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A Message from our President Bud Wagner

The Presidents Message

I was not always proud to be a Veteran, in fact I did not identify as one for over 40 years. I did my best to leave Vietnam behind me and like most, did not talk about it.

But things changed in 2015 and I began to have PTSD issues that resulted in an early retirement. God led me to several things that helped me; one on one counseling, group therapy, reading Lou Pepi's book, "My Brothers Have My Back," and our 5th Mechanized Division Reunions.

I am proud to call myself a Veteran and proud to have served in the 5th Mechanized Division. I love reconnecting with men I served with so many years ago.

Our Reunion in Harrisburg is coming up quickly, September 18-23 at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey. It is so important that we continue to meet yearly, to rekindle our friendships, and continue our support of one another.

Our Reunions are one of the ways we continue to heal from the ravages of war. I look forward each year to seeing all of you and getting to know your story. I want to encourage you to consider coming this year because let us face it, we are not getting younger.

See you this September!!

Bud Wagner

President, Society of the 5th Division



Hello from our 1st Vice President Larry Burnett

First off I want to wish everyone an enjoyable summer. Hope everyone has enjoyed the 4th of July holiday. Some family Members and myself watched while one of my Grandsons shot off fireworks and displays. When I was a young boy, I lived for the 4th of July. Not so much any more. After being in Artillery, fireworks don't seem to be so big and loud now.

As for my wife and her health an fighting her cancer. Things always seem to be in slow motion to me. She has finally taken her last chemo treatment and doing somewhat better. Now seeing her radiation Doctor about those treatments about the do's an don'ts. They are having her lay a certain way and making a mold so when they start the radiation treatments she will basically just have to lay in the mold. They are still undecided as to how many treatments of radiation she is going to get.

As for me? Well I've been having spells for the last 20 years where my heart races. [170+] But only last for just a few seconds. So 28 of June they went in through the leg veins an burned areas in my heart that they say was causing the problems. The first few days after the surgery I thought they lied to me but after about a week it seemed better. Knock on wood, no spells as of lately.

I told the wife that isn't retirement great. We get to travel a lot. To this doctor and to that doctor and this doctor. Yes the retirement life.

We have our reservations for the reunion completed and confirmed. Our oldest daughter is coming with us, [driving], which is ok with me because the family knows how I hate driving in big cities. Anything over 10,000 to me is big. I plan to see every one in Harrisburg, PA. in September. Pray everyone has safe travels to and from the reunion. And pray for our country.

1st VP

Larry Burnett

A FEW WORDS OF THOUGHT FROM
OUR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
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A Sermon from our Chaplain Ron VanBeek

Christian Chaplain Message

Chaplain Christian Message - David and Goliath

At 8 years old, The Prophet Samuel anointed David to be Israel's king after. O what Promise seemed to lay before him. However, David had no idea of the great strife that would face him during his life. Yes, There was a lifetime of deep spiritual learning ahead for David in the next 62 years. How much he had to learn about God and about himself in the Pathway of Holiness, in the School of Jesus Christ. Yes, David would finally graduate at his death, as do all God's Children, at the age of 70 years old. The lessons he would learn in his daily experience, made him famous, to this very day, and served to make his name to always be remembered. How, The Lord was with David, and how mightily God Worked His Will through David. Over the years, the people of Israel increasingly noticed God was with David, and they were singing, Saul has killed his thousands, but David has killed his 10,000s.

But try to imagine at the tender age of 12, David faced Goliath. At the age of 12 years old David became a man in Israel's culture. As a man, he now took upon himself full responsibility when he faced the Giant Goliath. Remember, Goliath, was 9 1/2 feet tall, and probably weighted nearly 400 lbs; while David probably stood at 5 feet tall, and weighed 100lbs. To all human appearances this did not look like a fair fight; but with God all things are possible.

Goliath grew up in a family of giants. War and fighting was in his blood, and his pride in his military skills always drove him toward seeking greater fame in combat against other enemy soldiers. His record was unblemished. No enemy soldier could stand before him, and the Philistine Army under his leadership was steadily conquering land after land. Satan was eagerly using Goliath to destroy Israel, and with that to eliminate any hope of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to Come. Now, here before him stood the young David, who would be the 40 Great Grandfather of Jesus to be born 1000 years later. Satan knew humanly speaking, that to kill David, would mean to kill Jesus Christ.

Now, To understand some of the Philistines strength, we must realize that this was the time in world history of the dawning of the world's "iron age". What a change iron brought in, concerning how war was fought. This technology and raw material of iron, was coming down the coastline, from the north in Asia Minor. Iron ore was just discovered and iron was making major changes in warfare. Iron was so new, that the army of Israel didn't have any iron armor, except for King Saul. In fact the manufacturing of iron was one of the secrets kept from Israel for many years.

What a crisis faced David. We can be sure that he brought this spiritual crisis before The Lord, and he received great courage to go forward to defeat Goliath, in God's Name. Now, While David was inexperienced in the art of war; His master Jesus Christ was of course, The all knowing One, The Captain of the Hosts of Heaven, Who had made everything, and Who directs all events. As he enters the battlefield, God gives David wisdom to instantly sizes up the situation, and apply the right military strategy and tactics. He sees all the iron shields and iron weapons. He sees the strength of Goliath weapons and how they dominate the immediate sphere around him. But he also sees Goliath's military limitations and weaknesses. In an at-distance strategy instantly must have form in his mind. As long as David stays just outside of the extreme range of Goliath's weapons and his superior strength, he actually has battle field supremacy. After all, Goliath can only throw his spear so many feet, his sword is even more restricted in range, and above all the clanking armor of Goliath, which he thinks makes him so safe, is really a severe hinderance in maneuverability, and speed. David's stone could go much further and besides there is that one opening David sees, the open forehead of Goliath. In that moment, God gave David to know in his soul, with absolute certainty, by faith, that Jehovah would give him the victory over Goliath. Remember David had selected 5 stones from the brook; for Goliath had 4 brothers, and David planned to kill them all that day. O hear that incredible faith, glorying in Israel's God. He shouted to Goliath, in the Name of The Lord, I will destroy you, and lift off your head, this day! Yes, David knew God has His Little Children engraved into His Hands, and that not one hair can fall from their head, without God's permission.

Now let us look at David's weapon, that simple slingshot. Yes, David's strongest weapon, was The Name of God, but God also uses human means, and David's slingshot was that means. But it was not the same kind of slingshot we can buy at Walmart today. No, the slingshot of that day was far different, far more powerful, far more lethal, operated much different and carried a far heavier load, than today's slingshot. It was a 6 foot leather strap, with a pocket in the middle. This leather pocket held a rock the size of a small fist. When swung around and around the head and one side left go at the exact right time that large rock carried the energy and impact that was equivalent to a 12 gauge shotgun slug. That type of sling shot could hurl a heavy stone, which could be zooming along at 150 MPH, and would impact with so much force, that it could crush bones and bury itself into the flesh.

Yes, this slingshot was an extremely lethal weapon; and the last thing Goliath saw was a round fist size stone, zooming toward his eyes at 150 miles per hour. Obviously, he expected his spear would quickly kill David, and did not, expect this slung rock to do anything but bounce off his medal armor. Obviously, Goliath froze like a deer in the headlights. His heavy iron armor kept him from any quick reaction. He could not dodge David's 150 mph rock. The Bible tell us in that David's stone hit exactly in that one exposed opening, with such a thunderous impact that it sank deep into Goliath's forehead, and He fell to the ground. Now David rushes forward and uses Goliath's own sword to cut off the giant's head, and holds it up by his hair before the astonished soldiers of both armies.

Jesus, Who is Wisdom Personified, taught David for all his 70 years. Those teaching certainly included war, its strategy and its tactics. David testified of this later when he looks back over his long military career and said, Thou, Lord hast taught my fingers to fight, and art a shield over my head. David constantly waited for his General's Instructions, in all his battles during all of his life. David prayed to God, three times each day for guidance. We read for example, many years later, God tell David not to attack with his army, until he heard the wind blow in the top of the mulberry bushes. No no enemy, no country, Nothing could stand before David, because Jesus Christ was daily the Great Breaker before him.

God gave David this great victory, and that story, that is still told today 3000 years later.

Yes, all of God's, poor, needy, grieving and missing children who are facing spiritual Goliaths, or crisis in their lives, all learn to use the Name of God to defeat all their enemies. Do you?

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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Marie Burnett wife of our 1st Vice President Larry



VENTING

from the Editor of The Red Diamond

The other night while watching the news I was greatly dismayed that I was watching our flag. The American flag being burned at the Capital of the United States. I hope that my fellow veterans feel the same, but what are you doing. I got up the next day and wrote to my congressman and senator. If you do not say anything about your feelings over situations like this. Than it is time to shut the door, don't complain, and throw in that towel. It is your right as an American to voice your opinion to your congressman and senator. You voted for them and if you didn't, you are still allowed to complain. Don't give up this right, let them know how you feel. This is not a First Amendment right to burn our flag. This is what many of us gave our time, our blood, and our lives for.

God Bless America

SHOW YOUR PRIDE THE AMERICAN FLAG

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.

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

7472 Pamelas Way

Easton, MD 21601

For QUESTIONS, please send me an e-mail at: gshoener22@gmail.com.

Society of the Fifth Infantry Division (SOFD)

Scholarship Application - Effective January 1, 2025

Please review Scholarship Guide at 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 _____

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)

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.

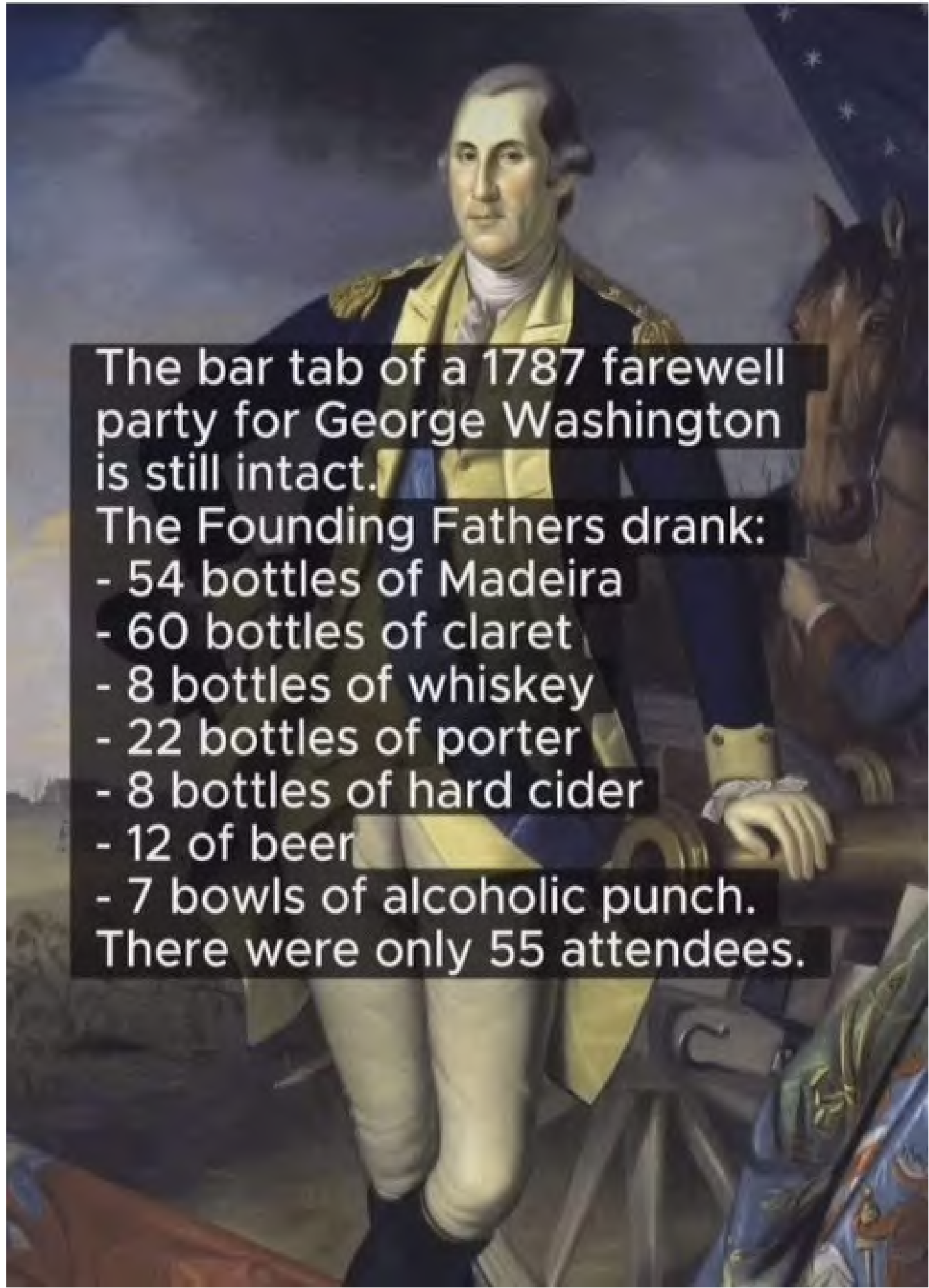
Briefly tell us about your extra-curricular and volunteer activities and include your name and email address on a separate sheet of paper.

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.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

Date

A portrait of George Washington in military uniform, standing next to a horse. The image is a composite with a text overlay. The text is white with a black background, making it stand out. The background of the image is a dark, cloudy sky with stars, suggesting a night scene. The overall tone is historical and formal.

The bar tab of a 1787 farewell party for George Washington is still intact.

The Founding Fathers drank:

- 54 bottles of Madeira
- 60 bottles of claret
- 8 bottles of whiskey
- 22 bottles of porter
- 8 bottles of hard cider
- 12 of beer
- 7 bowls of alcoholic punch.

There were only 55 attendees.

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>

[18&chain=13325&child=0¤cy=USD&depart=2024-02](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)

Rate includes Breakfast Buffet for Two (2) each day – Vouchers will be provided for each guest to use throughout

their stay in hotel's restaurant.

Cut-off Date: 8/26/24 Late reservations will be processed based on space availability at a higher rate.

Cancellation Policy: Room cancellations must be made at least 24- hours in advance or you may be charged a cancellation

fee.

Parking & Shuttle Information

Self-parking is complimentary.

The hotel does provide an airport shuttle from 7am until 9pm. Guests are asked to call the hotel at least 1 week prior to their

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 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 5TH DIVISION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of 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 5TH

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

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

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT YOUR NAMETAG TO READ

FIRST _____ LAST _____

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) OR GUEST NAMES _____

UNIT INFORMATION (ex. D CO/1st BN/11th Infantry): _____

YEARS SERVED W/ 5ID(ex. 1965-66): _____

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

CURRENT & PAST SOCIETY OFFICE HELD (ex. NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, PAST PRESIDENT, ETC.): _____

STREET ADDRESS OF MAIN ATTENDEE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

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 5TH 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 5TH 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!

HOWARD COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS



ALL VETERANS REUNION SEPTEMBER 15 - 22 2024

Food Vendors

Live Bands



PUBLIC IS INVITED

Vendors

Displays

Speakers

Opening Ceremonies begin at 11am. Monday - Saturday

Monday September 16, 2024

Honoring our Past

Speakers

Tuesday September 17, 2024

Honoring our Diversity

Speakers

Wednesday September 18, 2024

Honoring our Hope

Speakers

Thursday September 19, 2024

Honoring Our Fallen

4-5:30 Strait Jack

6:00-7:30 Moon Cats

8:00-9:30 Tightrope

10:00-12:00 The 90's Band

Friday September 20, 2024

Honoring our Supporters

2:00-4:00 Russ Chandler

4:30-6:00 Reformatory Road

6:30-8:30 Sherwood Club

8:30-9:30 S.R.A.

10:00-12:00 Jambox

Saturday September 21, 2024

Honoring our Supporters

2:00-3:30 Cecily Turhune

4:00-5:30 Alan Kaye & Tricycle

6:00-7:30 Outlaw Nation

8:00-9:30 Blind Side

10:00-12:00 Hippies and Cowboys

September 22, 2024

Honoring God and Country

10:00 Church

(HCVVO)
PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO THE ...
HOWARD COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION
42ND ANNUAL ALL VETERANS REUNION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024
"THE HEALING FIELDS" Established 1981



ALL SISTERS, BROTHERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS
ALL FUTURE, CURRENT & PAST BRANCHES
THE PUBLIC & CHARTER BUSES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND

HCVVO WILL BE HONORING ...

OUR PAST on Monday (Cold War, Korean, Vietnam & WWII Veterans),
OUR HOPE on Tuesday (Various Speakers to be announced),
OUR DIVERSITY on Wednesday (Miami Indians Ceremony),
OUR FALLEN on Thursday, OUR FORGOTTEN on Friday, OUR SUPPORTERS on Saturday, OUR GOD & COUNTRY on Sunday

Armbands for Gate Admission Required for ALL Visitors, Members & Reunion Site Guests
(Armbands MUST be shown upon EVERY re-entry to HCVVO grounds to Staff at entry gates):
\$15.00 for FULL WEEK entry Sunday – Sunday. OR \$5.00 PER DAY entry for Monday – Wednesday ONLY

Opening Ceremonies & Flag Raisings (Monday & Thursday – Saturday)

Guest Speaker Sammy L. Davis Medal of Honor / "The Real Forrest Gump"

Live MUSIC Thursday 4:00 pm – 12:00 am, Friday & Saturday 2:00 pm – 12:00 am

Silent Auction, Raffles, 50/50 drawings & donations accepted for auctions & raffles

Food & drink vendors, beer barn, new large Vendor building with souvenir t-shirts,
merchandise, memorabilia & displays

Santa Parade & Patriotic "Welcome Home" Golf Cart Ride

Veteran & HCVVO Associates Brick Laying Memorials

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1,000 Reunion Sites* on 39 acres, plus Non-Member Overflow Reunion Sites
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Sunday Church Service

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8313 E. 400 S., Greentown, Indiana 46936; Telephone: (765) 628-0297

ALL large Bus Charter visits are WELCOME, but need to be scheduled 72 hours PRIOR to visit.

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"Bringing the Sound of Hope" / National American Huey 369 History Museum

Displays/Merchandise (Thursday); Membership/Living History Flight Experiences Available (Friday–Sunday) weather permitting
Location: Todd & Claudia Eads Farm, 4282 S. 800 E., Greentown, Indiana 46936 [1/2 mile away from HCVVO]

!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE & WELCOME HOME !!

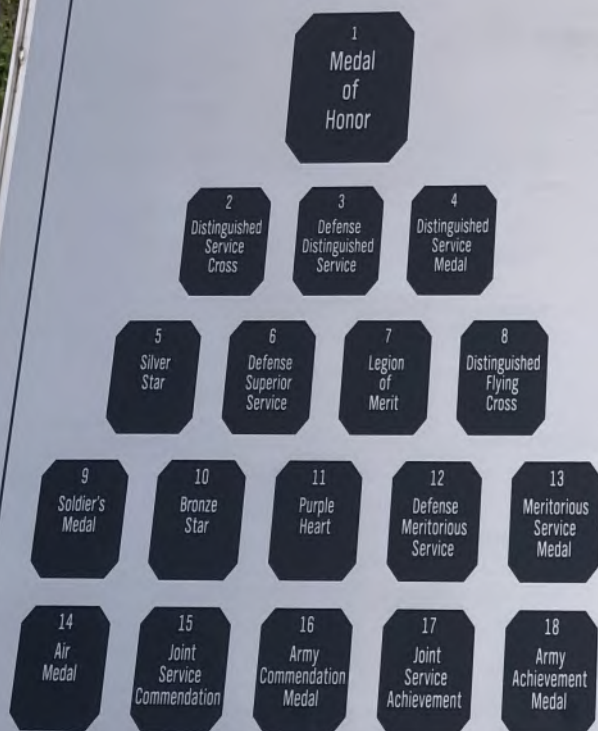


The Medal of Honor

A rare and specialized award

"Of all the privileges serving as President, there's no greater honor than serving as Commander-in-Chief of the finest military that the world has ever known. And of all the military decorations that a President and a nation can bestow, there is none higher than the Medal of Honor."

President Barack Obama



The Medal of Honor is awarded by the President in the name of Congress to a Soldier who distinguishes himself or herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty... The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life.

Army Regulation 600-8-22, Military Awards

Of the tens of millions of Americans that have served in the U.S. Army, less than 2,500 have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

Until 1918 the Medal of Honor was the Army's only decoration for valor. On 12 January 1918, the Distinguished Service Cross was established as the Nation's second highest military decoration to honor heroism and valor. The creation of additional military decorations established an order of precedence for the wear and classification of medals known as "The Pyramid of Honor" that preserved the status of the Medal of Honor as the Nation's highest military award.

A hero's story

"While leading his company in an assault, the Captain braved an intense fire that mowed down his unit. Upon reaching the breastworks he found that he had only member of his company with him. He was so close to an enemy gun that the blast knocked him down a ditch. Getting up, he entered the gun pit, the guncrew flew before him. About 30 paces away he saw a Confederate flag bearer and guard which he captured with the last shot in his pistol."

CPT SAMUEL MCCONNELL Place and date of action: Fort Blakely, Alabama, 9 April 1865 Date of issue: 8 Ju

THE ARMY VALUES

The seven Army Values—Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage—set the standard for America's Soldiers.

Soldiers are expected to be guided in their actions by a core set of values, whether on or off duty. These are values that many of us strive toward, but for Soldiers, each has a special meaning. Explore the meaning of each of the Army's core values in a Soldier's life. How do they compare to your values? Throughout this gallery and the rest of the museum you will find stories of individual Soldiers who have lived according to these values.

Happiness is not about getting what you want. It's about enjoying all you have.

"Don't waste time, time is the final currency man, not money, not power, it's time," David Crosby. I know being 20 years old in the 70s was a lot more fun than being 70 years old and the 2020s. I have learned that there are three things in life for certain- health, wealth, and time. When you're young and in your teen years, you have time, good health but no wealth. The next 30 years or so, you have health, are working on your wealth, but no time. The last 20 or 30 years, you have time, wealth, but no good health.

PHIL CHAPMAN an old retired MARINE

SHAKE-_n BAKE

VIETNAM WAR NCOS: VERY MUCH THE REAL THING
NEWLY MINTED SERGEANTS IN NO TIME



BY RICHARD CURREY

Leonard F. "Budd" Russell, a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran, is now 75. He grew up in Millinocket, Maine, and after graduating from high school in 1966, went on to a two-year business college. "Everything was fine," he said. "But then, in August 1968, I got the letter."

Said letter directed him to report for an armed forces physical. He was advised that his draft notice would follow soon, and it did. Russell passed the physical and in January 1969 headed off to Basic Training at Ft. Dix. During in-processing, he found himself sitting in a classroom with other recruits.

"We took a series of what our drill sergeant called vocational aptitude tests," he said. "About a week later I saw my name on a list of men whose scores qualified them for Officer Candidate School."

Russell was briefly interested until he learned that OCS required a two-year enlistment extension. "There was Reserve time, too," he said. "Overall, I'd have to sign on for a six-year obligation. No thanks, I thought."

A few weeks later, Russell's drill sergeant had another offer. "He got a few of us together and told us we showed potential and there was a leadership course we might be interested in. After that, we'd go on to AIT, like everybody else," and "we'd be immediately promoted to corporal, and we'd be squad leaders."

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Courtesy Department of Defense

Infantry Hall at Fort Benning served as the primary location for the Non-Commissioned Officer Candidate Course ("Shake 'n Bake School"), which became an integral part of training non-commissioned officers in 1965 as the Vietnam War escalated and the Army faced a significant shortage of NCOs in the field.

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Westmoreland's plan seemed reasonable at the time. With presidential approval, U.S. troop strength in Vietnam skyrocketed to more than 185,000 by the end of 1965 and would top 500,000 in 1968.

One effect of this rapid increase in manpower was the creation of acute shortages in critical mil-

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Not everyone agreed. Some senior officers contended that infantry NCOs could not be produced through a short-term training program, and that any such program was doomed to failure. Despite the objections, the Army's personnel needs were at a breaking point, and the Noncommissioned Officer Candidate Course was established at Ft. Benning, now Ft. Moore, in Georgia.

The program's benefits were measurable: excellent training, immediate promotion to corporal, higher pay – and no additional service obligation. Sergeant's stripes were awarded upon graduation. The top graduates became Staff Sergeant, E-6s.



Photo courtesy Budd Russell

Leonard "Budd" Russell, Jr.'s graduation photo from Noncommissioned Officer Candidate School on September 30, 1969.

The program was intense, launching with 12 weeks of skills training in weapons, hand-to-hand combat, first aid, map reading, and radio communications. Then came instruction in fire team, squad, and platoon tactics.

The newly minted NCOs who completed the program soon garnered a mocking nickname: "Shake 'n Bake" sergeants. It referenced a product new on supermarket shelves in the mid-1960s that promised a "fast and easy" way to mimic fried chicken.

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“Shake ‘n Bake” training was supposedly also fast and easy – and like its food namesake, not quite the real thing. But the training was far from easy, and in time the performance under fire of NCOCC-trained noncoms would demonstrate that they were very much the real thing.

FEELING LIKE A LEADER

After Budd Russell declined OCS, he also passed on the offer to attend the new accelerated NCO training program. “I didn’t think I had any leadership abilities,” he said. “But I guess the Army disagreed, because my orders out of boot camp were straight to NCOCC.”

He reported – and promptly tried to drop out. “I was told to give it two weeks, and if I still wanted to leave, they’d let me go. I’d ship out to Vietnam and that would be the end of it.”

Those two weeks proved decisive. “The training was first-rate,” he said. “I’d never experienced anything like it – hands-on, highly detailed, very specific. I realized I was learning stuff that could keep me alive.”

As much as he admired the curriculum, though, Russell still worried he was not NCO material. “I told my CO how impressed I was with the training. Except I wasn’t a leader, so I asked if I could stay for the full training and not take the stripes.”

But something changed as training continued. Russell discovered he had abilities he didn’t think he had. “There was a kind of final exam called Range Week,” he said. “Patrols and ambushes, learning to set up perimeters, jungle navigation, all out in the field. Everybody got a turn at being platoon leader or company commander as we went through different exercises.

“We each had a Ranger instructor shadowing us. My turn came and the exercise involved getting hit by heavy sniper fire. I had to react and make decisions. The Ranger was all over my ass, laying on the pressure. ‘What’re you going to do, Candidate? What now, Candidate?’

“He was so hard on me that I finished the day wondering about my performance. I thought this was probably where I washed out. But later that night the Ranger came around and said, ‘Candidate, you did very good today.’ For the first time, I really felt like a leader. I knew I could do the job.”

Budd Russell graduated and moved on to AIT at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was an official “Shake ‘n Bake” NCO.

A DIFFERENT MAN

Delta Co. was in the shit all the time,” Russell said.

He was assigned to D Company in the 1st Battalion of the 11th Infantry Regiment at Firebase Fuller, on a mountain about five miles south of the DMZ. “At one point we took over 600 mortars in 43 days,” he remembered. “We had six guys killed on that mountain from mortar fire alone.”

Russell was on patrol with his unit in May 1970

when his medic stepped on a booby trap and lost both of his legs and Russell took shrapnel in his left thigh. “We were on the side of a hill so there was no place for the medevac chopper to land,” he said. “Somehow, I managed to scramble up to where I could put my hands on the chopper’s nose and help the pilot hover there.

“Russell got pulled up into the chopper and was lying next to one of his men who was in bad shape. ‘I reached over, telling him that it was okay, we’re

on a medevac. And it was as if I could feel the heat leaving his body. I was talking to him – but I realized he was already dead.”

Russell was operated on at the 18th Surgical Hospital. “My doctor said I would likely be out of action for seven months, so I thought my tour was over. But I healed faster than expected, and rejoined my guys in just over a month.” Later sent

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to Japan for medical evaluation, he got word he would be discharged. He had served 22 months, and in that short but fiery and all-consuming period, his life had fundamentally changed.

"I certainly knew I was a different man," Russell said. "I just didn't grasp how deep that change was."

Back home, he returned to a paper mill job he had worked during summers in high school and while attending business school but was limited due to damage related to his leg wound. Despite a 10 percent VA disability rating, he was bluntly advised that if he could not do the job he would be laid off. Unaware of how to fight back – and without the emotional wherewithal to do so – Russell got a job as a night watchman.

"I didn't have a name for what I was feeling," he said. "The VA didn't offer counseling back then. After a couple of years, I met my wife, and she helped me understand what I was dealing with and how to fight back."

Russell returned to the paper mill, got his old job, and received seniority for his time away. He and his wife raised three daughters, and life was good. But when Russell's wife died in 2000, he plunged into an extended period of grief. His daughters insisted he seek counseling. It took the counselor just two sessions to identify his underlying PTSD. He found himself talking about nearly three decades of brutal war-inflected nightmares.

"I had never put in a VA claim because—well, I was the sergeant telling the men to suck it up, no matter how bad things got. That's how it was back then. I had to be strong for my men. Claiming PTSD felt like the opposite of that."

The counselor referred Russell to a psychiatrist who specialized in helping veterans with PTSD claims. A few months later, his claim was approved.

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to request the official roster of the NCOCs. Over the years he, at his own expense, painstakingly mailed and called a vast number of them. He also established and manages the NCOCC locator website, which now holds a large amount of information and photos."

A former battalion commander who was an early doubter of the "Shake 'n Bakes" revised his opinion when after-action reports clarified exactly what these men were achieving. "They proved themselves completely," the officer noted at the time, "and we were crying for more. They repeatedly surpassed soldiers who had risen from the ranks in combat and provided the quality of leadership at the squad and platoon level which is essential in the type of fighting we're doing."

More than a thousand NCOCC graduates were killed in Vietnam. Four were posthumous recipients of the Medal of Honor. Some have gone on to distinguished government careers. That includes Rep. Mike Thompson of California and Tom Ridge, who, after six terms in Congress, served as governor of Pennsylvania and as the first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

The NCOCC program was discontinued in early 1972, after graduating some 30,000 NCOs. The success of this Vietnam War training program created under duress and at top speed has proven to be a foundation for the NCO academies and training programs now operating throughout the Army.

Budd Russell's NCOC Locator website's address is <https://ncoclocator.org/> ♦

THE KEEPER OF THE SCROLLS

Beyond his personal story, Budd Russell has played a pivotal role in accounting for other "Shake 'n Bake" sergeants and documenting the history of the training program as its unofficial historian.

"I got started with a Tandy computer in 1988," he said. "I had a set of home addresses of men from my NCOCC class who went with me to AIT at Ft. McClellan. I did a form letter and sent letters out to the guys. I put ads in magazines. I started getting replies – and I never realized how big the program was. What I've been doing for the last 36 years all grew from that."

His long-standing work of collecting names, addresses, and the current status of graduates makes Russell, in effect, the keeper of the scrolls. "Budd Russell is singularly responsible for preserving the memory of the program," according to Bob Clark, the NCOCC reunion coordinator. "When Budd got out of the Army, he had the foresight

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Below is a response from Lou Pepi on renewing the 1-61 website domain name

Hello all,

We definitely should pay the renewal on the 1-61 website. It was put together by Colonel Jack Swaren and contains the 100 Year history of the 5th Infantry Division, not just the 1-61. There are tens of thousands of comments from 5th Infantry veterans that should be preserved as well. and tens of thousands of photographs of the Vietnam era. I gave the maintenance of it to the society simply because Joe is a better I.t man than I ever was.

Lou Pepi

Bud Wagner

Many of VA's benefits or services can be traced back to June 22, 1944. That's when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (SRA) of 1944, otherwise known as the G.I. Bill of Rights.

"This generation," said Roosevelt, "has a rendezvous with destiny." More than 16 million Americans served in World War II. Nearly 300,000 died in battle. Many were returning home to uncertain futures.

But these Veterans had determined allies.

Harry Colmery was a World War I Veteran, a former national commander of the American Legion and a former Republican National Chairman. He and the committee of legionnaires he led had a plan: a law that would assist new Veterans in their transition from military service.

Colmery wrote the original language of the bill that would eventually be sponsored by U.S. Representative Edith Norse-Rogers (R-Mass.), who eventually chaired the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The SRA provided WWII Veterans funds for college, unemployment insurance and housing benefits. By the end of the World War II-era in 1956, roughly 8 million out of 16 million WWII Veterans had used their G.I. Bill benefit for some kind of training.

“With the signing of this bill a well-rounded program of special Veterans’ benefits is nearly completed,” Roosevelt said. “It gives emphatic notice to the men and women in our armed forces that the American people do not intend to let them down.”

The G.I. Bill also had important social impact. It played a role in the promotion of the American Dream—owning a home, getting a good education and achieving upward mobility. The G.I. Bill put tools and resources into the hands of young Americans looking to create a better life for themselves and their families, helping to create and strengthen the American middle class.

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Observe the 80th Anniversary of the G.I. Bill

Upon its passage 80 years ago, not all Veterans benefitted equally. Racial and gender disparities made it difficult for all Veterans to access and use the benefits they earned. While VA cannot tell this story without including this truth, today, equity and access have become part of VA’s top priorities. VA remains committed to supporting America’s Veterans of every generation as they strive to realize their own American Dreams.

In the coming days, we’ll be publishing more news stories about the benefits derived from the SRA, including employment and training benefits available to some disabled Veterans, the origin of the Veteran Readiness and Employment, and more info on VA’s home loan benefits.

In the meantime, we want to know, how have you used yours? Let us know in the comments below.

Due to the rise of Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) scams, VA wants to ensure Veterans—including those who choose to have their private health care provider complete a DBQ—are appropriately equipped with the information they need to submit DBQs successfully.

A DBQ is a streamlined medical examination form designed to collect medical evidence relevant to a claim for benefits. DBQs allow Veterans to submit medical evidence from their health care provider to support their claims for disability benefits. Veterans are entitled to a no-cost disability examination by VA if an examination is deemed necessary to decide the claim for benefits.

VA wants Veterans to be aware of individuals and companies marketing the service of completing DBQs. Don't be fooled by companies advertising they have a special relationship with medical professionals and can guarantee the Veteran a benefits award. When a Veteran uses for-profit DBQ companies, the fees may be costly.

VHA and VA's Contract Examination vendors reduce claims processing time by increasing access to examinations. A VA Claims Processor determines whether a compensation & pension (C&P) exam is needed. If needed, the Claims Processor will identify if the C&P exam will be performed by a VHA Examiner or VA Contract Examiner.

Before attending an examination and/or having a medical professional complete a DBQ, VA encourages Veterans to become familiar with the guidance below:

VA values evidence from a Veteran's private treatment provider(s) because they are familiar with the Veteran's medical history, often over a long period of time.

VHA and VA Contract Examiners are trained to conduct C&P disability examinations and there are no costs or hidden fees involved.

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The use of VHA Examiners and VA Contract Examination Vendors reduces claims processing time by increasing access to examinations.

VA or a VA Contract Examiner will either mail a letter, email or call with appointment information. Prior to an exam, Veterans may contact VA or the VA Contract Examiner to confirm the exam date, time and location. If a scheduled exam date or time does not work, Veterans should immediately call the VA Medical Center or the number provided by the VA Contract Examiner.

If a Veteran has any questions concerning their C&P exam or needs to reschedule an appointment(s), they can contact VA directly at 1-800-827-1000; a trained representative is available to answer questions.

Items To Consider When Providing DBQs:

VA will not pay or reimburse any expenses or costs incurred in the process of completing and/or submitting DBQs completed by the Veteran's health care provider. If Veterans choose to submit a DBQ from their non-VA treatment provider, VA may determine an additional disability examination may still be necessary to decide a benefits claim.

All clinician information blocks at the bottom of the DBQs must be completed, signed and dated by the clinician completing the DBQ.

Resources

To ensure claimants have access to responsible and qualified representation on their VA benefits claims, accredited Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), attorneys and agents are available to help file a claim. If you need support, visit our accredited representatives.

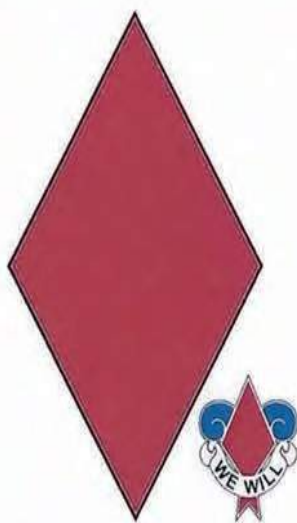
If a Veteran misses a VA benefits payment, identifies a discrepancy in payments, or find suspicious activity with their direct deposit account, they should contact VA immediately at 1-800-827-1000.

If a Veteran suspects they are a victim of fraud, they can visit the VA Office of Inspector General at www.vaoig.gov for more information. Veterans may also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov.

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