfillment, and it is the Crowning feast of the Church of Christ. On this day, The Holy Spirit descended from Heaven to earth, and His Work there is to establish His Temple, within the hearts of His Children. There His Sanctification takes place, where He enrolls each of them in the School of Jesus Christ, gradually conforming them into the full Image of Jesus Christ. This Sanc The Pentecost fire is a symbol of God's Presence. It is the symbol of the Glory of God. So often Whenever God appears to man, in Scripture, He appears with fire. Think of Moses with the burning bush, or Mt. Sinai on fire, or the pillar of fire that followed the Tabernacle. This is because God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all, for God is a consuming fire. It was mid morning, yet this tongues of fire, shone brighter than the sun. It was a supernatural glowing, but none of the recipients were physically afraid, or fearful. For this work was a spiritual conviction within. But when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, convicted of their sin, of righteousness and Judgment, for many of these gathered at Jerusalem, were the same ones who had just 50 days previous, committed the world's Greatest Sin, by Crucifying the Son of God. They were the very people, who had cried out to Pilate, release Barrabas, and Crucify Jesus. How totally guilty they were, heart, mind, body and strength. But then try to Imagine the Greatness, Goodness, Mercy and Grace, which was so freely extended to these most guilty ones, the world's Greatest sinners, yes, complete forgiveness of their sin, and becoming the sons of God. Yes, an unfathomable Gift, the very Blood of Jesus, which they had sinfully and willfully caused to be shed on the Cross, was now the same Blood, which covered their sin, and gave them a Passport to Heaven. The Greatest injustice; now covered by the Greatest Justice.

Sanctification, occurs every day, throughout the life of the saint, and is not finished, until the last hour of his life. This is a difficult Christian feast day for many to understand. With Christmas we see a baby in the manger, with Good Friday we see the Cross, with Easter we see the opened grave, but with Pentecost the Coming of the Holy Spirit usually is a invisible work within the soul of the saint, for He is a Spirit. Now, there are some manifestations of Himself, and one of them is the appearance of tongues of fire, that descended upon the heads of the 3000 at Pentecost, and the other sign was as a mighty rushing wind. But, it was not fire, but only an appearance of fire. It was not a mighty wind, but only the sound, as a mighty rushing wind. The key point to remember, is that it is not about the sound of the wind, or the appearance of fire, but it was about His Invisible Spirit entering within each newly born saint, convicting of sin, Righteousness and Judgment.

It is about awakening dead sinners, lost because of sin, scattered throughout this world, found again, and making them spiritually alive. This mystery of Salvation, comes from God, because the natural man receives not the things of The Spirit of God, because His Gifts are spiritually discerned. But upon His Children, He pours out His Spirit, upon all flesh. The Blessing of Pentecost is that it must be experienced within us, we then we can not only be made as Holy as He is, but live out of His Spirit. For the Holy Spirit's great Delight and Work, is to form Jesus Christ within us, that we may be conformed to Him and live out of Him and His Finished Sacrifice and Work, accomplished by His Passive and Active Life. Now in our Text we read that on that First Pentecost Day, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in many different languages about the Wonderful Work and Grace of the Triune God. For there were in that day, many gathered in Jerusalem from many different countries in the world. Here was ground zero of the Great Commission of sending His Preachers and going out to all countries, yes to the ends of the earth, to Preach the Gospel of forgiveness, available in the Blood of Jesus Christ.

What manner of Love is this. Something like this had never been seen before or since, that God, Whom they had slain; rose again from the Dead, and saved the most unworthy of all sinner. What that means for you and me, is that our sins are never to big, or too many, to be repented of, and to be beyond Salvation's Blood's Covering. O unspeakable Miracle of Free and Sovereign Grace. Pentecost, the feast of God's Grace. Now, today, we sadly see that Pentecost is becoming the un-Pentecost, where The Work of the Holy Spirit, is in retreat, from all the ends of the earth, which means the end of Grace to the Gentiles, and its return to Israel, and the Jews.

They immediately began speaking the Words of God, in their own language, so that the Language of Zion became the Christian's common language, experienced the same in every part of the world. Yes, here was the beginning of the reversal of the curse of The Tower of Babel, where God has instantly made so many different languages, to confuse Nimrod's Cruel Kingdom and Reign, and to scatter all the people to the ends of the earth, and to inhabit every country.

Awake O Sword, against my fellow

ATTENTION ALL – NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

The Society's Executive Board unanimously approved the Proposed Amendment to Article III (Membership), Section A (Eligibility) of the Constitution during its bi-monthly Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The amendment proposal will be presented for final approval to the General Membership during the General Membership Meeting planned for Sunday, September 25, 2022.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SOCIETY OF THE FIFTH DIVISION MEMBERSHIP**Amendment Proposal to Constitution of the Society of the Fifth Division, United States Army**

Appointment: The appointment of the Constitution Committee was made by National President Gary Haverman, during the bi-monthly Executive Board Zoom videoconference held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Members appointed include: National Judge Advocate Phil Maniscalco (Chairman), Past National President Robert Dudley (Committee Member), Past National President Lou Pepi (Committee Member), National Historian Roger Allen (Committee Member) and National Secretary Scott Murrah (Committee Member). Advising the Committee is National Treasurer George Shoener.

The Constitution Committee was directed to consider the request by National Secretary Scott Murrah to change the eligibility requirements to the Constitution to allow relatives of Society Members, who have served in the Armed Forces as war time veterans, to become voting members of the Society of the Fifth Division and to help grow the Membership in the Society.

The Committee presented its findings & recommendation to approve the change in voting member eligibility, to the Executive Board during the Executive Board Zoom videoconference held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. The Executive Board approved the Proposed Changes by unanimous vote.

The proposed change will be presented for final approval to the General Membership at the General Membership Meeting planned for Sunday, September 25, 2022 during the Society's annual reunion and convention at the Oasis Conference Center, Springfield, Missouri.

Amendment Proposal to Constitution of the Society of the Fifth Division, United States Army

Current Paragraph A. ELIGIBILITY of Article III. MEMBERSHIP reads...

Those who served honorably as officers and enlisted men in the Fifth Infantry Division during its periods of activation are eligible to become members of this Society.

Proposed Paragraph A. ELIGIBILITY of Article III. MEMBERSHIP to read...

Those who served honorably as officers and enlisted men and women in the United States Armed Forces in the Fifth Infantry Division during its periods of activation are eligible to become members of this Society.

Also eligible to become members of this Society are war veterans who served honorably as officers and enlisted men and women in the United States Armed Forces and who are ancestors (parent, grandparent, etc.), lineal descendants (child, stepchild, grandchild, etc.) or collateral descendants (brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, etc.) of those who served in the Fifth Division. Also eligible are members of Regiments of the Fifth Infantry Division that remain active in the United States Armed Forces.

Background:

The Society of the Fifth Division, United States Army - Veterans of World Wars formed the Articles of Incorporation under the General Not for Profit Corporation Act in Springfield, Illinois on November 8, 1952 in perpetuity.

An excerpt from a letter dated September 7, 2008 from the Department of the Treasury (IRS) addressed to Society of the Fifth Division c/o Donald B Smallwood (Society's National Treasurer) "recognized that the Society is exempt from federal income taxes under section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. This determination is based on the Society's representation that at least 90% of its members are past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States defined under section 501 (c)(19) of the Code. It is also based on the Society's representation that substantially all of the other members, if any, are individuals who are cadets, or are spouses, widows, or widowers of past or present members of the Armed Forces of the United States or of cadets.

Based on the Society's representation that at least 90 percent of its members are war veterans and that it is organized and operated primarily for the purposes consistent with its current status as a war veterans' organization, donors can deduct contributions made to or for the use of the organization".

Research and Findings:

Before the enactment of IRC 501(c)(19) on August 29, 1972 (Public Law 92-418, 86 Stat. 656, reproduced in 1972-2 C.B. 675), war veterans' organizations were grouped together with all other veterans' organizations and recognized as exempt under IRC 501(c)(4) as social welfare organizations.

Since IRC 501(c)(19) organizations may conduct a broad range of activities without jeopardizing their tax-exempt status, many veterans' organizations are organized under this authorization. However, there is a requirement that at least 75 percent of the members must be past or present members of the US Armed Forces. Because the ranks of war veterans were thinning, and many organizations were at risk of losing their tax-exempt status due to waning membership, Congress amended IRC 501(c)(19) on September 3, 1982 (Public Law 97-248, 96 Stat. 640), by deleting the requirement that 75 percent of the members be war veterans. War veterans' organizations are described in IRC 170(c)(3).

Congress relaxed membership requirements again in 2003 with passage of Section 105 of the Military Family Tax Relief Act by permitting **veterans' organizations to count ancestors and lineal descendants as part of their veteran base**. The Act also broadened the purposes of veterans' organizations.

Since the Society of the Fifth Division is organized as an IRC 501(c)(4) organization, unlike an IRC 501(c)(19) organization that has specific membership requirement, there is no membership requirement to maintain our tax-exempt status. However, in order for donors to deduct contributions from their income tax, the Society must be 90 percent war veterans.

Recommend:

Given that the Constitution Committee's objectives are to grow the war veteran membership, remain an IRC 501(c)(4) organization, be eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions under IRC 170 (c)(3) by having at least 90 percent of the members be war veterans and allowing war veteran family members to be eligible to become Society members, the change to the wording in the Constitution's Membership (Article III), Eligibility (Section A) is recommended.

References:

1. Constitution of the Society of the Fifth Division, United States Army
2. Tax Guide for Veterans' Organizations (publication 3386) revised April 2018
3. Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 (H.R. 3365) – Section 105
4. Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(4)
5. Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(19)
6. Internal Revenue Code 170 (c)(3)
7. Internal Revenue Manual: Part 7 (Rulings and Agreements); Chapter 25 (Exempt Organizations); Section 19 (Veterans Organizations)

Gary and Executive Board Members,

At our January 25, 2022 Executive Board meeting, President Haverman appointed the Constitution Committee to revisit the Eligibility Requirements in (Article III, Section A) of the Society's Constitution. The committee members include: Roger Allen, Bob Dudley, Scott Murrah, Lou Pepi, George Shoener (as Advisor) and myself.

The objective of the committee is to help grow the war time veteran membership in the Society by allowing war veteran family members to become Society members, while remaining an IRC 501 (c)(4) organization and maintaining the membership eligibility requirement as defined in IRC 501 (c)(19) (90% war veterans).

I believe the committee has worked diligently to reach the objective after several Amendment iterations. I am attaching the proposed final draft document for your review and comments to be discussed at the upcoming Executive Board meeting.

Upon approval, I am hopeful, with Dave Kocan's help, that the final Amendment to the Constitution document can be published in the next two Red Diamond issues so that the Society membership will have sufficient time to review the Amendment prior to the Springfield, MO, General Business Meeting on Sunday, September 25, 2022. As stated in Article X, Section A of the Society Constitution, a two-thirds majority of the votes cast are required to amend the Constitution.

Thank You.

Phil Maniscalco (Committee Chairman)

SOUNDS AND SIGHTS

THE GRUNT PERSPECTIVE

The last vision of your wife as you left.

The first vision on your return. Kids....

Stepping into the deep canopy for the first time.

Finding the three foot wide high speed hard pack still glowing with passage

The thin green wire by your hand. More by the tree.

The white mark is moving on the claymore.

The PLOP of the satchel charge on the bunker.

The sight and sound of a 105MM shooting over you at Zero elevation

The look in the dead man's eyes.

The Clunk of the bolt against the empty magazine.

The deep velvet shroud of night. So fast.

The creeping dawn, quiet as cat's paws stalking.

The smell and then the sight of the black stream behind the ville.

The curling blue smoke on the hootch that doesn't have anybody inside.

Watching the stirring dancing phosphors on the jungle floor. Close to you.

Breathing at the ambush site.

The colored smoke playing through the rotor blades.

The first deep draught of a smoke in the NDP.

Mosquitos.

An engorged leech.

The quiet rhythmic hissing of the chest wound.

The donut dolly getting off the chopper.

The liquid gold of the sun playing on the cloud's last light.

The distance between you and where the shots were fired.

The opening POP of the C Rat.

The last drops out of the canteen.

The Clunk from their mortar. Anticipation.

The sound of the running creek when you close your eyes.

The overwhelming noise everywhere.

The tiny sounds of silence.....if you listen.....

What you see you don't want to.

Letters. At last.

An entire battalion lined up for pickup. This could get deep.

The grit on the necks in front of you. You also.

Breathing hard, moving fast...Make it.

A dog bark.

They look so small.....and dirty.

The rain of ammo boxes dropping through the canopy.

All those rods on the secure punch.

The heavy odor in the bunker.

Fogas touch off.

In the wire.

Seen too much. Heard too much. Time to go.



SAMUEL WOODFILL

Medal of Honor Recipient
October 12, 1918 - U.S. Army

In this week's edition of the National Medal of Honor Museum's Honoring the Heroes Behind the Medal we take a look at U.S. Army First Lieutenant Samuel Woodfill. He was considered the foremost soldier of World War I by no less an authority than General of the Armies John J. Pershing.

[VIEW WOODFILL'S CITATION HERE](#)

Samuel Woodfill was born in Jefferson County, Indiana, on January 6, 1883, and grew up an avid hunter and skilled marksman. In 1901 he enlisted for what would become a career in the U.S. Army. He was assigned first to service in the Philippines during an insurrection against the American occupation, and then went on to extended tours of duty in places including Alaska and along the Mexican border. By the time he was called to serve with the 5th Infantry Division in France during World War I, Woodfill had attained the rank of lieutenant and was a seasoned soldier.

In October 1918, the American Expeditionary Forces under Pershing were engaged in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, which remains to this day the largest and bloodiest battle in American military history. The 5th "Red Diamond" Division was engaged in fighting for control of the central German defensive strongpoint in this sector along the Heights of Cunel and Romagne. On the morning of October 12, Woodfill led his men through heavy fog toward the enemy positions, but a heavy German artillery and machine gun barrage pinned down everyone except Woodfill and two other soldiers. Continuing the advance, Woodfill encountered a series of German machine gun nests, which he assaulted alone. In an incredible display of valor, he killed several Germans with his rifle and pistol at close range, and then defeated an enemy officer in hand-to-hand combat. Finally, he jumped into an enemy rifle pit and engaged in a melee with enemy soldiers that ended with Woodfill dispatching two of them with a military pick that he found lying at the bottom of a trench.

Suffering from the effects of exhaustion and poison gas inhalation, Woodfill was evacuated from the front. Pershing personally awarded him the Medal of Honor in 1919. He received further awards from other nations, including France's Croix de Guerre, and so became among the most decorated American soldiers of World War I. In November 1921 Woodfill was selected as the leading pallbearer at the internment of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Afterwards, Woodfill returned to the life of a humble farmer in northern Kentucky, but he returned to service as a major in World War II to encourage young Americans to enlist in defense of their country. He died in 1951 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Tom Jefferson's Combat Experience

This is one of the hardest stories I have ever tried to relate. I didn't speak of it for over 30 years. I'm not a religious person, nor did I have any knowledge of the angelic realm then.

We were on perimeter guard at LZ Oasis, near the Cambodian border. We were the blocking force along the Ho Chi Minh trail, just inside Viet Nam. This night we came under attack. "Puff the Magic Dragon," a C-130 gunship came to our defense. It was an awesome sight. The tracers from their Gattling guns streamed like fire from a hose all around us--so impressive, we stood up in amazement at the sight.

The next day, the other gunners and I were talking how cool it was. We decided in our adolescent minds to take our belts of ammo apart and arrange it so we had as many tracers together as we could get...thinking, "We may be 'slicks', but we could look good!"

We spent the best part of the morning doing this task when we got the call to go on a combat assault somewhere in the Central Highlands. As we approached our LZ, the area was hot. We received some ground fire, but as soon as we dropped our troops off, the VC decided to head for the hills. The LZ was mostly dried grass and our tracer rounds started many fires. We heard a distress call from one of our birds. They had main rotor problems and were down in the LZ, fires all around them. My Captain ordered me to grab the fire bottle and go back to see if I could help them.

In doing so, I forgot to take my M-16. I just ran back looking for the crippled ship. I finally found them, some small fires burning, yet the rotors were going full tilt. The crew chief waved me back. I turned and started running back to what I thought was the right direction. I soon lost my bearings. The noise from the choppers was gone. I was lost and without a weapon!

As I desperately sought my way, I heard a sharp "dungli" (or "halt" in Vietnamese). I froze in disbelief. Standing in front of me was an NVA, in full battle dress, red star on his pith helmet and all, pointing his AK-47 with a banana clip at my face. I went from disbelief to total fear. My next thought was, "How could I have been so stupid to forget my rifle?" and then, as taught, to try and escape. But how?

He continued to shout orders at me while he looked around. He must have wondered what a soldier was doing here without a weapon and by himself. I dropped the fire bottle, got to my knees as he directed, hands now laced behind my head. He walked backwards and slowly aimed his rifle at my head. I swear I could see the rifling inside the barrel as I looked at him. This all took only a couple of moments, but it seemed like forever. Everything was in slow motion. I went from disbelief to fear. Now I started to feel very sad. I thought about my mother getting the news her son was killed. I knew this was going to crush her and I just felt so sad about it. The next thing was I noticed a bunch of ants to my left, scurrying around in the sandy soil mix. I could see every parcel of sand and soil as if magnified. It was strange, but I seemed to notice all things around me in fine detail, the ants carrying bits of foliage, running around as if the world was OK, and here I was about to die.

My emotions, to say the least, ran the gamut as I stared at the ants in their busy ment. I suddenly felt this overwhelming peace--hard to describe in any language, but just total peace. I heard a sharp "Crack." I was startled and thought, "I feel no pain. Am I dead?" I then heard a "thump." I looked up and saw the NVA lying on the ground. Right behind him was standing the tallest human being I ever saw, well over 7 feet. I looked up at him but it was hard to see clearly in the sunlight, I thought he was perfect, dressed in Army-type jungle fatigues with no markings, no soil or sweat, which was impossible. His eyes shined brightly from under the shaded part under his helmet. His lips were closed and never moved. I then heard my name called, "Thomas." No one but my mother called me that and how would a total stranger know my first name? He then said, "All is OK. Go back to your bird," another term used only by chopper crews; he wasn't one.

I now know the words were in my head, not audible.

Without giving much thought, I jumped to my feet, grabbing the firebottle. I looked hard at the NVA lying there motionless. I saw no bullet hole or blood, he just laid there as if asleep. The next thing I knew I was running in a direction straight for my chopper, as if I had known where it was from the start. Amazingly, I was on board, plugging my intercom in, the pilot screaming his head off at me, "Where you been? What took you so long?," etc. I could not answer. I was still in shock and didn't know where to begin or even how to explain what just happened.

We pulled pitch out of the LZ, making a long right turn. As I looked down at the area, I could still see the NVA soldier lying there, but no tall American-type anywhere to be seen. I could see from my view in all directions for hundreds of yards and even an Olympic sprinter couldn't have gotten out of my range in that time. He was just gone.

I never was able to talk about that day for many years. It has taken me time to resolve what truly happened. I do know now that there are forces in this world that defy our conventional thinking, but I know what happened to me that day.

Ever since then I ask myself if I'm living a life deserving of being spared, when so many good men didn't come home. I'm not perfect. I do try to be a better man. I'm just trying to find my way home.

Tom Jefferson was a crew chief/door gunner with Co. A, 227 AHB in 1966-1967 in An Khe, Bong Song and Phan Thiet. His unit was one of the companies that provided transportation support to the 2/7th Cavalry.

12 September 2021 General Meeting minutes

Presidents report about the reunion

Future President remarks

Next year's reunion in Springfield Missouri 22-26 September 2022

Contract sign for San Antonio Texas Hotel for 7-10 September 2023 reunion

Color guard for the Springfield Reunion

Archives are secured, anything for the 5th ID send to Roger Allen

Made \$1000.00 in the store at the reunion

Motion for 36 shirts passed

Motion for Honorary Member for Joe Boman

Both Motion passed

Artillery links on website are not working

Introduce the slate of officers

Motion to approve slate of Officers, Motion approved

Society to see what ways we could grow our ranks, family members that are combat veterans

Want more hard copies of Red Diamond sent out

Silent Auction made over \$2000.00

VFW-Supported Health Care Enrollment Bill Passes House

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a VFW-supported bill that would require automatic VA health-care enrollment for troops transitioning out of the military.

The *Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act, H.R. 4673*, would require VA to enroll every transitioning veteran into the VA health care system. However, service members are allowed to opt-out of the enrollment, and instructions will be given to others who want to unenroll.

The *Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition Act*, also known as the *EVEST Act*, states that if signed into law by President Joe Biden, it would be required to take effect by Aug. 1, 2022.

One of the goals of the *EVEST Act* is to take a step toward preventing veterans from losing their lives to suicide. It also makes the VA health care enrollment process much easier by making it seamless, according to a House VA Committee press release.

The *EVEST Act* also would notify VA of the enrollment within two months of a veteran leaving the military. The Biden Administration supports the effort to pass the bill in the Senate, according to a White House press release.

The Congressional Budget Office, or CBO, estimates that about 250,000 service members would be automatically enrolled and remain enrolled in VA's health care system by 2026, with 58,000 being enrolled this year. Over those four years, the CBO also estimates that the cost will be \$3.1 billion if *H.R. 4673* is passed by the Senate and signed into law.



FOR MORE INFORMATION about specific legislation or VA benefits, contact VFW's Washington Office at vfw@vfw.org. A member of VFW's National Veterans Service staff will respond as soon as possible.



Self Hydration Guide



Compare your urine against the colors below to help assess your hydration level



Orange: May indicate dangerously low hydration level



Dark Yellow: May indicate very low hydration level



Yellow: May indicate low hydration level



Light Yellow: May indicate adequate hydration level



Clear: May indicate good hydration level



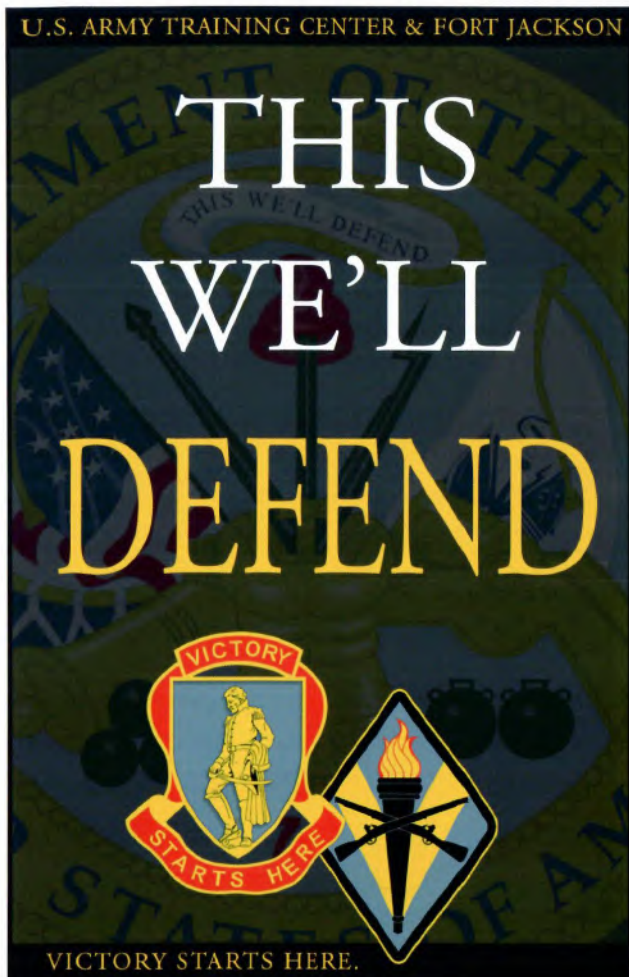
Cola: May indicate Rhabdomyolysis

Always drink fluids in accordance with the fluid replacement guidelines found in Fort Jackson Regulation 385-10

Drink at least 1 glass of water, juice or milk with each meal and eat complete meals with a variety of foods.

Do not drink more than 1&1/2 quarts of fluid per hour or more than 12 quarts per day.

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**U.S. ARMY
BASIC COMBAT TRAINING
GRADUATION**



1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment
7 April 2022
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Since 1917 Fort Jackson has carried out its sacred responsibility of "Forging America's Army" by transforming civilians into Soldiers. These Soldiers are the lifeblood of the readiness of the United States Army and its mission to fight and win our Nation's wars.

Fort Jackson is the "Premiere Training Post in the U.S. Army" training the majority of all Soldiers entering the Army to include almost two thirds of the women. Graduations from basic combat training occur approximately 46 weeks of the year and generate over 40,000 new Soldiers prepared for advanced individual training in their respective military specialties. After completing their initial entry training comprising of both basic combat training and advanced individual training these Soldiers are ready for their first unit of assignment.

The basic combat training mission at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson is conducted by 56 companies organized in 11 battalions and two brigades. They are all supported by a garrison command, logistics readiness center, medical clinic and other agencies who deliver excellence.

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ARMY SONG

"The Army Goes Rolling Along"

Intro:

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free
 Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to
 victory

We're the Army and proud of our name
 We're the Army and proudly proclaim

Verse:

First to fight for the right,
 And to build the Nation's might,
 And The Army Goes Rolling Along
 Proud of all we have done,
 Fighting till the battle's won,
 And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
 The Army's on its way.
 Count off the cadence loud and strong (TWO! THREE!)
 For where e'er we go,
 You will always know
 That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

I am an American Soldier.
 I am a Warrior and a member of a team.
 I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.
 I will never accept defeat.
 I will never quit.
 I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.
 I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.
 I am an expert and I am a professional.
 I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America, in close combat.
 I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier!

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ARMY LEADERSHIP



U.S. ARMY HERITAGE

ARMY MOTTO: "THIS WE'LL DEFEND"

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 CHRISTINE E. WORMUTH

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 SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY MICHAEL A. GRINSTON

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 COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR PHILSON TAVERNIER



The United States Army is America's oldest military service and draws its lineage and heritage from the Continental Army. The United States Army is the only army in the world that defends an idea, not the mother or fatherland, not a dictator, monarch or other potentate, but an idea where the people are sovereign. This idea embodied in the Constitution of the United States is what we support and defend.


The storied history and faithful service of the Army began on 14 June 1775, when the Second Continental Congress recognized the need to provide for the common defense of all the colonies and authorized the raising of 10 companies while also adopting established militia forces in Massachusetts and New York. From this time forward the history of our nation is inextricably linked to that of our Army.

Our Army has been and remains a faithful servant that won our independence, fought to keep our nation whole, secured America's interests and freedom for many around the world, helped win the cold war and remains ready today to answer the call and when necessary to fight and win our nation's wars.

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 **BATTALION LINEAGE** 

The 61st Infantry Regiment was constituted on May 15, 1917, and organized in June 1917 at Gettysburg National Park in Pennsylvania. On November 17, 1917 the Regiment was assigned to the 5th Infantry Division where it received its first taste of combat. The Regiment deployed to Europe during World War I, earning four battle streamers for its gallant participation in the bloody campaigns of Saint Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Alsace and Lorraine in 1918. The 61st Infantry Regiment was inactivated at Camp Jackson, South Carolina in September of 1921.

The unit was again activated at Fort Carson, Colorado in 1962 and again assigned to the 5th Infantry Division.

The 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment was organized as a mechanized infantry battalion and deployed to Vietnam in 1968. The battalion fought bravely and received eight campaign streamers for fierce fighting along the DMZ. The battalion also received the Valorous Unit Award streamer embroidered Vietnam 1969, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm 1969 and 1970, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal First Class streamer 1970.

With the inactivation of the 5th Infantry Division, the 61st Infantry Regiment was withdrawn from the Combat Arms Regimental System on June 16, 1989. On the 8th of June 1993, the 61st Infantry Regiment was reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System and transferred to TRADOC. In 2003, the battalion returned from deployment to Taszar, Hungary, where they trained civilian Iraqi exiles as the Free Iraqi Forces to assist U.S. and coalition forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment is currently assigned to Fort Jackson, South Carolina and conducts Basic Combat Training as part of the 165th Infantry Brigade.

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 **165th INFANTRY BRIGADE** 

BRIGADE COMMANDER:
COL Kent Solheim

BRIGADE COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR:
CSM Roberto Guadarrama

1st BATTALION, 61st INFANTRY

BATTALION COMMANDER:
LTC Daniel Hayes

BATTALION CSM:
CSM Stuart Sword

A COMPANY:
COMMANDER -
CPT Bryan Shapow

D COMPANY:
COMMANDER -
CPT Isiah Smith

FIRST SERGEANT -
1SG Son Tao

FIRST SERGEANT -
SFC Tony Pope

B COMPANY:
COMMANDER -
CPT Nancy Butler

E COMPANY:
COMMANDER -
CPT Christopher Bender

FIRST SERGEANT -
1SG Joseph Brown

FIRST SERGEANT -
1SG Nicholas Ambrosio

C COMPANY:
COMMANDER -
1LT Tylo Kelley

COMMANDER OF TROOPS:
MAJ Garfield Douse
Battalion Executive Officer

FIRST SERGEANT -
1SG Joseph Cappa

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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Battalion Drill Sergeant of the Cycle

E CO SFC TATIANA B. MASON ELIZABETHTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA

Cadre Members of the Cycle

HQ SSG ELIZABETH HUNT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
HQ SGT MARISSA E. MACK SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Department of the Army Civilian of the Cycle

D CO MR MICHAEL L. BETHEA SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

SFRG Leader of the Cycle

MRS. AMANDA TOMASURA CLIFTON HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA

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“THE FORGE”

To earn the right to be called a “Soldier”, trainees must successfully complete “THE FORGE” which is a culminating tough, realistic and demanding tactical field exercise designed to challenge their skill proficiency, physical endurance, mental resiliency and ability to contribute to the Army team. Trainees are forced to rely on their training, their teammates, and their equipment.

Entering “THE FORGE” is a privilege that must be earned by achieving the Army standard on all Soldier tasks to include physical fitness and discipline.

“THE FORGE” name is a historical reflection of the Army’s experience during the American Revolutionary War at its first basic combat training at VALLEY FORGE in the winter of 1777. General George Washington trained the Continental Army, the Army’s first professional force in tough, austere conditions through the means of inspired leadership, standards and drill. We know that the highest quality steel comes from the hottest fires, shaped and molded by hammer and anvil...“THE FORGE”.

During “THE FORGE” trainees foot march approximately 45 miles in 81 hours with training missions conducted mostly at night and under heavy load. They sleep for 5 hours on the ground during the day and awake to either intense medical first responder drills, pugil stick bouts or hand to hand fighting matches. It is an extraordinary gut check and a test of will, individual and team. Your Soldier made it through even though dirty, hungry, and exhausted and earned the right!

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Basic Combat Training is organized into three phases: Red, White and Blue with each culminating in a realistic tactical field training exercise. They are the HAMMER, ANVIL and "THE FORGE".

Soldiers are introduced to the Army's distinguished heritage and traditions as well as the customs and courtesies of military service. Inspections, drill and ceremonies, to include today's graduation, effectively instill discipline, attention to detail and teamwork.

In Basic Combat Training the Army first introduces, then strengthens, and finally internalizes the character, competence and commitment essential to service in the Army's profession of arms.

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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Soldier Leader of the Cycle

A CO	PV2 EASTON K. COX	PRAVO, UTAH
B CO	PFC KAITLYN F. BAKER	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
C CO	PFC ADOREE S. ELLISON	FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
D CO	PFC LUKE E. CHASE	ORLANDO, FLORIDA
E CO	PVT STEPHAN N. HARPER	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Soldier of the Cycle

A CO	PV2 ETHAN G. RAYNAUD	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA
B CO	PFC CHASE CAUDILL	SHEPERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY
C CO	PFC MATTHEW S. FISHER	COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
D CO	PVT JT C. COLLINS	LEWISTON, IDAHO
E CO	PV2 MAX RAMIREZ	AMES, IOWA

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World War II POW's Flag at Smithsonian

A U.S. flag created by an Army corporal while being held in a World War II Japanese prisoner of war camp is now at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Army Cpl. Joseph O. "Jose" Quintero was serving with the 60th Coastal Artillery Regiment on Corregidor in the Philippines during the early days of World War II. In the spring of 1942, his unit was overrun by Japanese forces. Quintero and his fellow soldiers were taken prisoner.

After enduring the infamous Bataan Death March to POW camps in the Philippines, Quintero was among a group of prisoners moved to camps in Japan. It was there that Quintero, with the help of other prisoners, fashioned the flag from scraps of a red blanket, white bedsheets and blue denim dungarees.

"I so dearly loved watching Old Glory reach for the sky," Quintero said in the book "Don Jose: An American Soldier's Courage and Faith in Japanese Captivity" by Ezequiel L. Ortiz and James A McClure. "When our flagpole was destroyed on Bataan, I made a pledge to myself that I would someday wave the Stars and Stripes in the faces of the Japanese."

The flag passed through several hands after Quintero died in 2000, eventually being donated to the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in September 2021.

The flag is now part of the museum's collection.

"Not only does every stitch in this flag represent Quintero's patriotism, but it also saved his life and that of his fellow POWs as their camp did not appear on Allied maps," said Jennifer Jones, curator of the museum's military history collection. "We are honored to accept it into the national flag collection as it stands out as a one-of-a-kind donation. There is no other flag in our extensive collection with this kind of story."

For more information, visit www.americanhistory.si.edu.



Joseph O. "Jose" Quintero holds a flag he created as a prisoner in a Japanese POW camp during World War II. Quintero's flag is now part of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

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The current barracks for basic training at Fort Jackson , South Carolina. Roadrunners 1st Battalion 61st Infantry Regiment.



April 7 , 2022 Combandy B Graduation Day . Approximately 60 trainees graduating basic training and going onto AIT.



Brigade Commander Colonel Kent Solheim reviewing the new troops.



Son, Charles Gray(his son) Wendel Fannin, John Lanbert, Ralph Kepchem and Otto Majer



Front Row Wayne Cumer, Bobby Hank, Roger Jones, Joe Piechoinski, JJ Jackson, Lou Pepi, Son of Charles Gray, and Charles Gray
 Back row Gary Haverman, Dwnnis Coulter, Bobby Zeissler, Ray Naughton, Lee Aanonsen

Tax filing for veterans

■ Tax Day is April 18, and certain veterans with disabilities may be able to access free assistance in filing their income tax returns through Internal Revenue Service programs.

The IRS and the Department of Veterans Affairs entered into an agreement in 2015 to provide these no-cost services to eligible veterans and their families. Since then, more than 1.3 million free tax returns have been filed for qualifying participants.

Three primary programs exist, and veterans can visit the IRS's Information for Veterans website to determine if they meet the criteria.

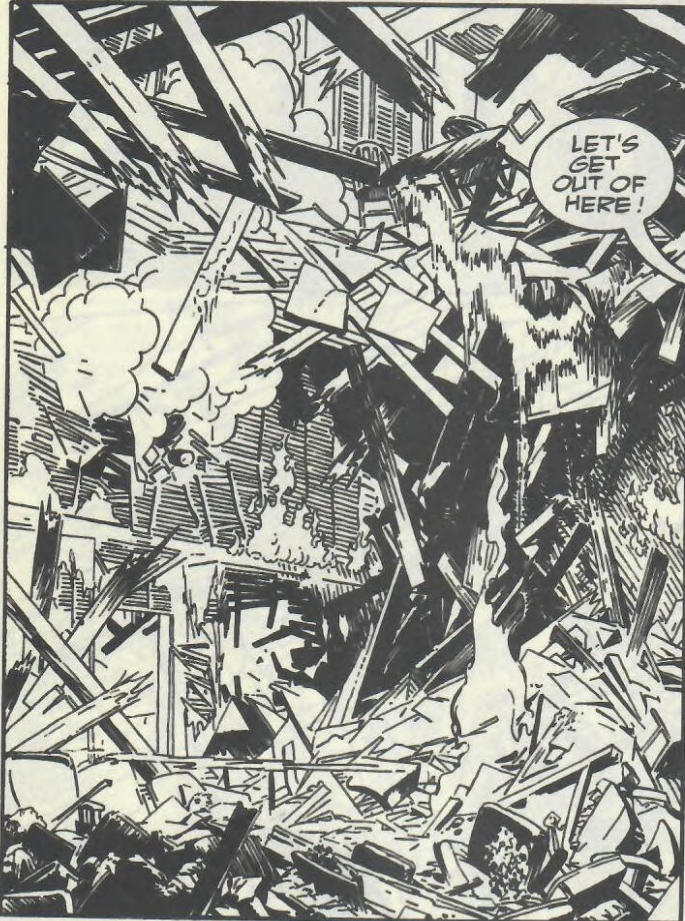
The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offers no-cost tax preparation services for those who are unable to file their own returns and whose income falls below \$58,000. And the Tax

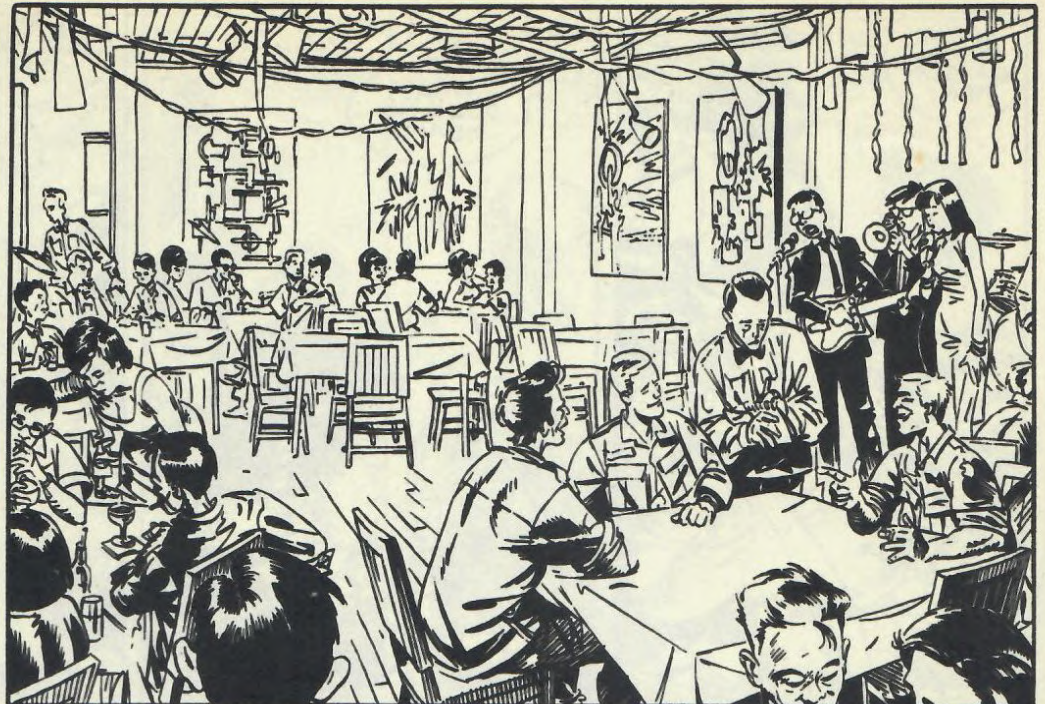
Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program provides free tax guidance and basic returns to those age 60 or older. Veterans can use the online search tool at irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to identify participating VITA and TCE locations.

Additionally, free online guided tax preparation and filing at IRS partner locations is available through the IRS Free File Program for those whose adjusted gross income is below \$73,000.

Veterans may be able to claim a federal tax refund if they have had an increase in their VA disability rating or if they are a combat-disabled veteran who has been granted Combat-Related Special Compensation after an award for Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay.

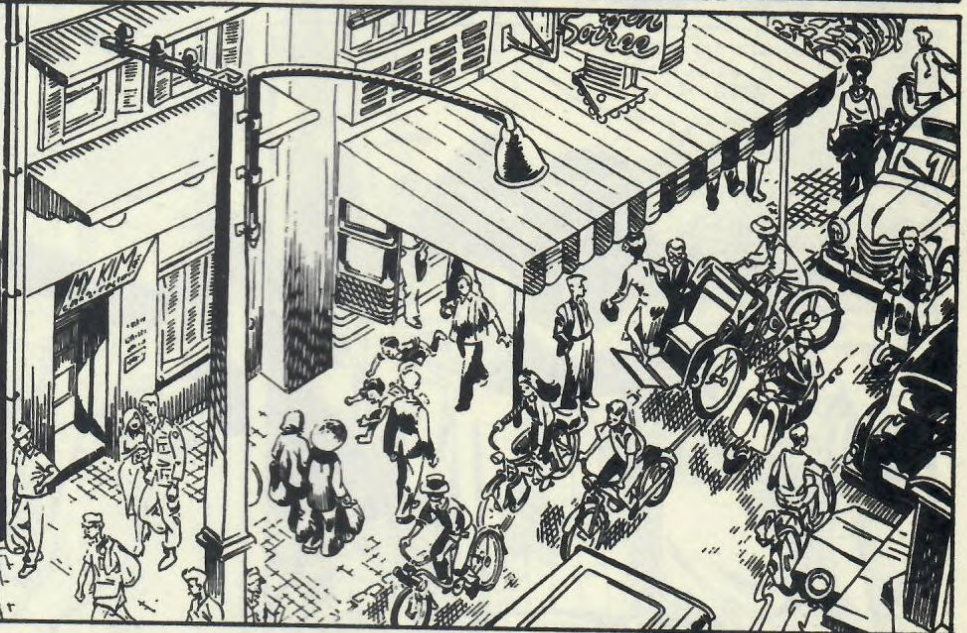
The IRS site also notes that "e-filing is the safest, most accurate way to file your tax return" and reminds taxpayers that returns are generally delivered faster by combining E-file with direct deposit.









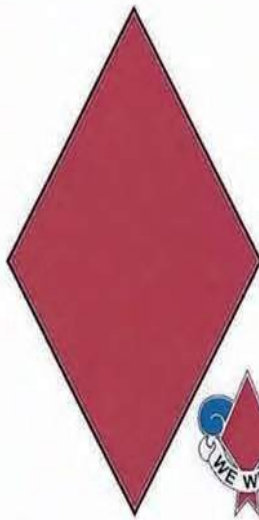




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