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## A Message from our President Bud Wagner

### The Presidents Message

By the time you read this our Society links to the 2024 Reunion should be live. We are meeting on September 19-23, 2024 at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey.

Our trips are also scheduled, and they are to Hershey, where the famous Hershey Chocolate is made.

#### HERSHEY, THE SWEETEST DESTINATION IN PA

Plan a family vacation to Hershey, PA and experience everything from thrilling coaster rides and chocolatey adventures to premier restaurants and luxurious spa treatments. You'll leave with sweet, chocolate-filled memories that can only be made in Hershey The Sweetest Place On Earth®!

Our second trip option is to the Gettysburg Battlefield.

A New Birth of Freedom -The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, the Union victory that ended General Robert E. Lee's second and most ambitious invasion of the North. Often referred to as the "High Water Mark of the Rebellion", Gettysburg was the Civil War's bloodiest battle and was also the inspiration for President Abraham Lincoln's immortal "Gettysburg Address".

You can register at the <http://www.societyofthefifthdivision.com/>, hope to see all of you there this year!!

Bud Wagner

President, Society of the 5th Division





# Hello from our 1st Vice President Larry Burnett

My concern as of late has been my wife's cancer. We appreciate all the thoughts and prayers and cards people have been sending. It has been an adventure I wouldn't wish onto anyone, friend or foe. Most of you have probably read my story about it on the Society's website. They started her with chemo treatments first. The first 4 treatments are very strong. It's called Red Devil, seriously. To be taken every other week for 8 weeks. The first one went well but the second one ended up causing her to be entered into the hospital for three days because of fever. The chemo knocks the daylight out of your white blood cells which is what you need to fight infections. The third Chemo treatment was just as hard on her causing again High fever and infection causing her an 8 days stay in the hospital. Got out on a Monday and the next day they gave her the last of the strong chemo treatment after she had been told they would hold off a week on her treatment. We wasn't very happy about the turn around in their plans. Plus she has to go back every day for 10-14 days to get a shot to help keep her WBC count up. So as I write this we are praying it doesn't cause her to Go back into the hospital again. The last two time it was a week to the day that she was back in the hospital. So praying she gets past next Tuesday without fever and Infection. Its really been mentally and physically hard on her. So please keep the prayers coming her way.

Now they will start a milder (so they say) chemo treatment once a week for 12 weeks. Then they will decide on radiation treatments. Hopefully it will all work out by this fall. Hope this isn't too boring to everyone but it is the most important thing in the world to me. Let it be a reminder to Everyone to keep getting those checkups. Earlier things are caught the better chance of a cure.

Larry Burnett, 1st VP



# A FEW WORDS OF THOUGHT FROM OUR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT LEE AANONSEN

Hello to all Red Devils everywhere!

First let me apologize for missing an article in the last two issues. I either wasn't aware of that responsibility or just didn't remember that I was expected to put one in each issue. I shall not forget that again and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

About myself. I was drafted into the Army in July 1967 and after Basic, AIT and NCOC class of Mar. 1968 at Ft. Benning, I was assigned to C co. 1/61 5th ID at Ft. Carson. I went over with the unit to Viet Nam in July 1968. I was with the 5th until late September early October when I was transferred.

That July I turned 21yrs. old. Married my Sweetheart. And went off to Viet Nam. Our first child was born while I was in Country. Still married to the same Gal 56 years later.

I retired after working 42 years in a Paper Mill and then took on the job of managing a Moose Lodge which is a unit of an International Fraternal Organization which consists of over 1400 Lodges across the US, Canada, and the UK. The organization is like the "Elks, Eagles, or the Lions" which contribute community service in their communities. My Lodge has 1800 members and is a 7 day a week operation with a full-service kitchen (Food every day) and a Social Quarters (Bar area).

I went to my first Red Devil reunion in 2018. I was hoping to see some of the guys that were in our unit that went over from Ft. Carson. I ran into Jay Balderson, who was in B1/11 and graduated from the same NCOC class at Ft. Benning. It was a great experience. And I wish I had gone sooner. What a great bunch of guys I met there. Too many to name but Brothers All. I look forward to seeing them each year, God willing.

In 2018, I joined and am committed to help the Society of the Fifth Division in any way I can. I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to Harrisburg PA. this year.

God Bless you and keep each of you safe.

Lee Aanonsen



# A Sermon from our Chaplain Ron VanBeek

Christian Chaplain Message

Barabbas; NOT Jesus

John 18:40

Whom would you chose to be released; Barabbas or Jesus, shouted out Pontius Pilate, to the christian crowd assembled before his Judgement seat at Jerusalem. Pilate believed he had presented a no brainer choice to the angry crowd. He had deliberately chosen this notorious Barabas, as one of the worst choices; for Barabas was an awful criminal, who had spent much of his pathetic life, robbing, fighting, defiling, abusing and killing many Israelis. Pilate knew Barabas's name was well know as a notorious criminal to all Israel. O the other hand Pilate had examined Jesus carefully, and found no evil in Him; and even declared Him innocent 3 times, for he knew the Pharisee Christian leaders had delivered Jesus to him, only because of their hatred and envy of Jesus; not because of any crimes, that Jesus had done. O Pilate must have thought, this will surely correct this angry mob, and jar them back to their senses.

Pilate's choice presented was, Barabas or Jesus; surely the mob would chose Jesus to be released. It was a "no brainer". But to Pilate's shock, he saw the Christian High Priest of Israel, Ciaphas racing through the crowd, successfully urging the christians to chose Barabas to go free, and to Crucify Jesus Christ. Yes, the false christians hated God; more than they loved; or valued Justice. How completely they hated the Light of God, and loved the darkness of satan, which they were chained within.

Yes, Of the three notorious thieves to be crucified that morning all the people knew Barabas was the worst of the worst, the cruel leader of this gang of murderers. But, because of injustice, Jesus would take his place, take Barabas's cross, and die upon it, while this wicked criminal Barabas would go free. How, shocked and bewildered Barabas must have been as he expecting to die; is allowed to go free. How could this have happened. What injustice was happening.

But it was by the Determinate Counsel of Jehovah, Who had Decreed long before Creation, to send His Son to die for hell worthy sinners. In the Council of Peace, The Trinity has Designed, Developed and implemented This Grand Master Blueprint of this universe, which they planned to Create.

On Good Friday and Easter, this unfathomable exchange was a forerunner, a metaphysical symbol of the two goats presented to the High Priest at the Passover. Lots were cast to chose the one God had Chosen to go free, while the other would be sentenced to bear the guilt of all the nation's sins. One, the High Priest would free, to be released into the wilderness, the other was put to death to atone for the sins of the people.

O what a incredible picture of Good Friday and Easter; the six hours, that changed EVERYTHING!

This page is dedicated to those who may need prayers, cards and maybe a phone call. If you know of anyone who should be listed please email the names, thank you.

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1/61 - A Co.

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1/11 - D Co.

Carl Castret died Jan. 2024 5th Infantry

WWII ?

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WWII Returned Remains

Raymond U. Schlamp

US. Army

Company G

Private 1st Class

Killed; Sept. 11, 1945 - Age 28

Near Dornot, France

Returned to America and Accounted for on March 12, 2024





# VENTING

## from the Editor of The Red Diamond

A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND A WELL DESERVED PAT ON THE BACK TO OUR TREASURER GEORGE SHOENER. A GREAT JOB ON PUTTING TOGETHER THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. FOR ALL OF YOU WHO CAN READ, YOU WILL SEE AN EXCELLENT JOB DONE BY OUR TREASURER. THE 5TH DIVISION LEGACY WILL CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS WE CAN FUND THIS PROGRAM. OUR FUTURE OF OUR ORGANIZATION WILL DEPEND ON YOU. I BELIEVE THIS IS WHERE OUR SURPLUS FUNDS SHOULD BE USED. FOR THOSE WHO CAN NOT READ LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE YOUR LEGACY WILL CONTINUE IN SPITE OF HOW YOU THINK  
THANK YOU GEORGE

SUPPORT ISRAEL DEFEAT THE HAMAS

## Scholarship Program

Okay, I know what you're saying..."What the heck is this! Since when do we have a Scholarship Program? Nobody said anything to me."

Well, relax, you're not being sent out to the Rock Pile or Khe Sahn again. This is a PROPOSAL only.

Your SOFD Board of Directors (yes, the guys you elected at the last Membership Meeting) voted their approval to bring before this year's (2024) Membership Meeting a proposal to start a SOFD Scholarship Program.

I'm sure all of you have studied, in great detail, the information contained in this year's (2023) Treasurer's Report where it was reported that the SOFD has a little over \$100,000 in its coffers. And, you know that you've done a great job of electing a very responsible President each year who have been able to save money each year of their presidency (\$5K-\$13K/year over the past 10 years).

This year's SOFD Board had several discussions on how some of the money in the SOFD account can be given back to the members of the SOFD. Several recommendations were made, but the only one approved for presentation to the general membership (you) is the SOFD Scholarship Program.

The proposed guidance for the Program (3 pages) and the proposed application form (1 page) are on the pages following this introduction. Please review the information provided and come to the annual membership meeting prepared to discuss and vote on the Program.

If approved, the SOFD Scholarship Program will need leadership...Program committee Leader, at least 3 Program committee members, and a Program Treasurer (I will volunteer for this position). Also, if approved, the first scholarship awards will be given to the high school class of 2025. The amount discussed by the Board for the first year is \$10,000 (10 each \$1000 scholarships).

It is expected that many members, like you, would be willing to donate to the SOFD Scholarship Program. The SOFD is a 501(4)(c) organization, and all contributions would be tax deductible. For those of you with RMDs (Required Minimum Distribution) from your IRA or 401(k), this could be an opportunity to reduce your taxes.

Again, please read the "Guide to the SOFD Scholarship Program" prior to our Reunion in Harrisburg, PA.

**George B. Shoener, SOFD Treasurer**  
**A Co./7 Engr Bn (70-71)**

## GUIDE TO THE SOFD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

LAST REVISION JUNE 1, 2024

### SOCIETY OF THE FIFTH DIVISION (SOFD)

Scholarship applications for each school year beginning Fall Semester must be received by May 15 of the same calendar year.

The following information is provided to help our members and their children and grandchildren understand how our Scholarship Program works and how the program was developed.

### THE SOFD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The number of Society of the Fifth Division Scholarship Awards may vary from year to year based upon the amount of donations received from the SOFD's fund-raising activities.

Awards will only be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution for valid educational expenses incurred up to the total amount of the award.

### THE CRITERIA FOR APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must fall into one of the following categories:

1. A child or grandchild of an 5th Division Soldier who was killed in action.
2. A child or grandchild of a deceased lifetime member or past president of SOFD.
3. A child or grandchild of a current member of the SOFD in good standing.
4. "Child" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-child.
5. "Grandchild" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-grandchild, great-grand child, or great-great-grandchild.

### ADDITIONAL CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

There is no age limit for applicants. Scholarships are for undergraduate studies only. Enrollment in Trade School and vocational school programs are also acceptable if they are post-high school. A maximum of one scholarship award will be approved for any applicant.



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## HOW TO APPLY

The applicant must [1] Fill out the Scholarship Application Form completely; [2] Attach grade transcripts from the most recent two years of high school or college (A 3.5 minimum unweighted GPA is required for applicants pursuing a bachelor's degree. A 3.0 unweighted GPA is required for trade and vocational school applicants). The Scholarship Chairman must receive both above items from the applicant no later than the deadline of May 15th or any announced extension of that date.

The Scholarship Application is available on the website at....

[www.societyofthefifthdivision.com](http://www.societyofthefifthdivision.com).

An application may also be requested by mail or email from the Scholarship Chairman.

## JUDGING

Scholarship Applicants are judged on the following:

Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) from the most recent two years in an educational institution. The Scholarship Chairman shall determine the GPA for each applicant.

## DETERMINATION AND NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Scholarship Chairman will divide the applications into two categories: (1) those applicants who will be attending colleges and universities and (2) those applicants who will be attending trade or vocational schools. The SOFD Board of Directors will determine the number of Scholarship awards to be granted in any given year based on the available donated funds and the dollar amount determined for each scholarship award. The Scholarship Chairman will then determine the percentage of applicants in each category to receive awards and then apply that number to the list of applicants in descending score order in each category to determine who will receive scholarships.

For example: 50 total applications are received of which 11 are trade school applicants. The BOD determines funds are available for 10 scholarships. Therefore, 20% of applicants in each category will receive scholarships (10 divided by 50 = 20%). The top 8

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scores (20% of 39) of the college bound applicants and the top 2 scores (20% of 11) of the trade school bound applicants will receive scholarships.

Every effort will be made to notify all recipients of an SOFD Scholarship in writing by early August. The recipient's notification email will include instructions to arrange for the scholarship funds to be sent to the educational institution the recipient is attending. Recipients will have up to 36 months from the date of the notification email to provide verification of enrollment and to arrange for payment of scholarship funds, as directed in the notification email, to the educational institution.

### THE SOFD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. The intent and spirit of the SOFD Scholarship Program is to benefit the children and grandchildren of all members if qualified.
2. The consideration of financial need is not to be considered.
3. The SOFD Scholarship program may award scholarships only to under graduate and trade school students.
4. Each recipient's Scholarship Award will be dedicated to honor the service and the ultimate sacrifice of a specific 5th Division Soldier who was Killed In Action (KIA). That is to say, each granted scholarship will be given in the name of a 5th ID KIA. The 5th Division KIAs to be honored each year will be selected on an impartial random basis.

We thank the thousands of Veterans, their supportive families and loved ones, and all who have contributed so generously over the years to make this program a success. All of us together, contributing what we can, have helped make this program one of which we can all be proud.

Address for Completed Applications with Attachments:

SOFD Scholarship Program

ATTN: George Shoener, Treasurer

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Easton, MD 21601

For QUESTIONS, please send me an e-mail at: [gshoener22@gmail.com](mailto:gshoener22@gmail.com).

Society of the Fifth Infantry Division (SOFD)

Scholarship Application - Effective January 1, 2025

Please review Scholarship Guide at [www.societyofthefifthdivision.com](http://www.societyofthefifthdivision.com)

Application Deadline May 15th, 2025

IMPORTANT: A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED AN SOFD SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AGAIN.

Students working on advanced degrees (master's, doctoral) are not eligible to apply.

Applicant's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's social security number: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Status: \_\_\_ Child \_\_\_ Grandchild\* of a current member of the SOFD.

\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_ Grandchild\* of a deceased life member or past president of the SOFD.

\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_ Grandchild\* of a 5th Division Soldier who was killed in action.

\*Includes Grandchild, Great-Grandchild, or Great-Great-Grandchild

Your Sponsor (SOFD Member/Veteran): Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's 5th Div unit in: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates with 5th Div \_\_\_\_\_

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Name and Address of College or Trade School you plan to attend: What is your major?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools and Colleges Attended (10th Grade to Present)

Name

City, State

Dates (From/To)

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You must attach a copy of your grade transcripts from your last 2 yrs. of High School or College.

Requirements: at least a 3.5 unweighted Grade Point Average for applicants pursuing a 4 yr. degree. At least a 3.0 unweighted Grade Point Average for trade or vocational school applicants.

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Briefly tell us about your extra-curricular and volunteer activities and include your name and email address on a separate sheet of paper.

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I, the undersigned verify the answers given above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for a copy of my high school/college grade transcripts to be submitted with this application.

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Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

Date



PRESS RELEASE | March 12, 2024

Soldier Accounted for from WWII (Schlamp, R.)

Washington –

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Pfc. Raymond U. Schlamp, 28, of Dubuque, Iowa, killed during World War II, was accounted for March 21, 2022.

In September 1944, Schlamp was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division. The unit was attempting to secure terrain near Dornot, France, known as the “Horseshoe Woods” when it came under heavy German fire. Company G was given the order to withdraw back across the Moselle River, but many men were killed during the retreat. Schlamp was among those killed, but his body could not be recovered because of the intense fighting. One year later, in September 1945, the War Department issued a “Finding of Death” as his remains were unaccounted for.

Beginning in 1947, the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC), the organization that searched for and recovered fallen American personnel in the European Theater, searched the area around Dornot, finding several unidentified sets of American remains, but it was unable to identify any of them as Schlamp. He was declared non-recoverable on March 13, 1951.

DPAA historians have been conducting on-going research into Soldiers missing from combat around Dornot, and found that Unknown X-22 Limey (X-22), buried at Lorraine American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Limey, France, could be associated with Schlamp or four other Soldiers. X-22 was disinterred in June 2021 and transferred to the DPAA Laboratory for analysis.

To identify Schlamp’s remains, scientists from DPAA used anthropological and dental analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Schlamp’s name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at Epinal American Cemetery in Dinozé, France, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Pfc. Schlamp will be buried on a date and location to be determined.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490.

For additional information on the Defense Department’s mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil) or find us on social media at [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](https://www.facebook.com/dodpaa) or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/defense-pow-mia-accounting-agency>.

Schlamp’s personnel profile can be viewed at <https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaProfile?id=a0Jt000001edMwIEAU>.

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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that U.S. Army Pfc. Raymond U. Schlamp, 28, of Dubu...

## Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey

### Reservations:

717-939-7841 or 800-637-4817

### Location

4751 Lindle Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

### Reservation Information

Please call the number above and reference the Society of the Fifth Division Reunion.

You can also click the following link to make reservations:

<https://be.synxis.com/?adult=1&arrive=2024-02>

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Group Name: Society of the Fifth Division

Reunion Dates: September 18-23, 2024

Rate: \$136+ applicable taxes (currently 11%, per room per night)

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### Parking & Shuttle Information

Self-parking is complimentary.

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arrival date with the number of guests, expected arrival time and flight number. On the day of arrival, they are to call the

hotel once they have landed and retrieved their bags. If guests have any questions regarding the instructions, they may call

the hotel directly.

### Wheelchair Rental

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

[www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com) for details and to make reservations.

### Reunion Registration

To register for the reunion please re-visit <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/SocietyFifth24>

### SOCIETY OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 a check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$35 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at <http://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/society2024> (4% will be added to total). **All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 19, 2024.** 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.

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: SOCIETY OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

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Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/19/24	Price Per	# of People	Total
<b><u>MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE</u></b>	\$20	#	\$
Covers various reunion expenses.			
<b><u>DONATION FOR HOSPITALITY ROOM EXPENSES</u></b>	\$	#	\$
<b><u>MEAL OPTIONS (Please select your entrée for each day)</u></b>			
<b><u>SATURDAY 9/21:</u></b>			
Chicken Forestier	\$42	#	\$
Braised Beef Short Rib	\$48	#	\$
Grilled Salmon	\$48	#	\$
Roasted Cauliflower	\$37	#	\$
<b><u>SUNDAY 9/22:</u></b>			
Chicken Lemon Artichoke Bruschetta	\$42	#	\$
Sliced London Broil	\$44	#	\$
Orange Roughy	\$47	#	\$
Cheese Ravioli	\$42		
<b><u>TOURS</u></b>			
FRIDAY 9/20: TOWN OF HERSHEY	\$104	#	\$
SATURDAY 9/21: GETTYSBURG (*Requires minimum of 40 guests)	\$108	#	\$
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>			\$

**PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT YOUR NAMETAG TO READ**

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SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) OR GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT INFORMATION (ex. D CO/1<sup>st</sup> BN/11<sup>th</sup> Infantry): \_\_\_\_\_

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WHERE (CIRCLE ONE): WWII FT CARSON VIETNAM FT POLK OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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STREET ADDRESS OF MAIN ATTENDEE \_\_\_\_\_

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PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
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MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY). ☐ YES ☐ NO

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-4:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.



## SOCIETY OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION REUNION

### RED LION HOTEL HARRISBURG HERSHEY | HARRISBURG, PA

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

##### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**2:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Reunion Registration Open**

Capital Ballroom Foyer

*Hospitality Room and Quarter Master Store to be open throughout reunion, hours to be posted.*

**4:00pm - 11:00pm**

Hospitality Open/Store

Capital Ballroom/Hanover Suite

##### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**8:45am - 3:30pm**

Town of Hershey

**3:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Reunion Registration Open**

Capital Ballroom Foyer

**4:00pm - 11:00pm**

Hospitality Open

Capital Ballroom/Hanover Suite

##### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

Gettysburg

**5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Cash Bar Reception

Dauphin Foyer

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

Dinner Banquet

Dauphin

**9:00pm - 11:00pm**

Hospitality Open

Capital Ballroom/Hanover Suite

##### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

**9:00am - 10:00am**

Non-denominational Worship Service

PA Ballroom

**10:00am - 11:00am**

Memorial Service

PA Ballroom

**1:00pm - 2:00pm**

Society General Membership Meeting

PA Ballroom

**5:00pm - 6:00pm**

Cash Bar Reception

Dauphin Foyer

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

Dinner Banquet

Dauphin

**9:00pm - 11:00pm**

Hospitality Open

Capital Ballroom/Hanover Suite

##### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Farewells and Departures

#### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, August 9, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$15 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the group registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

## SOCIETY OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION REUNION TOURS RED LION HOTEL HARRISBURG HERSHEY | HARRISBURG, PA

Friday, September 20, 2024

### TOWN OF HERSHEY

Start your day at the Hershey Gardens and enjoy a breathtaking assortment of flowers and shrubs, a stately collection of rare, signature trees and a variety of theme gardens including the indoor, tropical Butterfly Atrium.

After departing Hershey Gardens, arrive at Chocolate World! Here you will enjoy lunch on your own at the Food Hall featuring pizza, salads, hot entrees, soups and spirits. Make sure you save room for dessert! After lunch, you can take a complimentary ride through a simulated chocolate factory, from the cocoa bean to the packaging of the finished product; imagine hundreds of Hershey's milk chocolate bars and kisses on conveyor belts! Then jump on the trolley tour as you hear the inspiring story of Milton Hershey and see the historic landmarks in the town he created. **Additional activities are available (extra fees apply) including 4D Movie, Making Your Own Chocolate bar and more.** Don't forget to stop in the store for a little something for the ride back.

**Accessibility: Most of the property is accessible; however, you must be able to maneuver up and down three (3) steps for the Trolley.**

8:45am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel

**\$104/Person includes bus, escort, trolley tour and admission.**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

### GETTYSBURG

Historic Gettysburg is your destination, site of one of the most pivotal battles of the Civil War. Once you arrive at the Visitor's Center, view authentic artifacts and interactive exhibits in the Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War, then follow the events from the war's first shots to the Battle of Gettysburg, to Lincoln's immortal address with the film, *A New Birth of Freedom*. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Pickett's Charge in the iconic Cyclorama. Enjoy lunch including choice of one entrée, chips and a cookie with a fountain beverage. Vouchers will be included for lunch. Following lunch, enjoy a two-hour battlefield tour as you step onto hallowed ground. Learn about the phases of the three-day battle and see iconic locations such as Devil's Den, Little Round Top, the Wheatfield, Peach Orchard and more.

9:00am board bus, 4:00pm back at hotel

**\$108/Person includes bus, escort, lunch and admissions.**

**\*Additional lunch options available – Prices will vary**

**\*THIS TOUR REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 40 GUESTS – PRICING WILL INCREASE IF LESS THAN 40 GUESTS**

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled time. All trips require a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

**SCOOTER POLICY FOR PROGRAMS:** If you use a scooter but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person traveling with you must be able to put the scooter in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooters.



**"THINGS TO DO IN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY/LANCASTER"**

Explore the Hershey Medical Center Trail  
Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex (State Museum & Capitol Building)  
Civil War Museum  
Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course  
AACA Museum  
Tanger Outlets Hershey  
Visit Harrisburg's City Island  
Echo Dell – Indian Echo Caverns  
Lake Tobias Wildlife Park  
ZooAmerica North American Wildlife Park  
Crossroads Antique Mall  
Midtown Scholar Bookstore  
Broad Street Market  
Spring Gate Vineyard  
The Vineyard at Hershey  
Cassell Vineyards  
Art Association of Harrisburg  
The Galleries at the Millworks  
Brew Barons Beer Trail  
Midstate Distillery  
Amish Country  
And so much more!

**Report of the Treasurer of the Society of the Fifth Division**  
**Account Activity for FY23 (01/01/23-12/31/23)**

**RECEIPTS**

Secretary - Dues (\$2155) + Donations (\$1165)	3,320.00
QM Sales	3,731.50
2023 Reunion Income	9,495.32
Checking Account Adjustments	121.83
TOTAL	<u>16,668.65</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Secretary Expenses	(610.11)
QM Expenses	(1,131.34)
Treasurer Expenses	(89.61)
Red Diamond Editor Expenses	(194.70)
IT/Communications Expenses	(149.90)
Donations	(1,208.11)
2023 Reunion Expenses	(2,742.38)
TOTAL	<u>(6,126.15)</u>

RECEIPTS - DISBURSEMENTS for FY23	<b>10,542.50</b>
Gain from CDs	<b>1,897.47</b>
TOTAL	<u><b>12,439.97</b></u>

**Report of Treasurer - December 31, 2022 (FY22)**

Cash in Bank	39,346.88
Value of Ladder CDs	53,545.32
Net Worth	<u>92,892.20</u>

**Report of Treasurer - December 31, 2023 (FY23)**

Cash in Bank	49,889.38
Value of Ladder CDs	55,442.79
Net Worth	<u>105,332.17</u>

Net Worth Difference for FY23	<b>12,439.97</b>
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**George B. Shoener**  
**National Treasurer**  
**SOFD**

RESULTS OF FINANCIAL REVIEW-SOCIETY OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DIVISION, U.S. ARMY

CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

Utilizing established review procedures, the Audit Committee of the Society of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division executed a review of the Society's financial statement and activities for the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2023. The objectives of the review were to determine if proper accountability was maintained over Society funds and if such funds were used to accomplish the Society's objectives.

The Society of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division was created in 1919 to (1) perpetuate and memorialize the valiant acts and patriotic deeds of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division; (2) promote fellowship and the interest and welfare of its members; and (3) publish and preserve the history and accomplishments of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division and the Society. These objectives are achieved through the efforts of Society members, under the leadership of its officers, and annual reunions for members and special guests.

The Society's National Treasurer is responsible for the overall accountability of Society funds. As such, the National Treasurer maintains the Society's checking account, bank statements, vendor invoices, and other accounting records to support and summarize the receipt of income and the disbursement of funds for expenditures. At the end of each calendar year the Treasurer prepares an Account Activity Report reflecting the results of financial operations and the financial condition of the Society. The Audit Committee used these records to perform the review.

The Calendar Year 2023 Account Activity Report (Attached) shows that the Society generated income of \$16,668.65 from dues, donations, quartermaster sales and income from its annual reunion. The report also reflects expenditures of \$6,126.15 for quartermaster purchases, donations to several organizations, and general administrative activities. The gain from CDs is \$1897.47 and the net worth of the Society is \$105,332.17 showing a gain of \$12,439.97 from the previous calendar year.

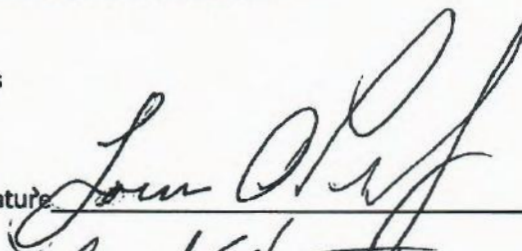
The Audit Committee analyzed the accounting records provided by the Treasurer and concluded that the records adequately support income and expenditure amounts reflected on the Account Activity Report. We also concluded that the Account Activity Report accurately reflects the financial condition of the Society of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division. Additionally, the expenditures incurred during the year appeared reasonable and consistent with Society objectives.

The Committee extends its appreciation to the Society's Treasurer for the timely submission and the thoroughness of the records needed for this review.

## Audit Committee Members

Louis Pepi

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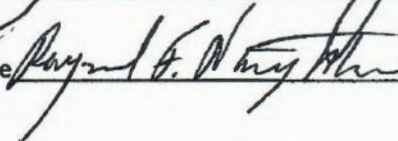


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## Society of the Fifth Division

*societyofthefifthdivision.com*



January 31, 2024

Vietnam Battlefield Tours, Inc.  
Attn: Gene Miller  
5150 Broadway Street, #473  
San Antonio, Texas 70209-5710

Dear Sir:

The Society of the Fifth Division would like to donate the enclosed check for \$1,000.00 to Vietnam Battlefield Tours. This gift is in appreciation for the presentation by Ed Stiteler and the healing provided our Vietnam veterans with these tours.

Ed Stiteler's terrific presentation on "The DMZ Then and Now" during our reunion last September had us all pondering past combat locations and marveling at the new reality. As you can imagine, there were numerous questions. Ed did a superb job of fielding each question realizing it was personal. The personal part is another reason the Society is making this donation.

Ed shared how revisiting the battlefield sites had helped many veterans in dealing with combat issues. The majority of our members are Vietnam veterans. We understand and want to help.

Our thanks to all of you at Vietnam Battlefield Tours for what you do.

Sincerely,

Hal Roller  
First Past President

Enclosure- Check #1012

Hi all!

I wanted to alert you to a presentation Dan made with the New Castle Historical Society in Westchester county on Feb 25th. We had over 150 people attend and he spoke for 1.5 hours! Folks were riveted to say the least. Dan asked if I could send you this update to perhaps include in your magazines.

He was also featured on the local news!

<https://newyork.news12.com/world-war-ii-veteran-living-legendary-status-recalls-experiences-first-hand-account-of-war>

Here is a link to The Examiner story

<https://www.theexaminernews.com/a-stunning-personal-account-of-ww-ii-general-patton-and-battle-of-the-bulge/>

Pls let me know if you need any more info! I've attached a few other artifacts from the day.

thanks,

keith hopkins - his stepson and documentarian!

Download all attachments as a zip file



## New Castle Historical Society Speaker Series

# Sgt. Dan Santagata, World War II Veteran

Hear from Sgt. Dan Santagata about his experiences as he fought under General George Patton in the Battle of the Bulge and across Northern Europe.

## Sunday, February 25 at 2pm

This event is free, but seating is limited. Please register at : [rsvp@newcastlehs.org](mailto:rsvp@newcastlehs.org)

New Castle Historical Society, 100 King Street, Chappaqua, New York  
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## No. Castle Historical Society Asks Town's Help with 250th Anniversary Plans

By Martin Wilbur

Leaders of the North Castle Historical Society have asked for a commitment from town officials to help prepare for a celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. The historical society recently appealed to the Town Board to help in funding a committee and for \$40,000 in funding that would create a professional-quality video that would also be produced to help local residents and students understand the area's importance in the fight for independence.

That Rice, a historical society vice president and trustee, "That would likely cost about \$20,000 to \$25,000," he said. "The money would also be used to place or repair worn or faded historical markers throughout town as part of the commemoration."

Rice said there is a deep connection to the American Revolution in the area, with military operations having taken place in and around North Castle during the Battle of White Plains on Oct. 28, 1776. He said a wide assortment of organizations, such as the chamber of commerce, school groups, town government and other constituencies could all play a role in assisting the town plan to mark the day.

"I think we owe it to our history, but we owe it to our people as well to have a real celebration of the sesquicentennial, and it can be a wonderful and unifying event for our town," Rice said.

There is a blueprint for North Castle to follow since it was one of multiple

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## A Stunning Personal Account of WW II, General Patton and Battle of the Bulge

By Abby Luby

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The event was hosted by the New Castle Historical Society, which received an overwhelming number of reservations causing the event to be relocated from the Horace Greeley House to the larger theater at the library.

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as well. During the battle, the British and the Continental army faced off at Chatterton Hill, which the patriots defended to track the

Other efforts that can be part of the celebration is to mark what is called Mount

Supervisor Joe Rende, who attended

forward," Tomback said.

## A Stunning Personal Account of WW II, General Patton and Battle of the Bulge

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The eldest of eight children, Santagata had three brothers and four sisters who grew up on Long Island but moved to Stamford, Conn.

Speaking in an unwavering, clear voice, the army veteran took the audience back 80 years, reliving the war's many heroic victories as well as heartbreaking losses.

"I volunteered for the Army when I was 17 and a senior in high school," he recalled. "My mother didn't even know I joined, and when she did, she had to get my high school diploma at graduation."

A series of army camps trained Santagata to be a combat engineer.

"After my training I was ordered to leave," he said. "I boarded the Queen Elizabeth and waved goodbye to the Statue of Liberty, and then we crossed the ocean."

Santagata served in the Army's 5th

Infantry Division as a combat engineer who handled a variety of explosives, from dynamite to TNT. He knew how to dismantle land mines and was trained in bridge building, constructing barbed-wire fences and laying minefields.

"Finding German mines meant you had to poke the ground with your bayonet until you found one," Santagata explained. "Then you had to unscrew the cap. If I wasn't careful, I wouldn't be here today."

He recalled the contents of their K Rations.

"It was the size of a Cracker Jack box with a can of eggs and ham, a chocolate bar, three cigarettes, coffee and bathroom tissue," Santagata said.

For three years Santagata's division fought in five major campaigns in Normandy, northern France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes in the Battle of the Bulge and

Central Europe under Gen. George Patton. During that time his division crossed 26 rivers.

Of particular interest was Santagata's quips by the famed Patton, whose troops fought through five major campaigns in France, Germany and central Europe.

"There wasn't a better general, and although some people thought different, he kept on going," he said. "If you didn't do your job, he'd replace you the next day. A lot of officers didn't like him."

Santagata shared one conversation between Patton and a soldier.

"I remember he went up to a soldier and said 'this rifle is the best SOB you will ever get.' Then he touched the tip of the bayonet and said 'this isn't sharp enough.'"

Santagata also recalled the famous meeting between Patton and generals Omar Bradley and Dwight Eisenhower days after

the Battle of the Bulge began.

"Patton told them he had three divisions ready to go. They laughed at him at first, but then went ahead with the attack plans."

A somber memory was when Santagata's division found a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

"I just couldn't look at the ovens," he said. "I just couldn't."

When a prisoner walked out of the camp, Santagata said he was crying.

"He hugged me and I gave him my coat. He was skinny as a rail."

For about 90 minutes, Santagata never tired or lost energy as he shared both funny and sad stories.

"There were times when things didn't go our way, some minefields were places where we lost some good men," he said.

Although his infantry division didn't make it to the Paris liberation, they did end up in Reims.

"We never got to liberate Paris, but Reims is the greatest Champagne city of the world," he said. "We emptied our canteens of cider and filled them with champagne."

When Santagata got out of the army, he trained in construction and worked on commercial buildings in New York and Connecticut.

He said he hadn't spoken about his war experience for almost 50 years, a silence that was broken when he attended a 7th Engineer, 5th Infantry reunion where he reunited with his military buddies. He joined the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge Organization, and was awarded the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French government. Santagata was presented with the insignia of the Legion at a ceremony on May 8, 2012, at West Point.

Several veteran reunions would follow. Santagata, who still lives in Stamford, was married and raised two children. He now has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He said he would never forget his military service.

"I think about all the guys who didn't make it; some of them I got into foxholes with," Santagata said. "But if I had to do it all over again, I would."



MARTIN WILBUR PHOTO

Councilman Jose Berra displays the large and small food scrap recycling containers at the last North Castle Town Board meeting. The program officially launched in town on Feb. 12.

other communities since then.

For more information about the program, North Castle residents can visit the food scrap recycling program page on the town's website at <https://www.northcastle.ny.gov/sustainability-committee/pages/food-scrap-recycling>.

## No. Castle Residents Encouraged to Recycle Food Scraps as Program Begins

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Sustainability Committee materials.

Berra said while the goal is to have as much food material placed in the receptacles at Lombardi Park as possible, until residents become accustomed to what is accepted at the facility and what still goes into the garbage, it would be better to be cautious.

"Eighty percent (compliance) is better than 100 percent," Berra said. "People who try for 100 percent, unless they're really very careful, end up putting stuff in there that often shouldn't be there and then that contaminates things."

Food that can be placed for recycling are meat, seafood, fruits and vegetables, grains and tea grounds. Egg shells and bones can also be put in the receptacles. The food scraps are then trucked to an upstate commercial composting facility.

The town is offering starter kits for \$25 that include a countertop food scrap bin and a larger container that can be used to bring the collected items to the park. The kit also

includes compostable liner bags. Residents can buy the starter kits at the town clerk's office at Town Hall during regular business hours.

If a resident only wants one of the two containers, the larger one is being sold for \$15 while the smaller one costs \$12.

Residents can also use their own containers and bags, but the bags must be 100 percent compostable.

While some residents already compost in their backyard, Berra said the town's facility will allow a greater variety of items to be included. Meat, bones and citrus items, if buried outside, run the risk of attracting pests and other forms of wildlife, according to Sustainability Committee materials.

"Hopefully, people will really contribute to the effort," Berra said. "It's a really good thing to do."

North Castle is the latest town in Westchester to institute a food scrap recycling program. Nearly a decade ago, the Village of Scarsdale was the first to develop an effort and it has served as a model for





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Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 31 August 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four Pink distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as a machine gunner with Company D, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry. During the afternoon, the company was conducting a search and destroy mission, when the lead elements were caught in a cross fire from an enemy bunker complex. Specialist Pink observed a piece of vital equipment that had been abandoned during the initial fighting. With complete disregard for his own safety, he proceeded to retrieve the lost equipment. On his return through heavy enemy fire, he noticed a wounded comrade. With calmness and bravery, he carried both the wounded man and the equipment, along with the added burden of his machine gun. Once he had placed them in a secure area, he volunteered to help rescue the other wounded. When one of the rescue party was wounded by enemy fire, Specialist Pink laid down an accurate base of fire with his machine gun, covering the withdrawal of the casualties. He continued his intense fire, although wounded himself, until enemy fire damaged the machine gun. Specialist Pink's extraordinary heroism in close combat was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, as amended by act of 25 July 1963

1  
WE WERE CAUGHT IN A CROSS  
FIRE AND SIX OR SEVEN OF  
US RAN TO A RIDGE, WHILE ON THE  
RIDGE ONE OF THE MEN SAID THAT  
HE DROPPED THE STARLIGHT  
SCOPE ALONG WITH HIS PACK.  
THE FIRE DIED DOWN SOME  
AND I WENT OUT TO PICKUP  
THE SCOPE ON THE WAY BACK  
A GUY CALLED FROM A BOMB  
CRATER AND SAID HE COULDN'T  
WALK, AND HIS LEG WAS  
BLEEDING. HE HAD BANDAGED  
HIS LEG BUT IT WAS BLEEDING  
THROUGH. I ASKED IF I COULD  
HELP HIM STAND AND HE COULD,  
SO I GOT HIM PIGGY BACK  
ON MY BACK AND GOT HIM  
BACK TO THE RIDGE WHERE  
I COLLAPSED EXHAUSTED.

HE <sup>WAS</sup> TAKEN WHERE THE MEDICS  
WERE TREATING THE WOUNDED.

I WAS SHOT GOING OUT  
TO HELP A SQUAD UNDER



2

FIRE., MY ASSISTANT  
GUNNER WAS MAYBE 50 TO 60  
YARDS AHEAD OF ME,  
WHEN I CAUGHT SIGHT OF  
THE HATCH OF A SPIDER  
HOLE OPENING UP TO MY  
RIGHT. I JUMPED TO THE  
GROUND TO MY RIGHT. HE  
WAS ONLY 10 TO 12 FEET  
AWAY I SAW HIM FIRING  
THE AK-47 SAW THE SHELLS  
EJECT, AND FELT THE  
BULLETS SLAMMING INTO ME.  
I WAS ON THE GROUND KNEW  
I WAS <sup>HIT</sup> BUT I DIDN'T KNOW  
WHERE, AND COULDN'T FIGURE  
OUT WHY MY GUN WASN'T  
FIRING. I LOOKED AT A HOLE  
THROUGH MY RIGHT ~~HAND~~ AND  
PISTOL GRIP BLOWN OFF MY  
MACHINE GUN. HE WENT BACK  
IN HIS <sup>HOLE</sup>, PROBABLY TO PUT A  
NEW CLIP IN SO I KNEW I  
HAD TO GET HIM IN A HURRY.  
I PULLED THE PIN ON A GRENADE



I LOOKED THE <sup>3</sup>RING ON  
THE THUMB OF MY RIGHT  
HAND AND PULLED IT WITH  
MY LEFT. I THREW IT  
POORLY WITH MY LEFT BUT  
IT WENT INTO THE HOLE  
AND I KNEW I WAS OKAY  
AFTER THAT. I RAN UP  
TO WHERE THE MEDICS  
WERE AT. LATER I WAS  
TOLD MY MACHINE GUN  
WAS HIT SIX TIMES  
SAVING MY LIFE IT WAS  
ACROSS MY CHEST AND  
STOPPED THE BULLETS  
THAT I FELT HITTING ME.  
I WAS ALSO HIT IN  
THE RIGHT ARM.

I SPENT 10 MONTHS IN  
VARIOUS HOSPITALS IN THE  
PHILLIPINES, OKINAWA, JAPAN,  
AND VALLEY FORGE ARMY  
HOSPITAL NEAR PHILADELPHIA

## 5 Exercises for People Over 50

### Ideas for getting active at any age

A person in athletic wear seated on a folding chair leans forward with arms extended.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommends at least 150 to 300 minutes of moderate aerobic activity—like brisk walking or fast dancing—each week. Adults also need muscle-strengthening activity—like lifting weights or doing push-ups—at least 2 days each week. We have options to help you add activity into your routine, and in a way that works for you.

**Walking:** It's the move you can do virtually anywhere, anytime, and at any age. Charlie Hooker walked his way to a 150 lb weight loss. Charlie has gone from little exercise to various outdoor activities, including fishing, hunting, and walking more than 20,000 steps per day. "I have been using an indoor peddler for a few years. Now I am purchasing a bicycle and will begin riding outside."

No matter where you are, you can almost always take a few, or a lot, of steps. You can do it alone or with a friend, inside, outside, with music, to a video, in a park, or in your yard. There are even mobile apps that can help. Learn about the benefits of walking and find tips for getting started in the MOVE! Pump Up Your Physical Activity workbook.

**Core:** Your core muscles, or abdominals, are the muscles around your stomach. Strong abdominals play an important role in good posture, respiratory function, and low back health. Try this 20-minute seated core-strengthening routine led by a VA exercise physiologist.

**Yoga:** If you prefer something more meditative, or you'd like to increase your flexibility, balance, and focus, try yoga or tai chi.

John Hickman and his wife added yoga to their physical activity routine. He says, "The MOVE! team taught me proper nutrition and exercise. The first day of class the MOVE! Coordinator, Brooke Ward, showed us a video of a disabled Veteran doing yoga. My wife and I went home, researched it and purchased the yoga DVDs and did yoga for three weeks. I lost almost 8 pounds. I kept it a secret! At the end of the month, I met with Brooke and showed her my results to surprise her. After that, I did yoga for another 8 weeks, lost over 20 pounds, and I LOVE it!"

**Strengthening:** This can be done with equipment, household items, or your body weight. If you have access to an in-home gym, there are many options for equipment based on what part of your body you want to strengthen. It's recommended that you perform strengthening exercises at least twice per week and that you target the large muscle groups each time. Always be careful when doing strengthening exercises and be sure you monitor your posture to prevent injury.

The MOVE! Pump Up Your Physical Activity workbook shares examples of strengthening exercises. Some use small hand weights or resistance bands. If you're going to use household items, visit the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Exercise and Physical Activity page for some great ideas. You can also try wall push-ups, bodyweight squats, or hamstring curls with just your bodyweight to build strength.

Sports: Pick your favorite one to do alone or with your partner. Tennis, pickleball, golf, cycling, running ... you name it. Anything that uses your full body and gets your heart pumping can be beneficial.

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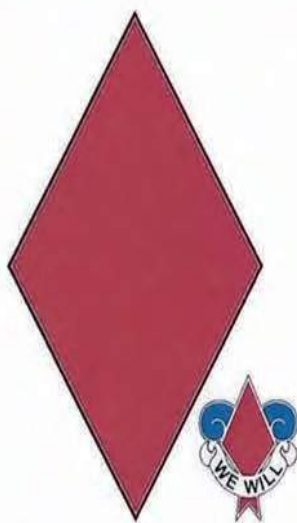
- a. Cardio (walking, running, biking)
- b. Strength training (lifting weights, resistance tubes or bands)
- c. Group activities (yoga, tai chi, mall walking, fitness classes)
- d. Outdoor sports (golf, pickleball, tennis)
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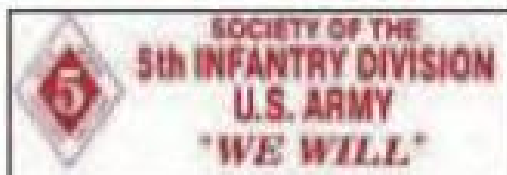
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