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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT LARRY BURNETT

Hello Red Diamond Brothers and family. Hope all is doing well. Winter is fading away fast, I hope. I ask that everyone have a wonderful and a safe summer. But fall will be here before you know it and the SOFD Reunion will be here again.

Mark on your calendar Hilton KCI, Kansas City, Mo. September 18 (Thur.) through the 21(Sunday), and most everyone says their good-byes Monday morning of the 22. But If you wish you can come a day or two early and stay a day or two longer.

I am very happy with the two tours that I have chosen. I am sure you will enjoy them too.

The Truman Library tour is Friday the 19th. Leave the Hotel at 8:30 and arrive back at Hotel at 12:30. When Truman Library was first suggested, the country person I am, I thought what fun and enjoyment would a room full of books be.... Well the word Museum was left out. After wife and I went. I was very satisfied. And it is all on one level, of all I seen anyway. Learned a lot of things I didn't know before hand about former President Truman. For one I never knew he was in the military, duh!

The Steamboat Arabia Museum tour is Saturday the 20th. Leave the Hotel at 9:45 and arrive back to Hotel at 2:30. Steamboat Arabia Museum was also a very interesting, because of the fact that the steamboat was sunk in 1856 while steaming up the Missouri River towards Omaha, Neb. And was located and dug up out in a farmers field in 1988. Was very amazing at the number of items that survived all those years buried deep in the field. It was carrying winter supplies for many people to help them make it through the winter. Everything from dish ware to clothing. I don't think you will be disappointed. Its on a lower level but they have an elevator. For the ones that can make the short walk on the ramps to walk down to the lower level.

I do hope to see more C Battery 5/4 Arty guys there if at all possible. So all my military brothers, try your best to make it. Your not getting any younger and excuses are like ';/,; everybody has one.

Last but not least. I continue to thank all the past Presidents of the Society for all the advise and help that you all have given me. And a special thanks to George for the Zoom help. You just don't realize how much you've helped me. Without all of you and the help from my wife I would never make it through this. Love all of you.

Larry Burnett , C 5/4 arty on C-2

WORD FROM OUR 1ST VICE PRESIDENT LEE AANONSON

Red Devil Brothers and Sisters everywhere!

The 2025 Reunion of the Society of the Fifth Division is coming soon. Now is the time to make your plans to attend. It's going to be a great time in Kansas City this year. Renewing old friendships and making new ones. Catching up on what's been happening in each other's lives and reminiscing about places and experiences in our units in Ft. Carson, Vietnam, Ft. Polk and others. Helping each other regain bits and pieces that escaped our memories or seeing some of our shared events from someone else's perspective. These reunions can be somewhat therapeutic for many of us, especially those suffering from PTSD.

Listening to Red Diamond Brothers from the other units of the 5th Div. gives one a greater appreciation of how they all supported each other, especially on C 2, Con Thien, Dong Ha and Camp Red Devil.

Life on the Fire Bases and the delicious cuisine cooked in the field kitchens, the unforgettable taste of sour milk and the variety of C ration selections. Sleeping underground in bunkers with the rats and centipedes. The lights were made with soda cans filled with diesel fuel and Bandolier straps for wicks. The smoke from the lights would drive the centipedes from their cracks and crannies. At night after lights out, you could hear the rats rummage through the empty C ration cans that guys would leave on the floor by their cots.

Oh, the memories. Some do come flooding back at times, others are quite dim. But in the company of Brothers, it seems easier to talk about things we wouldn't share with our families or civilian friends.

If you haven't been to a reunion before, come and see for yourself. Come and meet all your Red Diamond Brothers.

You may not have served with any or most in attendance, but they will greet you and embrace you as one of them. You will make new friends and may even find one or two that were with you when you were there.

Many come year after year and look forward to the camaraderie. We are running out of sunsets, so come and join the group. Bring your memories and recollections along with any photographs that you have from your time with the 5th division. Our Society historian would appreciate any duplicates that you could share, especially with dates, places and names.

I wish you all well and hope those of you struggling with health issues find the strength to heal or ease your suffering on your journey. Love and good thoughts to you my Brothers and Sisters All.

Lee Aanonsen,
1st Vice President,
Society of the Fifth Division



Dennis Coulter

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

JANUARY 2025



The staff at The Oasis Hotel and I have Amed Forces Reunions details for our 2027 reunion in Springfield, MO. The contract for this event should be available for review by our Executive Board Meeting in May 2025. The proposed dates are as follows: Arrival September 23, 2027, with departure September 27, 2027. More information on activities after the contract has been signed. Welcome Home!



A Sermon from our Chaplain Ron VanBeek

Chaplain message - Christian

Satan shall prevail - Matt. 25:5...while the Bridegroom tarried, they ALL slumbered and slept...both the foolish and the Wise.

Yes, It can be greatly feared, that christendom today, is rapidly approaching this global catastrophe, or is living inside this last chronological event of the world. Clearly, this apoplectic time shall prevail in christendom, shortly before Christ comes on the Clouds, on The Judgment Day, to Judge the Quick and the dead. In Jesus Parable of the 10 Virgins, Matt. 25:5, we read this utterly amazing, yes astounding reality, that Jesus said, ALL slept, both the foolish and the wise. All; means all, in this context. All Christendom Slept, at that time. It scarcely seems possible, and most will quickly point to the vast Christian infrastructure, that has developed in all 197 countries, across the world. They ask indignantly, how is it possible that all those Christians can be wrong, at that specific time. Our answer must be; Jesus can not lie; Jesus can not be wrong. It is not my own word, or my own thoughts; It is God, The High and Holy One, OTHERNESS, Who Writes this astounding reality, over 20 times directly in Scripture, and over 20 times indirectly. Yes, Only look around and see some of the greatest abominations, and corruption, that prevail in establishment christendom 31 previous times in history. We have many reasons to fear; is similarly unfolding today. Reading these verses from God's Mouth, tragically, there can be no other explanation, then that Christendom will fall fast asleep, both the foolish and the Wise.

No, It can not be more clear, that in the last days of the End Times, satan shall utterly conquered and destroy Christendom. Scripture tells us that The Evil One, at that time, shortly before Christ Comes Again, has successfully lulled even the Elect to sleep, subtly chaining them to death and hell, all happening while he has cunningly clothed himself as an angel of light, within Christendom. Let us look at the 20 verses, where God has explicitly Written of this horrific time.

1. Rev. 13:7 - And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations.
2. Dan. 7:21 - I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints; and prevailed against them.
3. Matt. 24:22 - And except those days should be shortened, there should not flesh be saved, but for the Elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
4. Matt 24:24 - For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and they shall be able to shew great signs and wonder; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very Elect.
5. Matt. 24:21 - For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
6. Luke 18:8 - Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall He find Faith.
7. Isaiah 14:7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet.
8. Jer. 5:13 - And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them; thus shall it be done unto them.
9. Rev. 7:1 - And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

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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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Dan Santagta Died- 2024 - Age-100 WWII 5th - 7th Engineers

Glenn A. Bowers Died June 15 2024 WWII 12th Calvary - A Troop- 4th Sqd

Ken Taggard Died Aug. 15 2024 Vietnam 5th - D-1/11

Bobby Morton Died Aug. 26, 2024 Vietnam B. Co. - 1/61

Mike Turk Johnson Died Aug. 22, 2024 Vietnam D. Co. 1/11



VENTING

from the Editor
of The Red Diamond

KAREN JACKSON MAY
YOU FIND PEACE AND
MAY GOD BLESS YOU
JJ WE ARE ALL WITH
YOU AND PRAYING

Society of the Fifth Division Scholarship Program

At the General Membership Meeting of the Society of the Fifth Division (SOFD) held in Harrisburg PA, the Members present voted unanimously to approve the SOFD Scholarship Program. Although the SOFD Board of Directors has not yet approved the specific dollar amount for the Scholarship year 2025-26, a Scholarship committee has been formed to implement the Program.

Members of the Scholarship Committee are...

President: Dan Lyon

Treasurer: George Shoener

Member: Bob Dudley

Member: Mike Cooper

Member: Lou Pepi

The Committee had it's first meeting in October responsibilities were assigned to each Member. Next steps for the Committee are...

- (1) Place the scholarship application process on the SOFD website – www.societyofthefifthdivision.com.
- (2) Get approval from the SOFD Board for a dollar amount to be used for scholarships.
- (3) Get the Scholarship information out to all SOFD Members and 5th Division KIA Families.
- (4) Start accepting Scholarship applications.

If you have any questions regarding the SOFD Scholarship Program, please email your questions to gshoener22@gmail.com.

SOCIETY OF THE FIFTH DIVISION



Scholarship Program 2025



About the Scholarship

- ❖ Ten \$1000 Scholarships
- ❖ For College or Trade School
- ❖ Financial Need not considered
- ❖ In honor of 5th Div KIA
- ❖ For Undergraduate Only

Eligibility Criteria

- Child/grandchild/great grandchild of SOFD Member or 5ID KIA
- 3.5 HS GPA for College
- 3.0 HS GPA for Trade

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Deadline is May 15, 2025.....Application Form available at:**
- https://www.societyofthefifthdivision.com/Scholarship/Content/Scholarship_Application_Form.pdf
- **Mail Application to: SOFD Scholarship Chairman**
- **1355 F Street, Baker City, OR 97814**
- **Emailto: scholarship@societyofthefifthdivision.com**

10. Mark 13:24 - But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of Heaven shall fall, and the Powers in Heaven shall be shaken.
11. Zech. 1:11 - And they answered the angel of The Lord, that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, we have Walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.
12. 2 Tim. 4:3 - For the time shall come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
13. Mark 13:22 - False Christs shall greatly multiply. For false christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the Elect.
14. 2 Cor. 2:11 - For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of christ.
15. 2 Cor. 11:14 - And no marvel; for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Within the christian church; so much so that he is often chosen as the leader.
16. Eze 22:30 - And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before ME, for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.
17. Dan. 7:7d - ...And when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the Holy people, all those things shall be finished.
18. Dan 7:2 - ...I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them.
19. 2 Tim. 3:1 - This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, with out natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the Power thereof; from such turn away. for of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lust, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the Truth; men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the Faith.
20. Matt. 25:5 - While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept...both the foolish and the Wise.

Passover - March 25

Ex. 12:14 - And this day shall be unto you for a memorial.

Passover stands as one of the greatest days in the Jewish calendar. It is the Victory Day for Israel in their escape from their long 430 year captivity in Egypt. God delivered them from the cruel hand of Pharaoh with 10 Powerful Plagues, which collapsed ancient Egypt to its knees. But worse was yet to come for this, the most powerful nation in the world. God demanded that they must not only be defeated, but destroyed.

Central to the celebration of the Passover was the lamb. It had to be the best, a lamb of one year, spotless and without blemish. On their last night of captivity, it was to be slain, and eaten in haste. Its blood had to be smeared on the doorposts of their houses, as a sign that blood covered this house. For at midnight the Angel of Death would pass throughout Egypt. Wherever he saw the blood of the lamb, he would "pass over" that house. But he would kill all the first-born of each of those houses, which did not have the blood of the lamb applied to their doorposts. The blood made the key difference.

How powerfully God led them out of Egypt. Now a few days later, they stand apparently trapped at the Red Sea, with Pharaoh's army close on their heels. But now God remembers the lamb and the blood spread upon His People. Because of this, He caused the Red Sea to part and the Children of Israel may "pass-over" to safety, on dry land. However, Pharaoh and his army despised that lamb and that blood, and perished in the Red Sea. On the safe side of the Red Sea, all of Israel celebrated the fruits of the Passover; deliverance from death, only because of the blood God spread over them.

Each year the Jews celebrate, in remembrance, this great day of Deliverance from death in the Passover...with the blood of the lamb.

HILTON KCI

Location

8801 NW 112TH Street
Kansas City, MO 64153

Reservation Information

To make reservations by phone:

Dial 816-891-8900 or Toll-free at 800-445-8667 and reference the Society of the 5th Division

OR

[https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MCIAPHF&groupCode=S5D&arrivaldate=2025-09-16&departuredate=2025-09-22&cid=OM,WW,HILT)

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Group Name: Society of the 5th Division

Reunion Rates Available: Wednesday, September 17 - 23, 2025

Room rates are available 3 days pre and postdates

Room Rate: \$139.00 plus applicable taxes (Currently 16.60%)

Restaurant: Complimentary breakfast buffet for up to two guests per room is included with the guestroom rate. You will receive vouchers upon check-in. Breakfast is served daily in Asado. Hours are 6:30am -11:00am Monday – Friday and 7:00am – 11:00am on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch is served 11:00am – 1:00pm and Dinner is served 4:00pm – 11:00pm. Hours are subject to change.

Cut-Off Date: 8/25/25. After the group cut-off date, the Hotel will accept additional group reservations at the contracted rate or at market rates based on room availability.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be received 24 hours prior to arrival date or there will be a charge of one night's room plus tax.

Parking & Shuttle Information: Self-parking is complimentary. Shuttle service is available. It runs every 15 minutes at the top of the hour. Once outside call hotel to inform them you are ready for pick up at 816-891-8900.

Wheelchair Accessible Rooms: If you need a handicapped accessible guestroom, please call the hotel directly for assistance.

Wheelchair Rental: Scoot Around 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 online please visit:

<https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/5ID2025>

Society of the 5th Division
September 18-22, 2025
Hilton KCI – Kansas City, MO

Schedule of Events

Bold = Ticketed Event

Thursday, September 18

Time Event Room Name

2:00pm – 7:00pm Reunion Registration Open Osage Ballroom Foyer

Hospitality Room and Quarter Master Store to be open throughout the reunion. Hours will be posted daily.

4:00pm – 11:00pm Hospitality/Store Open Osage Ballroom/Sioux Room

Friday, September 19

8:30am – 12:30pm Truman Presidential Library and Museum

3:00pm – 6:00pm Reunion Registration Open Osage Ballroom Foyer

4:00pm – 11:00pm Hospitality/Store Open Osage Ballroom/Sioux Room

Saturday, September 20

9:45am – 2:30pm Steamboat Arabia Museum

5:00pm – 6:00pm Social Hour with Cash Bar Shawnee Ballroom Foyer

6:00pm – 9:00pm Dinner Banquet Shawnee Ballroom

9:00pm – 11:00pm Hospitality/Store Open Osage Ballroom/Sioux Room

Sunday, September 21

9:00am – 10:00am Non-denominational Worship Service Kansas Ballroom AB

10:00am – 11:00am Memorial Service Kansas Ballroom AB

1:00pm – 2:00pm Society General Membership Meeting Kansas Ballroom AB

2:00pm – 4:00pm KIA Photo Presentation Kansas Ballroom AB

5:00pm – 6:00pm Social Hour with Cash Bar Shawnee Ballroom Foyer

6:00pm – 9:00pm Dinner Banquet Shawnee Ballroom

9:00pm – 11:00pm Hospitality/Store Open Osage Ballroom/Sioux Room

Monday, September 22

Farewells and Departures

*TOUR BUSES WILL LOAD AT THE ASADO RESTAURANT AND UNLOAD AT THE FRONT OF THE HOTEL.

Please be at the bus loading location at least 15 minutes prior to departure

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour price and are at the discretion of the individual

TRUMAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Take a docent lead tour of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum. Established in 1957, the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum preserves and provides access to President Truman's historical materials. Through engaging exhibits and programs, the library aspires to reach a broad and diverse audience in a continuous effort to keep President Truman's life and legacy alive, emphasizing his ideals of citizenship, learning and service.

8:30am board bus, 12:30pm back at hotel

\$71/Person includes bus, escort, and admission - Wednesday-Sunday

STEAMBOAT ARABIA MUSEUM

Discover the treasures of Steamboat Arabia. Journey back to 1856, America's Golden Age of steam boating, when the Great White Arabia sank in the Missouri River. Her excavation in 1988 uncovered a "time capsule" of remarkably preserved 1856 frontier supplies including jewelry, china, cookware, clothing, and food. This international cargo is the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in existence, and the display keeps growing! Enjoy lunch on your own at the museum cafe, or at the adjacent City Market. This historic area features a farmer's market, as well as gift shops, restaurants, and galleries.

9:45am board bus, 2:30pm back at hotel

\$78/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch on your own.

There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. Please note the combined weight of the passenger and motorized wheelchair or scooter may not exceed 500lb due to lift limitations.

If you use a scooter or motorized wheelchair but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person

travelling with you must be able to put the scooter or wheelchair in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability

issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooters or motorized wheelchairs.

Society of the 5th Division Reunion Registration Form

Listed below are all the registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter a quantity for each event you and your guests wish to participate in. Then total your costs and send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of a check or money order. You may also register online and pay by credit card at <https://www.events.afr-reg.com/e/5ID2025> (online registrations have a convenience fee of 4%). Registration form and payment must be received on or before 8/25/25. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of your completed form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form. (Returned checks will incur a \$20 fee)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

322 Madison Mews

Norfolk, VA 23510

ATTN: Society of the 5th Division

Don't forget CUT-OFF date is 8/25/25 Price # of Ppl Total

MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE

Registration Fee – Adult Members, Spouses and Guests \$20.00 \$

Total number in your party (including member, spouse, and guests) -----

TOURS

Friday, September 19: Truman Presidential Library/Museum \$71 \$

Saturday, September 20: Steamboat Arabia Museum \$78 \$

MEALS

Saturday, September 20: Banquet (Please select your entrée) -----

Marinated Grilled Chicken \$50 \$

Herb Marinated Flank Steak \$50 \$

Grilled Fresh Catch \$50 \$

Penne Primavera \$50 \$

Sunday, September 21: Banquet (Please select your entrée) -----

Chicken Picatta \$50 \$

Herb Marinated Flank Steak \$50 \$

Grilled Fresh Catch \$50 \$

Mushroom Ravioli \$50 \$

DONATIONS

Reunion Donations for Hospitality Room Expenses \$ \$

Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. ----- \$

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND SPOUSE/GUEST NAMES AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR ON THE NAMETAG:

FIRST _____ LAST _____

UNIT INFORMATION (EX. D CO/1ST BN/11TH INFANTRYT:

YEARS SERVED WITH 5ID: _____ - _____ (EX. 1965 – 1966)

WHERE: ☐ WWI ☐ WWII ☐ FT. CARSON ☐ VIENTAM ☐ FT. POLK ☐ OTHER:

CURRENT AND PAST SOCIETY OFFICE HELD (EX. NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT):

SPOUSE / GUEST NAME(S)

EMAIL _____ **PH. #** _____

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, ST, ZIP

DISABILITY / DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ **PH. #** _____

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Report of the Treasurer of the Society of the Fifth Division Account Activity for FY24 (01/01/24-12/31/24)

RECEIPTS

Secretary - Dues (\$1535) + Donations (\$495)

2,030.00

QM Sales 3,984.00

2024 Reunion Income 7,115.06

Other Income 350.00

TOTAL 13,479.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Secretary Expenses

(482.51)

QM Expenses (1,116.89)

Treasurer Expenses (86.55)

Red Diamond Editor Expenses (340.90)

IT/Communications Expenses (345.75)

Donations (1,400.00)

2024 Reunion Expenses (4,169.82)

TOTAL (7,942.42)

RECEIPTS - DISBURSEMENTS for FY24 5,536.64

Gain from CDs 3,047.91

TOTAL 8,584.55

Report of Treasurer - December 31, 2023 (FY23) Cash in Bank

49,889.38

Value of Ladder CDs 55,442.79

Net Worth 105,332.17

Report of Treasurer - December 31, 2024 (FY24) Cash in Bank

55,426.02

Value of Ladder CDs 58,490.70

Net Worth 113,916.72

Net Worth Difference for FY24 8,584.55

George B. Shoener National Treasurer SOFD

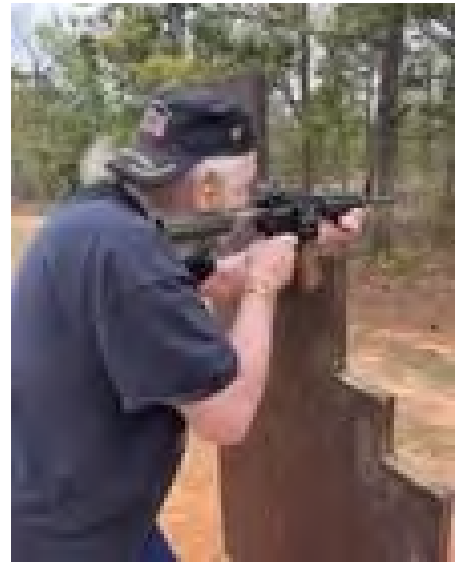
The 2025 Roadrunner Reunion—The Best Ever

If you missed this year's Roadrunner reunion, you missed a good one. Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, and HHQ Companies of the 1/61 were represented; along with 5/4 Arty, the MPs, Brigade and more of the 5th Mech. Fifteen attendees were present—Bud Wagner, Dennis Coulter, Ray Naughton, Bobby Hauk, Wendell Fannin and his friend Butch, Charles Grey, and his grandson, Fred Jelinek, Ron Maki, myself, and the family of Lawrence Cunningham (wife Kay, sisters Linda and Jenn & son Larry Jr[USMC]). The Cunningham family was there for a ceremony and unveiling, honoring Lawrence—who was awarded a Silver Star during an engagement with the 27th NVA Regiment on November 12, 1969, at the base of Hill 162. He passed away in the 1990s. Day 1 consisted of a tour of Battalion HQ, followed by a trip to the weapons simulator—a forty-foot-wide video game screen with an advancing military force. On the multi-station firing line, we were armed with M-4 simulators. We all did well with that, but the screen was then rebooted with civilian—shoot, no shoot—scenarios. I must say the a few itchy fingers were a little quick on the trigger and a few innocent civilians were blown away. This was followed by lunch in the mess hall with the pre-basic trainees—price, \$7.10. There is no more KP in the modern-day army. It is contracted out to civilian companies. On the menu was chicken, shrimp scampi and veggies—and of course dessert. After lunch we went out to a forested area where the pre-basic trainees were digging foxholes. We reminded them to make sure they included grenade sumps. A little about Pre-Basic Training—a new army project with the test case being at the 1/61 two years ago for enlistment candidates who are willing to join but are lacking academically or physically. Academic study classes and targeted physical exercise are levelled at candidates from high school age to age 40. Pre-basic is now offered at several other installations across the country.

Day 2 consisted of another trip to the Bn HQ, followed by a trip to the range again to watch the trainees in teams of two, in a cover and advance exercise, with blank rounds. We mingled with the novices with questions and answers from both the veterans and PBCT trainees. This was followed by a trip to the exchange and lunch there. In the afternoon, we traveled back to the range where senior NCOs were testing for the Expert Infantry Badge, Expert Soldier Badge for POG MOS, and the Expert Field Medic Badge—together known as E3B. Back when I tested for it at Ft Campbell, I had to qualify with the 1911A1, M-16, M-60, M-79, and the BAR. Today along with qualifying, you must break down and assemble each weapon in an exact order in three minutes or less. One mistake—or no go—and you are disqualified and must reschedule to test again. The weapons where expert familiarization is required are the M-4 assault rifle, M249 .556 light machinegun, M-240 .762 machinegun, the M-2 .50 Cal BMG, the Sig 9mm pistol and the Mk19 semi auto 40mm Grenade Launcher (a real pig). Setup and breakdown of the claymore mine in exact step by step order is also required. We got to handle all the weapons, including firing about 200 rounds collectively through the Ma Deuce. A word about the present-day army. Watching these senior NCOs plying their trade, I would have to say that I have never seen such a high level of expertise in any endeavor. Our present-day army and the men and women in it, are of the highest caliber one could ever imagine. We still stand the greatest army in the world.

On Day 3, we traveled to the live fire range and we all fired 40 rounds at the pop-up-target qualifying range after a 20-round get acquainted shoot with the M-4. Then, of course, there was left over ammo that had to be fired as well. I'd say nearly everyone fired to expert standards, including the Cunningham ladies. Larry Cunningham Jr., who served about ten years in the Marines with several deployments, was nearly perfect, with 36 out of 40 targets. This shootout was followed by a barbeque back at the HQ, prepared under the supervision of the wives and served by the NCOs. The whole reunion was managed faultlessly by OIC Captain Shay Weber and the Battalion commanding officer, Lt Colonel Pfeiffer. After the barbeque, we were driven to the exchange clothing store before being returned to the hotel. In the late afternoon we were picked up by the vans again and returned to Fy Jackson for cocktails refreshments, and goodbyes at the Officer's Club as guests of the CO, the OIC, the Sergeant Major and many of the Cadre. Again, as always, we have made new lasting friendships. It was a reunion to remember.





On Friday, April 25, 2025 at 03:06:53 PM EDT, Jiří Frýbert <jirkafrybert75@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello David R. Kocan,

I am sending photos of two memorials which commemorate 5th Infantry Division in Czechoslovakia in May 1945. I do not know if you know it...maybe it could be interesting for your Red Diamond Magazine.

First of them is for memory of meeting 5th ID and Soviet Army. There is the inscription in English, Russian and Czech language. It is on crossroad close to village Vitejovice (next bigger town is Prachatice).

The second memorial is situated next Soumarsky most (Soumarsky bridge) close to town Lenora. During battle about this bridge 3 soldiers from 2nd Infantry Regiment (5th Infantry Division) were KIA on May 5, 1945.

Kind Regards

Jiri Frybert

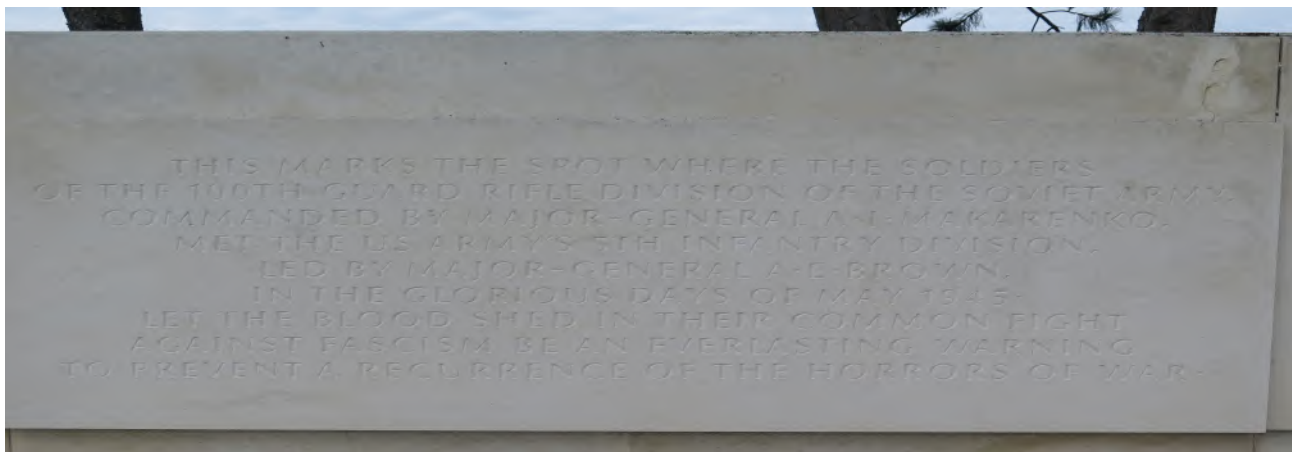
Hello,

I am sorry I did not introduce myself in previous email.

My name is Jiri Frybert and I live in Pilsen, the Czech Republic. I am interested about WWII period, especially about liberation of west part of Czechoslovakia by US Army in 1945. I am not professional historian, history is only my hobby.

Sincerely

Jiri Frybert



THE STONE MAKER ABOVE READS

THIS MARKS THE SPOT WHERE THE SOLDIERS OF THE 100th GUARD RIFLE DIVISION OF THE SOVIET ARMY COMMANDED BY MAJOR GENERAL I. MAKARENKO MET THE US ARMIES 5th DIVISIONLED BY GENERAL A.E. BROWN IN THE GLORIES DAYS OF MAY 1945 LET THE BLOOD SHED IN THEIR COMMON FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM BE AN EVERLASTING WARNING TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE HORRORS OF WAR



"NEVER AGAIN"

WE WERE BARELY OLD ENOUGH TO LEAVE
OUR DAD AND MOM WHEN THEY SENT US
TO A PLACE CALLED "NAM".

WE WENT AS SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMAN,
AND MARINES AND THOUGHT "THIS CAN'T
BE REAL" IT MUST BE A DREAM, FOR IT WAS
YESTERDAY I WAS IN SCHOOL.

I PRAYED TO GOD IN A TREMBLING MUMBLE
"PLEASE LORD GET ME OUT OF THIS JUNGLE".
I KNOW I'LL NEVER MAKE IT! OH LORD I'M
TOO YOUNG TO DIE, I'VE NEVER HEARD MY
BABY CRY.

SOME OF US MADE IT BACK TO THE WORLD,
I DON'T KNOW HOW BUT I DO KNOW WE CAME
BACK A LITTLE "DINKEE DOW".

FOR CRAZY WAS THAT VIETMAN WAR AND ALL
WE CAN SAY IS, NO MORE! THAT'S THE WAR THEY
SAY WE LOST, AND IF SO, IT WAS A HEAVY COST.

FOR I CAN NOT TAKE THE PAIN TO THINK THOSE
ON THE WALL HAVE DIED IN VAIN. WE DID IT FOR
EACH OTHER, TO HELP SAVE OUR LITTLE BROTHER.
TO SAY WE LOST IS HARD FOR ME, BECAUSE I KNOW
WE KICKED HIS BUTT, THAT "CHARLIE".

I LOST MY BUDDY AND I LOST MY FRIEND, BUT ALL
I CAN SAY IS "NEVER AGAIN".

A disabled veteran

A guy goes into a post office to apply for a job. The interviewer asks him, "are you allergic to anything?"

He replies, "yes, caffeine. I can't drink coffee".

"Have you ever been in the military?"

"Yes, I served two years in Iraq"

The interviewer says "that will give you extra points towards employment." Then he asks, "Do you have any disabilities?"

The guy says, "Yes, a bomb exploded near me and I lost both of my testicles".

The interviewer grimaces and then says, "OK, you're a disabled veteran, you have enough points for me for me to hire you right now. Our normal hours are 8am to 4pm. You can start here tomorrow at 10am, and make that your start time every day".

The guy is puzzled and asks, "If the work hours are 8-4, why don't you want me here til 10am?"

"This is a government job" the interviewer says. "For the first two hours we just stand around drinking coffee and scratching our balls. There's no point in you coming in for that."

Vietnam veteran comes back from a tour of duty...

only to find out he has some kind of exotic STD. his dick burns when he pisses and has lumps and bumps on it that are red, green, blue and purple. He goes to the V.A. hospital and the doctor says he's never seen anything like it, but he's pretty sure he's going to have to amputate.

"Fuck that" the vet says, "I'm going to a real doctor".

The next doctor doesn't have any better news for him and also recommends amputation. Being so attached to his member, he thinks about it and comes up with an idea. "Since I got this funky crotch rot from those Asian hookers I was fucking, maybe an Asian doctor can help me.

After the Asian doctor examines him he come to a conclusion; "No Mr. Smith, we no have to amputate".

"Really? That's great news Doc, thank you!"

"Yeah, three maybe four day, it fall off by self."

The veteran's affairs office requests several ex-soldiers to come by and hear about a new pension plan. "Alright men," the official begins, "we've tried out a lot of pension plans in the past and none of them have worked out. At this point, we're winging it. We're going to measure between two points of your body, and whatever the distance is in inches, that's how many thousand dollars you'll get. So think about what two points of your body are furthest apart and we'll get started."

The first soldier to be measured is pretty tall, so he requests that the measurement be taken from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. The man with the measuring tape says "73 inches, that'll be 73 thousand dollars." The soldier receives his check and goes home.

The second soldier has long arms, so he requests that he be measured from one fingertip to the other with his arms outstretched. It's 74 inches. He gets his check and goes home.

The third soldier is a grizzled old sergeant whose face is pockmarked with scars. As the measurer approaches he says "I want you to measure from the front of my pecker to the back of my balls."

"Listen," the VA official tells him, "I really think you should reconsider. You've got your future to think about." The old sergeant stays firm in his request and pulls down his pants.

The measurer approaches with the tape but pauses upon inspecting the sergeant's undercarriage. "Sir," he says, "where are your balls?"

"Vietnam."

On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we recognize and honor the Americans who served during the Vietnam War. But there is a group of Veterans whose contributions have too often gone unrecognized—the women who also served in Vietnam. Your service, sacrifice, and resilience laid the foundation for future generations and shaped history.

A brave act of service

Women who served in critical positions during the Vietnam War helped shape both the military and their legacy as Veterans. From Nov. 1, 1955, to April 30, 1975, more than 265,000 American women volunteered to serve worldwide, with nearly 11,000 directly deployed to Vietnam. Women braved extraordinary challenges, providing critical support in a war zone marked by intense combat and harsh conditions. They helped shatter stereotypes, serving under constant threats and navigating barriers that excluded women from traditional combat roles.

Despite their bravery and loyalty in volunteering their service to our country through critical and life-saving positions, women were often not seen as Veterans by their peers. Many women who served also didn't identify themselves as Veterans—but their courage and dedication laid the foundation for significant policy changes, expanded military roles, and improved health care for women Veterans.

The critical contributions of women

While many may think women served only as nurses, it is true that women in Vietnam served in many critical positions.

Medical staff: About 90% of women served in life-saving positions as nurses for the Army, Navy and Air Force Nurse Corps. They provided critical medical care in field hospitals, aboard hospital ships, within evacuation facilities and aboard medevac helicopters, including locations within combat zones under dangerous conditions. **Intelligence and communications specialists:** Women served in jobs requiring high levels of security clearance, including decoding messages and gathering reconnaissance data.

Administrative and clerical staff: Women in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) supported the war effort through administrative, logistical and clerical work, ensuring efficient operations in command centers and managing critical communications.

Air traffic controllers: Women in the U.S. Air Force (WAF) directed the flow of aircraft in and out of war zones, a responsibility that was crucial to the logistics of the war effort. These women worked in air traffic control towers, ensuring the safe and efficient movement of military planes, including those involved in combat and transport operations.

Commanders and leaders: As the war progressed, women gained new opportunities to lead. In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened promotions for women to general and flag ranks. In 1972, regulations changed to allow women to command units, even those comprising hundreds of men.

Trailblazers: Rear Adm. Frances Shea Buckley was a pioneering figure in the Navy Nurse Corps and the first Navy nurse corps officer to achieve a two-star rank. During the Vietnam War, she supervised the operating room on the USS Repose, caring for many wounded soldiers. After retiring in 1983, she continued to advocate for Veterans, serving on the board of the Veterans Medical Research Foundation and as chair of the then-named Veterans Administration Women's Advisory Committee. Buckley also taught at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Nursing, significantly impacting military medicine and Veteran health care.

Your lasting legacy

Vietnam women Veterans: You redefined service, pushing boundaries and affirming your capabilities in high-stake environments. Your contributions and advocacy made a lasting impact on our nation, by:

Challenging norms. You served in life-threatening situations despite not being permitted to carry weapons or officially take on combat roles. Your presence and success challenged traditional norms, paving the way for expanded positions for women in the military, including the 2013 lifting of the military's official combat ban on women.

Health care innovations. You pioneered trauma care advancements, such as improved triage techniques. These innovations not only saved countless lives during the war but also influenced emergency medical practices in civilian health care.

Advocacy and policy reform. After your service, many of you became fierce advocates. Your efforts led to specialized VA health care programs, including services tailored to women's needs, such as reproductive and gynecological care, mental health support and initiatives addressing military sexual trauma.

Recognition and representation. By the 1970s, your advocacy secured greater recognition and representation. Vietnam Veteran leaders like the first director of the VA Center for Women Veterans, Joan A. Furey and Linda Spoonster Schwartz, who championed change, shaping policies that better serve all women Veterans today.

VA honors you

We thank you for your courage, dedication and lasting impact on our nation's history and future generations. You have left a legacy of courage, advocacy and progress.

VA celebrates your contributions and continues to ensure your stories are heard. We are proud to serve you with health care you can trust. For more information on your earned benefits and services, follow us on Facebook and X at @VAWomenVets and on Pinterest @DeptVetAffairs. We share information on benefits and services, events, stories, research and more. Thank you for your service!

Columbia VA employees worked together to help return WWII items to two brothers' families. Both brothers were WWII Veterans.

A tube mailer with a large group photo mailed during WWII from Fort Dix, New Jersey, and a WWII commemorative medal with the Veteran's name inscribed were dropped off at the front desk of the Dorn VA campus.

Mailer

Mailer with medal

Items are usually placed in the lost and found in case the owner is looking for them. Illyana Vereen, patient representative, knew he had something more than just the routine lost and found items.

He gave the tube mailer with a three-cent postage stamp and a WWII commemorative medal to Derrick Bridges, chief of enrollment eligibility in the Dorn welcome center. Vereen asked Bridges to find a living relative to return the items.

"I was trying to research [to] whom the items belonged and I was running into a few dead ends. I had shown Mr. Bridges the full photo and signatures and we were just in awe," Bridges said.

Bridges was able to determine their identities from the address label on the tube mailer and the name inscribed on the back of the medal. Decades ago, before concerns over identity theft, service members used to include their service number and Social Security Number on outgoing and in-coming mail. The return address label was partially torn away and the name was missing.

"The first thing I noticed was this number, which I associated as a service number," said Bridges. "I was able to plug it into one of our VA systems that looks up Veterans with service numbers and was able to find Charles Knight." The name on the back of the medal was Edward C. Knight, Charles' brother.

Bridges determined that Charles had been treated at Dorn and had since passed away. Preliminary searches were unsuccessful, so Bridges contacted the Lexington County Veterans Service Office. It was determined that the brothers were from Gaston, South Carolina, but little more could be found.

"Oh, his son goes to church here."

They started searching various genealogy and search engine sites, eventually finding an obituary for Edward C. Knight Sr. with listings of his family. Phone numbers were found but most were disconnected or no answer.

The memorial service and burial for Edward Sr. was at Beulah Methodist Church in Sandy Run, South Carolina. A phone number for the church was located, and after explaining what Johnson was looking for, the church secretary said, "Oh, his son goes to church here. I'll be glad to give him your phone number."

Two days later, Edward Jr. called back.

According to Edward Jr., his father didn't talk much about his service. "I knew he had been stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. When they found out he was an experienced carpenter, he was selected to build new barracks."

Team's enduring commitment to honoring Veterans

"My dad had four brothers; three of them were in combat. When they would get together, there would be some stories about their service," Edward Jr. shared.

On March 13, a small ceremony was held with family members of Edward Sr. to return the items. Edward Jr. and his wife, Collette, attended the ceremony.

A magnifying glass was found and Edward Jr. and his wife scanned the photo, trying to find either Charles or Edward Sr. Collette found one that could have been either, since they look similar.

"They look a lot alike, but this guy right here is definitely my father," Edward Jr. said.

"Returning these cherished mementos to the families of our WWII Heroes is more than just an act of goodwill. It is a testament to the team's enduring commitment to honoring our Armed Forces men and women's service and sacrifice," said Oscar G. Rodriguez, acting medical center director.

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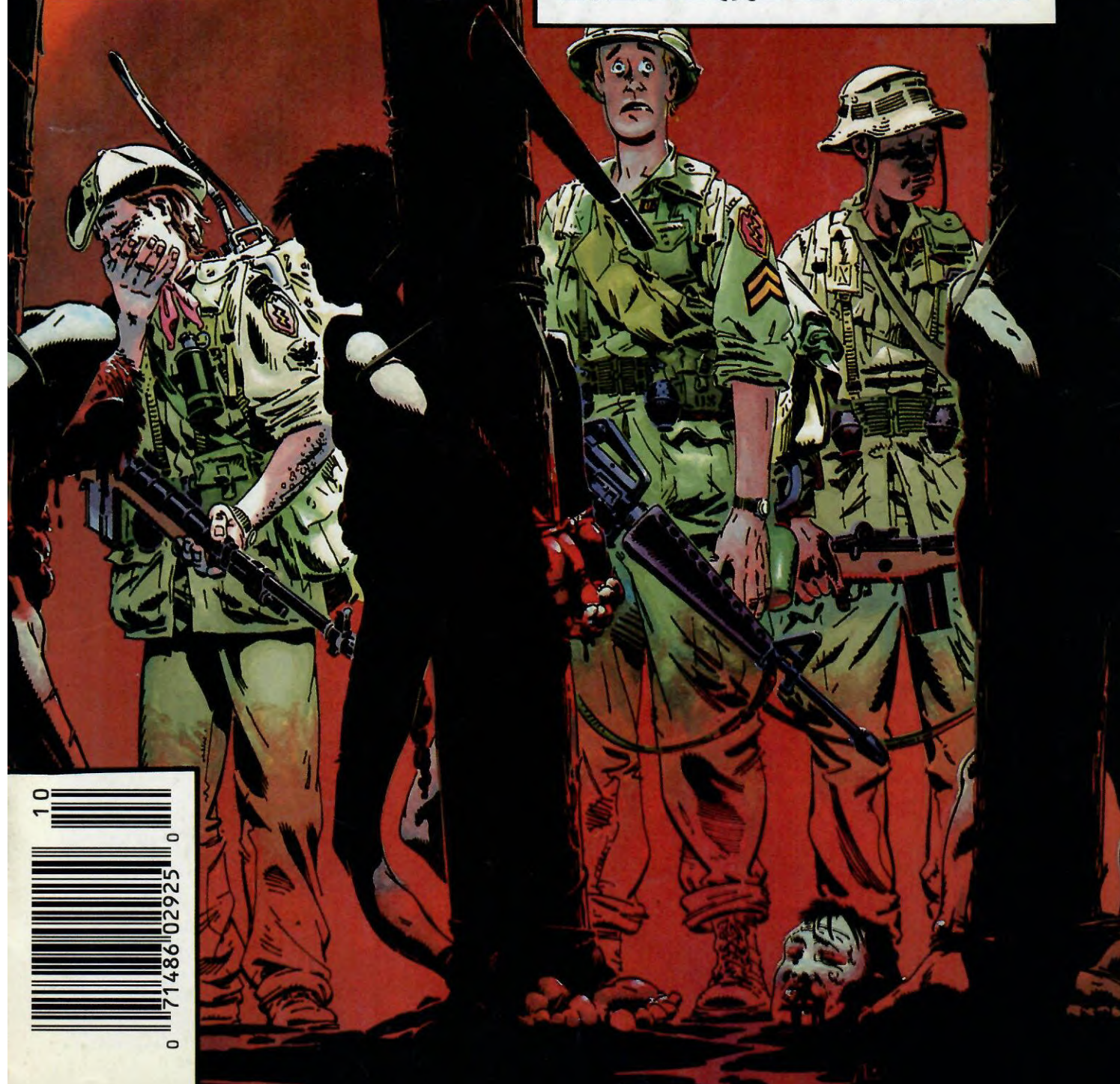


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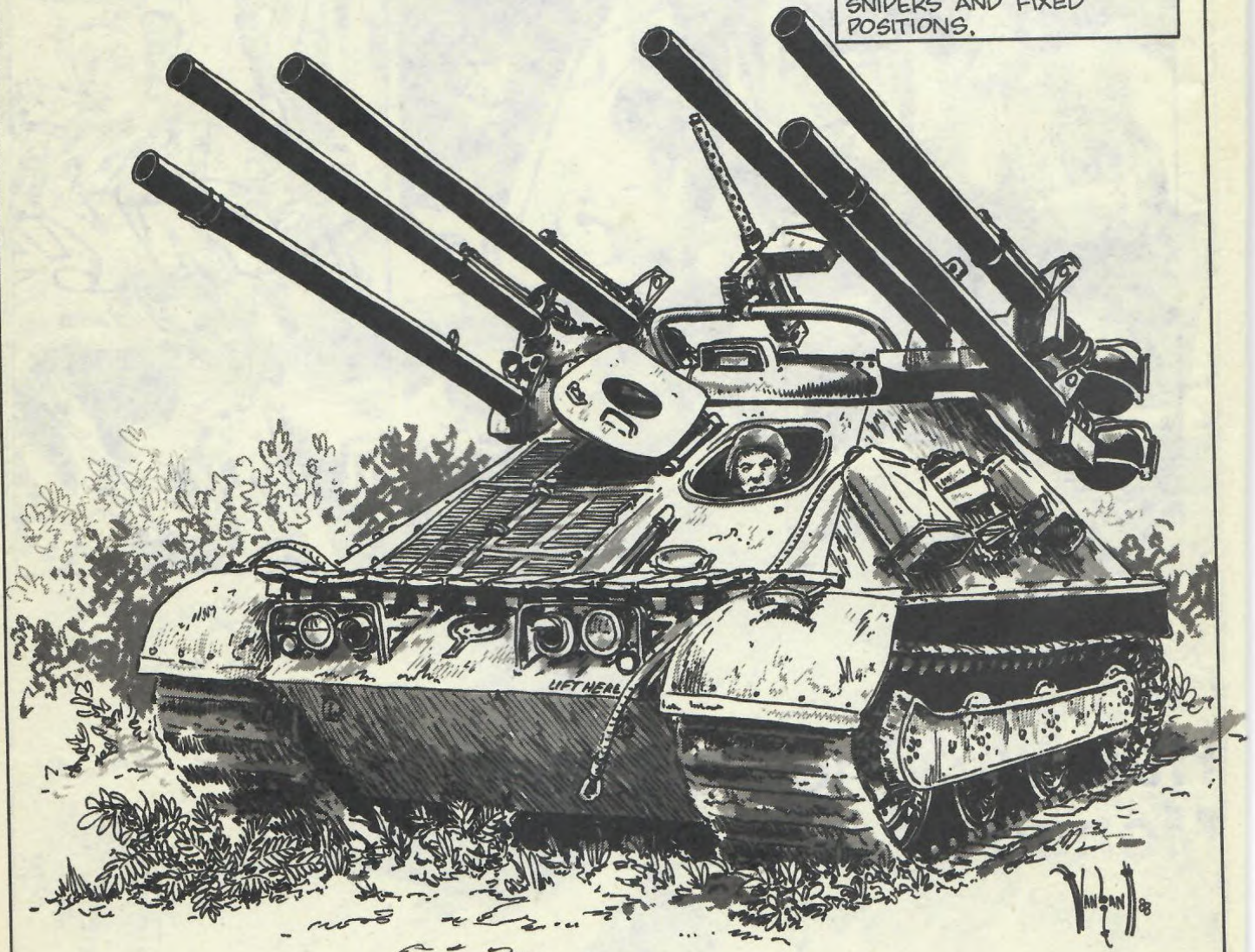
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THING!

THE M50 ONTOS (A GREEK WORD MEANING "THE THING") FIRST ROLLED OFF THE PRODUCTION LINE IN 1953, AND ALL UNITS WENT TO THE U.S. MARINE CORPS. THE ONTOS WAS A LIGHTLY ARMORED, AIR-PORTABLE (WEIGHING ONLY 9 TONS) TRACKED VEHICLE MOUNTING SIX 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES. ITS INTENDED ROLE WAS THAT OF A TANK DESTROYER, BUT DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE VIETNAM WAR, IT WAS MAINLY USED FOR PERIMETER DEFENSE.

HOWEVER, DURING THE BATTLE FOR HUE, THE ONTOS PAID ITS WAY AS GROUP SUPPORT FOR THE MARINES RE-TAKING THE CITY, AND WAS VERY EFFECTIVE AGAINST SNIPERS AND FIXED POSITIONS.



THE ONTOS HAD ONE MAIN DRAWBACK, ONCE THE RECOILLESS RIFLES WERE FIRED, ONE OF THE THREE-MAN CREW HAD TO GO **OUTSIDE** THE VEHICLE TO RELOAD, MAKING THE UNLUCKY MAN VULNERABLE TO ENEMY FIRE.



AIRMOBILE!

BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION WAS A REGULAR ARMY CAVALRY DIVISION COMPLETE WITH ENOUGH HORSES TO MOVE THE ENTIRE OUTFIT WITH ITS SUPPLIES. AFTER PEARL HARBOR, THEY WERE DISMOUNTED AND SENT TO FIGHT IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AND LATER IN KOREA AS REGULAR INFANTRY.

ALTHOUGH THE LAST OF THE OLD HORSE DIVISIONS, THE 1ST CAVALRY BECAME THE FIRST "AIRMOBILE" DIVISION OF THE VIETNAM WAR. ITS FOUR HUNDRED HELICOPTERS COULD AIRLIFT THREE OF THE DIVISION'S EIGHT INFANTRY BATTALIONS AT ANY ONE TIME. CHINOOK AND CH-54 SKY-CRANES COULD MOVE ARTILLERY AND SUPPLIES WHEREVER NEEDED. HELICOPTER RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS LOCATED THE ENEMY AND HEAVILY-ARMED GUNSHIPS WOULD TIE THEM DOWN TILL THE INFANTRY ARRIVED AND THEN GIVE AIR SUPPORT.

THE 1ST CAVALRY'S ABILITY TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORMATIONS IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES GUARANTEE IT A POSITION AS ONE OF THE TOP UNITS OF THE VIETNAM WAR.



'NAM NOTES



Okay all you grunts in training — you should have the general picture by now. But here's a little help for all you greenies who don't know the drill.

CHARLIE: The VC, Charles, the enemy — the bad guys.

COPPED: Took a hit, got wounded or killed.

FAST MOVERS: Fast moving aircraft — yets. Usually used for F-4's.

FIRST CAV: Short for the First Air Cavalry — an airborne unit stationed in the Nam throughout most of the war.

GREENIE: Rookie, a new kid, a troop without much experience.

HOOCH: Barracks, the place where you live.

KLICKS: Kilometers, about 2/3 of a mile.

KP: Kitchen Police, cleaning up after troops eat — you know, the dirty work that Mom always does at home.

LZ: Landing Zone, cleared area for helicopters to land in.

MOS KOSHEE: Japanese slang for a little bit, a little while.

MP's: Military Police — the army version of our everyday cops.

PAUL REVERE/THAN PHONG 14: A combined U.S./South Vietnamese mission to pacify large pieces of territory and clean out several VC strong points. Lasted from May 1966 until September of the same year.

QUAD 50: A weapon developed in World War Two in which four 50 caliber machine guns were mounted on a single frame to allow them to shoot to the same point. Used as an anti-aircraft weapon.

ROLLED: Robbed. Probably started because people rolled their victims over onto their backs to get at their wallets.

SAPPED: Hit over the head — in this case, usually with a blackjack.

SHORT: Almost at the end of a tour — short of time (remaining).

SLICK: Used to refer to the UH-1, the troop carrying version of the very-present HUEY helicopter.

SPEC 5: Specialist fifth grade. Equivalent to a buck sergeant.

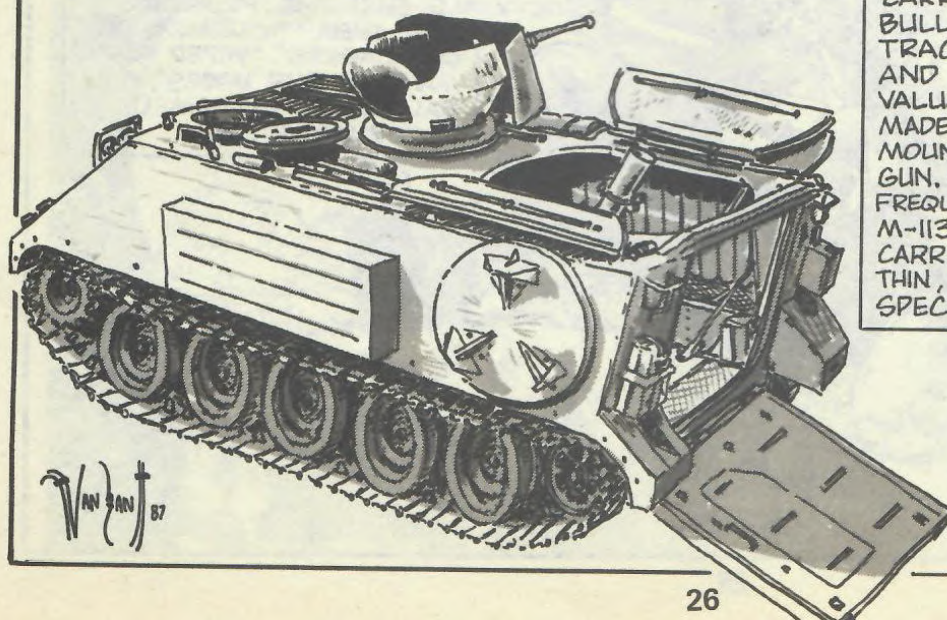
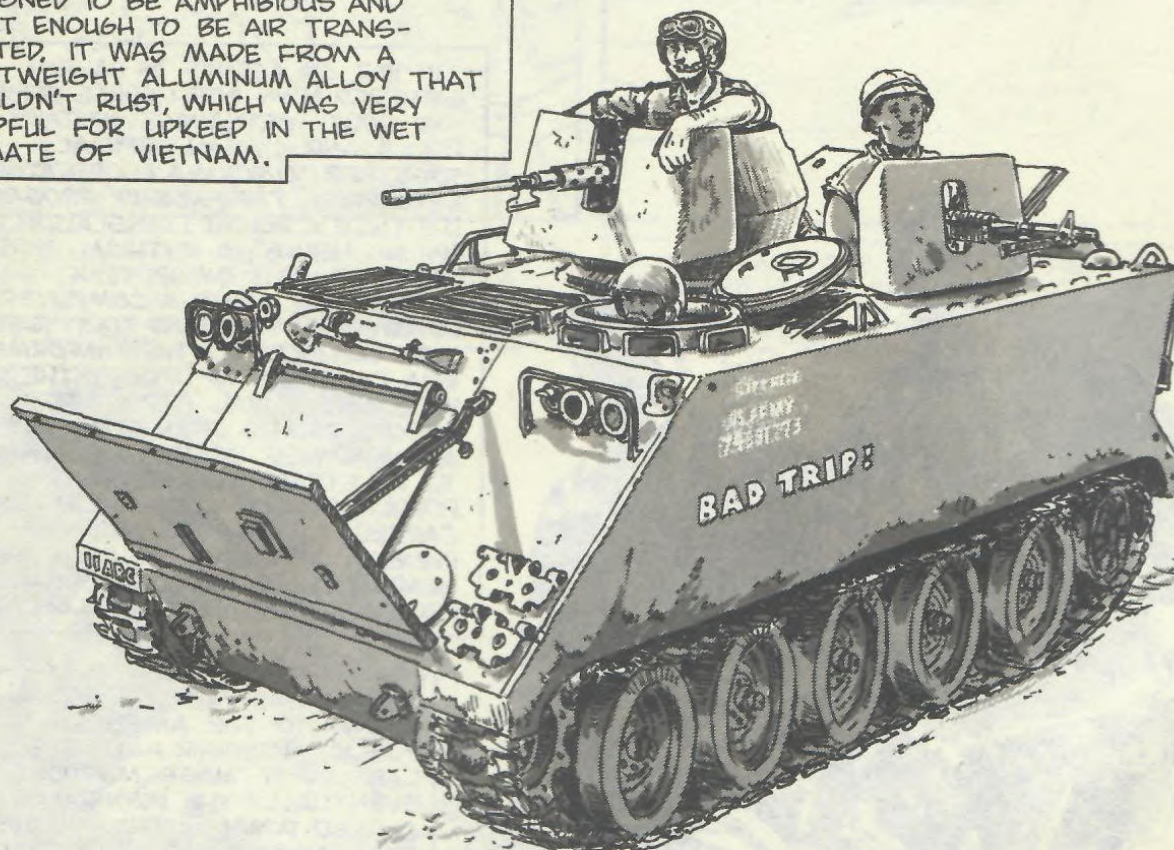
TOP: The First Sergeant. Top Sergeant of a unit.

UNCLE SUGAR: Uncle Sam, the congress, the boys back home.

the WORLD: Home, the good old US of A.

A.P.C.

THE M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (A.P.C.) WAS FIRST DEVELOPED IN 1956, DESIGNED TO BE AMPHIBIOUS AND LIGHT ENOUGH TO BE AIR TRANSPORTED. IT WAS MADE FROM A LIGHTWEIGHT ALUMINUM ALLOY THAT WOULDN'T RUST, WHICH WAS VERY HELPFUL FOR UPKEEP IN THE WET CLIMATE OF VIETNAM.



M-113 VARIANTS USED IN VIETNAM WERE BRIDGELAYERS, MORTAR CARRIAGES (SHOWN BELOW), BULLDOZERS, FLAMETHROWER TRACKS, RECOVERY VEHICLES AND COMMAND VEHICLES. OTHER VALUABLE MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE IN THE FIELD, INCLUDING MOUNTING A 40MM VULCAN GATLING GUN. ONE COMPLAINT THAT TROOPS FREQUENTLY HAD ABOUT THE M-113 WAS THAT THE UNDER-CARRIAGE ARMOR WAS RATHER THIN, MAKING ROAD MINES A SPECIAL PROBLEM.

THE M-113 APC STILL SERVES IN THE U.S. ARMY AND IN ARMIES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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FROM QUARTERMASTER DENNIS COULTER

Many of us are on Facebook and take advantage of the various groups to which we belong. This is a good thing.

Almost daily, someone with nothing at all to do with the Fifth Infantry appears on our various sites offering to see your shirts, coffee cups or other items. These are generally scams.

You click on the line and the Spammer has some of your personal information. You actually order, give them your credit card number, and address. They have more of your personal information.

The item you ordered will never arrive. They have your information and credit card number. This is not a good thing.

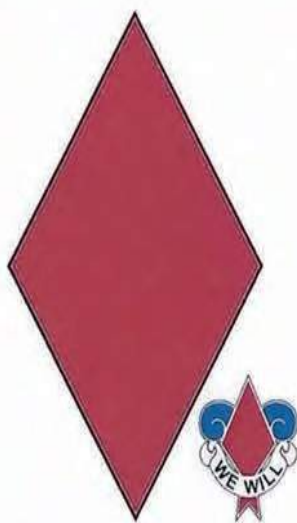
The admins of the various sites do a good job of screening up front but some of this spam gets through. The admins usually remove the spam and quickly block those who did get through. Please report any of these scams to the admins.

Welcome home Brothers and Sisters. This is an FYI. Please do as you wish.

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Good News! The highly-anticipated 5th Infantry Division Commemorative Legacy Book is hot off the press and available for immediate delivery. This exiting new book contains:

5TH INFANTRY DIVISION



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- History of the 5th Infantry Division including hundreds of historic photographs from WWI through 1993
- 5th Infantry Division Insignia, Units & Campaigns
- Commanding Generals
- Memorials & Tributes
- The Society of the Fifth Division
- Photographs & Memories
- Hundreds of biographies from 5th Infantry Division veterans, with profile photos
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For All Orders Send Check or Money Order to
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For questions please contact Quartermaster:

Dennis Coulter

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QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Following are pictures and descriptions of merchandise that is available for sale from the Quartermaster.

Society of the 5th Division Polo Shirts



Black or White Polo Shirt w/embroidered logo design. Choice of short or long sleeve. Cotton/Polyester (50/50)
Cotton/Polyester (50/50).
Specify size: Short Sleeve: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL - \$40
Long Sleeve: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL - \$50
S & H: 1 shirt - \$7.00 \$2.50 each additional
Larger orders: Contact the Quartermaster

Society of the 5th Division T-Shirts



Black or White T-Shirt w/embroidered logo design.
Choice of Short or Long Sleeve.
Cotton/Polyester (50/50). Specify size:
Short Sleeve: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL - \$25
Long Sleeve: M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL - \$30
S & H: 1 shirt - \$7; Each addl. \$2.50
Larger orders: Contact the Qtr. master



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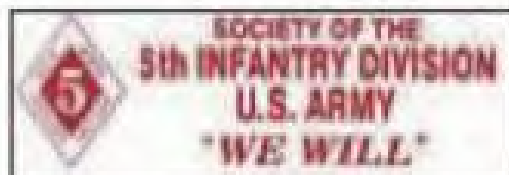


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