

## 1949 MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY 1954

### PERMANENTLY ATTACHED

#### 5th Infantry Regiment

19th Combat Inf. Bn. (Philippines)

1st Bn. 62nd ROKA Inf. Regt.

#### 555th Field Artillery Bn.

955th F.A. Bn.

Three Btrys./ 155mm Howitzers

53rd Counter Fire Platoon

2nd Plat. C Btry. 26th, AAA, AW, Bn. (SP)

2nd Plat. D Btry. 145th, AAA, AW, Bn, 45th Div.

740th Ord. Co. 40th Inf. Div.

#### Heavy Mortar Co.

Hvy. Mtr. Co. 20th ROKA Div.

#### 5th Tank Company

1st Plat. Co. D 6th Med. Tank Bn.

#### 5th Medical Company

Co. D 3rd Plat. Ambulance Co.

25th Medical Bn.

1st Plat. 568th Ambulance Co.

52nd Ambulance Bn.

#### 72nd Combat Engineers

Co. D 3rd Combat Engrs.

724th Ordinance Section

2nd Platoon 92nd Engineer Searchlight Co.

#### 5th RCT Light Aviation Sec.

Tactical Air Controller "T.A.C."

### TEMPORARILY ATTACHED

10-11 August 50-Bloody Gulch

A Btry. 90th F.A. Bn. 25th Div.

One Btry./ 155mm Howitzers

12-14 Aug B&C Btry 159th F.A. Bn

105mm Howitzers

Sept. 50 C. Co. 70th Tank Bn.

Jan. 51 A Co. 72nd Tank Bn.

B Co. 2nd Chemical Mtr. Bn.

52nd F.A. Bn.

25 April 1951 - Death Valley

955th F.A. Bn.

8th Ranger Co. 24th Div.

Co. D 6th Tank Bn.

14 October 51

1st & 2nd Bn. 21st Inf. Regt. 24th Div.

February 1952

3rd RCT Bn 27th Inf. Regt. 25th Div.

24 June-1 July 1952

4th Plt. 14th Tank Co.

1 July 1952

3rd Plt. D Co. 89th Tank Bn.

23 Jan 51-July-October 1952

42nd Scout Dog Platoon

26th Inf. Regt. 1st Div.

Spring 1953

Tank Co. 180th Reg. 45th Div.

11-14 June Outpost Harry 1953

14-15 June 53

3rd Recon. Co. 3rd Inf. Div.

14 July 53

Hvy. Mtr. Co. 179th Inf. 45th Div.

17-18 July 53

Co. A 14 Bn. Combat Team 45th Div.

18 July 53

2nd Bn. 180 Inf. Regt. 45th Div.

25-28 July 53

3rd Bn. 180th Inf. 45th Div.

KOREAN 25 June 50 ★★ Campaign Streamers ★★ 27 July 53 WAR

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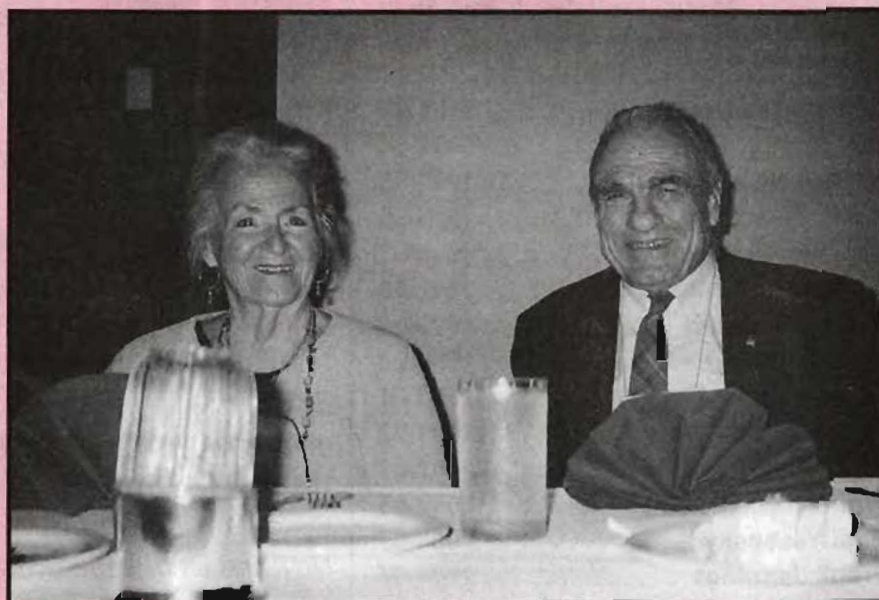
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### The Queen's Fortification Builders



*President Jack Stinson with wife, Barbara*

Killed in Action 949  
Wounded in Action 3,188  
Taken as Prisoners of War 151  
Missing in Action 86  
2 Medal of Honor Recipients  
34 Distinguished Service Cross  
408 Silver Star w/Valor Device  
7 Legion of Merit  
1390 Bronze Star w/Valor Device  
5 Soldiers Medal  
Presidential Unit Citation (Army)  
Streamer Embroidered Chin Ju  
Distinguished Unit Citation  
9-13 August 1950  
3rd Battalion 5th Inf. & Attached Units  
3rd Platoon Tank Co. 5th Inf.  
3rd Platoon Medical Co. 5th Inf.  
2nd Platoon 72nd Engineer Co. C  
555 F.A. Liaison Party  
25 May 51 - Captured 1,268  
C.C.F. POWs

#### Distinguished Unit Citation 12-13 June 1953

Co. A 5th Inf. Regt. 5th RCT & Attached Units  
1st Sec. Machine Gun Plat. Co D 5th RCT  
2nd Sec. Machine Gun Plat. Co.D 5th R.C.T.  
F.O. Team 555 F.A. Bn. 5th RCT  
72nd Engineer Co. C 5th RCT  
Republic of Korea Presidential  
Unit Citations Streamer Embroidered  
Korea 1950-52,-1950, 53,-1952-54



*Castle Builders's  
Reflections*

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Al McAdoo Assoc. Founder 5 Mar. 1990

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## From Your Editor

The color chosen for the Newsletter will rotate monthly to honor the various service branches. Pictures, when available, will do the same.

The front cover will include information about the 5th and attached units. The back cover will include information about who we were attached to in sequence as that information becomes available.

Infantry. Light blue. The Queen of Battle. The Infantrymen are the Pawns, her sons in baby blue. Ground Pounders.

Artillery. Red. The Queen's Thunder when all turns red. The Artillerymen are Bishops, her umbilical cord to her sons. Red Legs.

Tankers. Yellow. The Queen's Terrible Swift Sword. Armored Cavalrymen, Knights, her wrath. Iron Horsemen.

The Medical. Maroon. The Queen's Guardian Angels of All. Corpsmen, King, her heart and soul. Doc.

Engineers. Red and white checkerboard. The Queen's Fortification Builders. Combat Engineers, Rooks, her wisdom. Castle Builders.

Headquarters. The Queen's rein. Headquarters Personnel, Chess Board, her mind and intelligence. Desk Jockeys. HQ will be inclusive in all branches of service.

All material in this Newsletter is submitted by members, the Editor, or interested persons. **No advertising, political, or other materials not pertaining to this Newsletters time frame 1949 - 1954.** Will not be put to print, but retained in the Editorial Files! The Editor should receive information for Oct., Nov. and Dec. Issue by the second week in Sept.

### PS:

This issue completes 16 yrs as Editor of Battle Stars! It took a lot of research to call it that, and inspired Dick Lewis with the phrase "Every Mission Assigned - Every Mission Accomplished" to create a Monument in Arlington! There is one at the Punchbowl in Hawaii, and Springfield, IL

Sincerely,



About the cover: Assoc. Officers 2012 2013.

### PAST EDITORS

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Dick Lewis              | 1989           |
| Albert J. McAdoo        | 1990-91        |
| Arlen Russell           | 1992-96        |
| Hugh Ruckdeschel        | June 1996-2012 |
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# *From The Sec/Trs*

DEAR MEMBERS,

LETTER FROM THE NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE 5TH RCT

IT SADDENS ME TO REPORT OUR ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE TO  
REPLACE TWO OF OUR KEY OFFICERS, OUR SECRETARY/TREASURER,  
JERRY PRATHER AND OUR CHAPLAIN, CHARLES DISALVO, DUE TO  
SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES.

ALSO LET US NOT FORGET ALL OF THE WORK THAT "RUCK" DOES  
IN EDITING OUR FINE NEWSLETTER.

IT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED FOR ALL TO SEND A CARD OF  
THANKS TO EACH ONE FOR THEIR FAITHFUL MEN FOR THE DUTIES  
THEY HAVE PERFORMED FOR MANY YEARS. ALL OF THEIR ADDRESSES  
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JERRY PRATHER  
21504 APPALOOSA COURT  
CANYON LAKE, CA 92587-6728

JERRY      2002-2012      10 yrs  
Elected yearly      Yrs of service

CHARLES DISALVO, CHAPLAIN  
555 FOREST AVE.  
NEW ROCHELLE NY 10804

CHARLES      1992-2012      20 yrs  
Appointed by president yearly  
Yrs of service

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RUCK      1996-2012      16 yrs  
Appointed by president yearly  
Yrs of service

I'LL TRY SIR,

FRANK JENNINGS

P.S. WHEN ASKED TO PERFORM, PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MOTTO.....

# *From The Sec/Trs*

REUNION 2012

FT. MITCHELL, KY

MANY,MANY THANKS TO J.W. CRAIL FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL REUNION. HIS COMMITTEE, TONY AND BETTY KREINER, AND GEORGE AND GRACE ERB AND FRANK AND MAXINE JENNINGS AND OF COURSE HIS SPECIAL LADY, RETHA . THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB AT THE REUNION.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO RETHA FOR THE "AUCTION" WHICH MADE ABOUT \$2000.00 FOR THE LOCAL FISHER HOUSE.

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING AND HOPE THAT THEY ENJOYED THEMSELVES.

LET US ALL TRY TO KEEP THIS ASSOCIATION **ALIVE** AND BE SURE TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND FUTURE REUNIONS.

PLANS TODAY ARE TO HAVE THE NEXT ONE IN 2013 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND 2014 IN TAMPA FL, AND 2015 IN BRANSON MO.

I'LL TRY SIR.

FRANK JENNINGS  
SEC/TREAS

# From The Sec/Trs



I'LL TRY, SIR!

## 5<sup>th</sup> RCT and CF 24<sup>th</sup> IDA

Invite you to

### Florida's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Reunion

Thursday, November 1, 2012 through Sunday November 4, 2012  
St. Augustine Beach, Florida



#### Holiday Inn

860 A1A Beach Boulevard, St. Augustine Beach, Florida 32080  
Phone 904-471-255 / 800-626-7263 Fax 904-461-8450

Convention rates will be offered three days prior and three days after the event.  
Guests need to make their own reservations and please specify that you are with the 5<sup>th</sup> R.C.T. Association.  
If special accommodations are needed, please specify at the time of reservations.

Room Rates \$79.00 per night, plus tax and gratuity

#### Friday, November 2, 2012

All Members Meeting 9 am - 11 am  
Get Together - Food & Beer - 7:30 pm

#### Saturday, November 3, 2012 - Banquet

Cocktails in Scores Lounge (Cash Bar) 6 pm - 7pm  
Dinner 7 pm

#### Banquet Choices

A. Chicken Cordon Bleu \$30.00

B. Prime Rib - Medium \$30.00

Both Dinners Include:

Tossed Salad with choice of two dressings, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Roll & Butter, NY Cheese Cake/w Strawberries  
Coffee/Decaf, Ice Tea, Water, Dressings and Sour Cream

Please detach the below form and return with your payment or indication that you will not be attending. Thank you, Bill.

\*\*\* Registration Deadline October 13, 2012 \*\*\*

#### Reunion Registration

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you with the: 5<sup>th</sup> RCT \_\_\_\_\_ CF 24<sup>th</sup> IDA \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first time: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

| Fees:                      |                        | Price   | Number      | Total   |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Registration (Member Only) |                        | \$20.00 | 1           | \$20.00 |
| Banquet Dinner             | A. Chicken Cordon Blue | \$30.00 | _____       | _____   |
|                            | B. Prime Rib - Medium  | \$30.00 | _____       | _____   |
|                            |                        |         | Grand Total | _____   |

Please make check or money order payable to: Bill Kane

Mail payment with form to:

Bill Kane  
5023 Andrea Blvd  
Orlando, Florida 32807

"I'll Try Sir"  
Thank you,  
Bill

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 407-275-7450 (home or 407-421-4465 (cell))

# From The Sec/Trs

## 5<sup>th</sup> RCT Branson Mini-Reunion 2012

The reunion will be held in Branson, MO. from Sept. 23 -26 at the Branson Towers, which is located at 236 Shepard of the Hills Expressway. This is just off Hwy 248, on the North side of Branson, by the big water tower. Their phone number is 800-683-1122 or 417-336-4500. The room rate will be \$56.95 plus tax. This includes a hot breakfast. When you make your reservations, please use the group number 8012 and tell them you are with the 5<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team. The help at the desk does not recognize 5<sup>th</sup> RCT. Please make the reservations as early as possible. They can always be canceled. If you want a certain room, please tell them when you call in. All reservations must be made before 8-23-12.. Any reservations after that will be space available. The motel will furnish ice, so bring snacks & drinks. There will be a drawing at the business meeting. If you have made something or have something you would like to give, please bring it to the meeting. The hospitality room will be ours from 10:00AM until 11:00PM. All dress will be casual. The payment for the shows are cash only!! We must have a count for the shows & the Dinner Buffet by 1:00PM Monday.

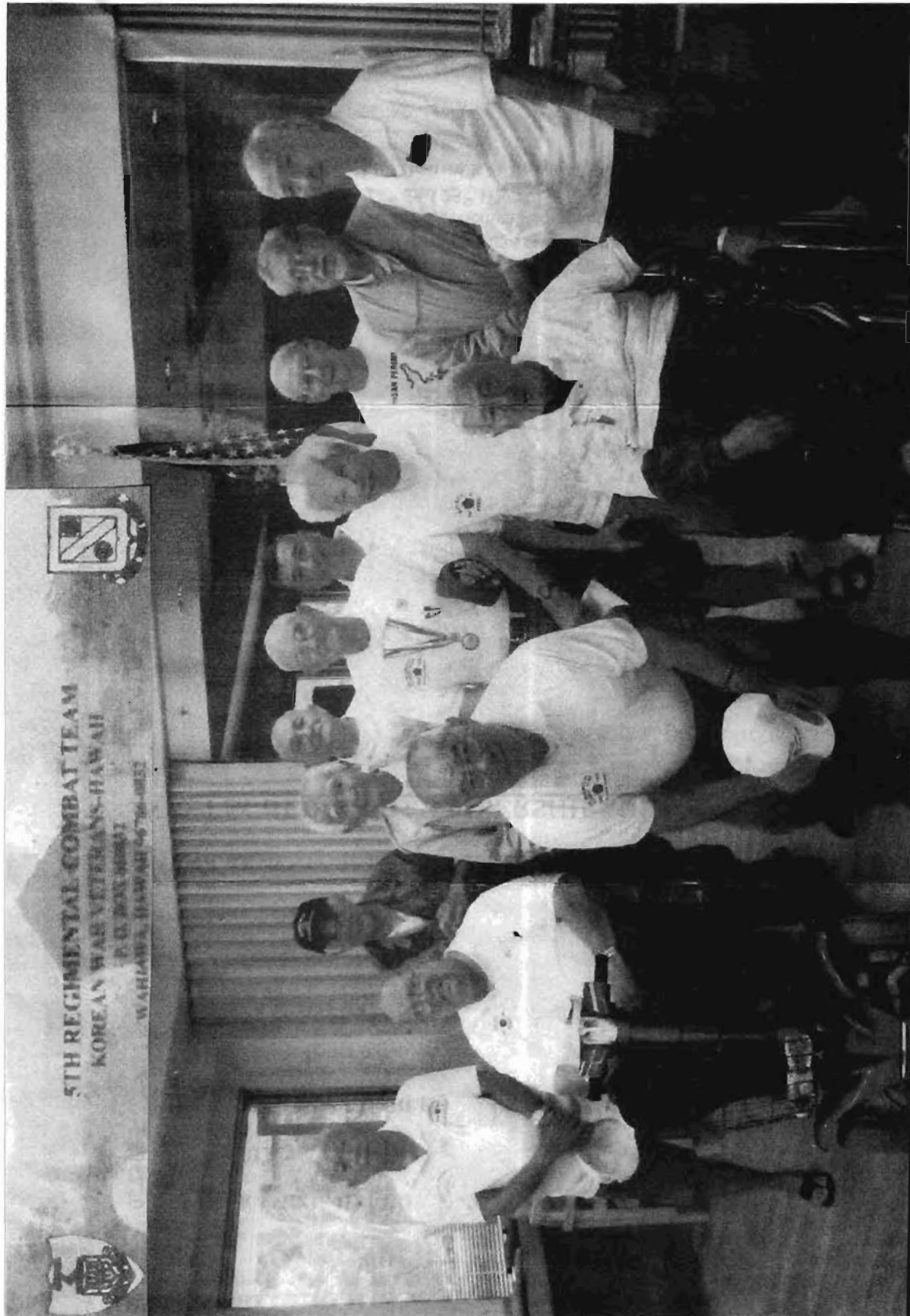
The breakfast is scrambled eggs , biscuits and gravy, sausage, waffles and cereal.,bagels,etc.

|                                   |                        |   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Sunday, Sept. 23rd                | 2PM to 5PM             | Registration  |
| Monday. Sept. 24th                | 10AM to 1PM<br>7:00 PM | Registration<br>Wade Benson Landry's<br>Swingin' Cajun Style Show<br>\$20.00 ea |
| Tuesday, Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 5:15 PM                | Golden Corral Buffet<br>And Show \$14.00 ea                                     |
| Wednesday, Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00AM                | Business Meeting & Drawing  |

COME JOIN US IN BRANSON

Marvin House, Tom Sunny, John Crail

# From The Sec/Trs



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 4 MARCH 2012 - CFA TRIPLER HAWAII

Mike Inouye - President Ed Cazinha - Earl Simerson - Shoji Kuroda - Back Row: Sganley Nakasone - Kazuo Kono  
 Hibbert Manley - Sterling Cale - CSM Frank Leota - Richard Matsuda - Edward Mahlum - Vincent Souki - Martin Pestana



# Chaplain's Corner

This is the last I will be writing these columns and I feel the need of telling what I have been up to in behalf of the organization.

In addition to writing the columns and preparing the service for the Sunday morning worship I have been sending out sympathy cards to deceased members of the organization.

On occasion I have had a response from some of the families of the deceased and we have occasionally built a relationship when and if they respond.

Of course, I have also read the names of deceased personnel and presided over the prayers at the beginning and end of the festivities and whatever comes along in the mean time.

I know I have been preceded in death by both Father Waldie And Father Bull. But only yesterday I talked with Fred Hoffman. He informed me that in a month or two he will be celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. He indicted that he would not mind if he heard from those of you who knew him.

I can only trust that my successor will be as conscientious as I have tried to be at the task.

Whoever that is, I hope he is as thoughtful as I have tried to be.

God bless you all

Charles Di Salvo, Ph.D.

555 Forest Avenue  
New Rochelle, New York 10804  
914-834-8536

by Charles Di Salvo, Chaplain



Frank Jennings  
P.O. Box 410337  
Melbourne FL 32941-0337



A Memorial service will be held at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on Friday, June 29, 2012. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boy or Girl Scouts of America or Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Online

Guestbook:

<http://hosting-24467.tributes.com/show/Preston-Phyllis-Clements-93176280>  
and Phyllis-Clements-93176280  
Laurie, Linda, and Rick





# Chaplain's Corner

## In Memory of Silas Spear (Si) Jones Jr.

August 28, 1918 - August 7, 2011

### Obituary

Jones, Silas S. "Si" Jones, Silas S. Captain U.S. Army, retired, was born 28 August 1918 at Ardmore, OK; preceded in death 30 December 2009 by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jane (Janie) Jones, whom he met in 1947 while they were stationed in Germany and they married in Stuttgart, Germany in 1948. Si entered the service with the Army National Guard in August 1935 at the age of 16; called to active duty September 1940; graduated from the US Army Officers Infantry School at Ft. Benning, GA in July 1942. Served overseas during WWII as an Infantry Company Commander with the 52nd Armored Infantry, 9th Armored Division; became a POW during the Battle of the Bulge; served in Korea 1953-54 with the 5th Regimental Combat Team. Upon retirement from the Army in Sept 1966 did duty with the Dallas ISD JROTC Program. Si was a member of Council 799 and Father Abram J. Ryan Assembly, Knights of Columbus where he was very active. Si was also a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars and Dallas Metroplex Chapter American EX-Prisoners of War. Survivors are son Gary Jones & wife Jodi, daughter Ava Sundstrom & husband Ken; grandchildren, Spencer Jones, Adrienne Kleckner & husband Kyle; Mary Anne Themer & husband Waylon; Sarah, John & Ryan Sundstrom. Rosary, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Aug 10th in the Chapel of Sparkman/Crane Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 11, 2011, St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3030 Gus Thomasson Road, Dallas, Texas.: Interment...



**IRVING SR., ROBERT WAYNE**, 81 of Kissimmee, FL passed away Saturday, April 7, 2012. He was the husband of Frances (Oliver) Irving for 57 years. Robert was born in Chariton, Iowa on March 9, 1931, the son of the late Troy and Irma (Bingham) Irving. He retired from Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company in Des Moines, Iowa. Robert served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War serving as a member of the 5th Regimental Combat Team. Robert was a Shriner of the Bahia Shriners of Orlando, FL. He was a member of the American Legion Post #10; V.F.W. Post #4225;

Loyal order of the Moose #178; Legion of the Moose; Fraternal Order of the Eagles #2056 all of Kissimmee, FL. Robert is survived by his wife Frances and their four children, Robert (Deborah) Irving, Jr. of Inverness, FL, Tamie (Andy) Thompson of Winter Park, FL, Tonya Irving of Orlando, FL and Bradley Irving of St. Cloud, FL; six Grandchildren, Landon, Nathan, Sunshine, Tyler, Sarah and Emily; three Great grandchildren Relic, Brylan and Neven; a Sister Fern Mace of New Port Richey, three Brothers, Fred Irving of Greensburg, IN, Troy Irving of Kissimmee, FL. He is preceded in death by his Brother Kenneth Irving. Please join the family and friends in a celebration of Robert's life at the American Legion at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 200 Lakeshore Blvd., Kissimmee, FL. 407-847-4193. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Osceola Memory Gardens Funeral Home and Crematory 407-847-2494

Hvy Motor 5th 1949-1950 (6458-1508)

Robert W. Irving wife Frances phone 407 870 2574  
703 Robert Street  
Kissimmee, Florida 34741-4712

hope this helps

Paul

# Chaplain's Corner

## RUCK

Request you place in the next bulletin! Dick & I were together in Hawaii and Korea. We came home together in 1951. He was a member, I don't have a new register's list of 5 RCT. A member of Co. L



Richard Lee Teuscher Sr.

Richard Lee Teuscher

Born in Wheeling, WV on Nov. 28, 1930  
Departed on Dec. 24, 2011 and resided in Warren, OH.

Visitation: Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011

Service: Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011

Cemetery: Crown Hill Burial Park

Richard Lee Teuscher, 81, of Warren, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2011 at his home. Born November 28, 1930 in Wheeling, WV, Richard was the son of the late Cecil Alfred and Goldie (Schaub) Teuscher Sr. He received an honorable discharge from the United States Army in 1952 and served as mortician during the Korean War, was a Purple Heart recipient and taught map reading in Indiantown Gap, PA. Richard retired in 1993 from local #396 Plumbers & Pipefitters. He was a 32nd degree mason with the Carroll F. Clapp lodge, a member of the Al Koran Shrine and the Scottish Rite. Richard played the organ, loved woodworking and could fix anything! Most of all, he loved his family and was dedicated to helping them in any way he could. Richard was preceded in death in 2001 by his wife, the former Patricia A. "Pat" LeGay, whom he married June 20, 1953 and with whom he shared 54 years of marriage. He is survived by their two children, Richard L. "Rick" (Michelle) Teuscher of Champion and Rhonda T. (Randall) Stowell of Warren, five grandchildren, Richard Cecil (Vanessa) Teuscher, Ryan Allan (Lisa) Stowell, Eric R. Stowell, Shannon Percees and Megan Lewis, two great granddaughters Kyle and Mary Katherine Teuscher and two sisters, Dorothy Marie Berry of Dayton Beach, FL and Verna Mae (Jack) Brown of Howland Twp. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and a brother, Cecil A. Teuscher Jr. Family and friends may visit Wednesday evening from 7 until 9 P.M. at Roberts-Clark Funeral Chapel. Rev. Donald Cooper will conduct a funeral service Thursday morning, December 29, at 11 AM at the funeral home. Burial will be held in the Crown Hill Burial Park. Material contributions may take the form of donations to the Carroll F. Clapp scholarship fund.

This Memorial Obituary provided by Roberts-Clark Funeral Chapel

<http://obit.lancfuneralhomes.com/obitdisplay.html?task=Print&id=1006049>

3/11/2012

**Bill Kaelin**  
**4810 Rutland Avenue**  
**Louisville, KY 40215**

March 16, 2012

Hugh Ruckdeschel  
Battle Stars Newsletter  
112 • 123rd Avenue E.  
Treasure Island, FL 33706

Dear Hugh:

Sorry I was late on my Dues by about 1 week. My wife of 58 years had been ill and passed away on March 8th. *I WILL BE 80 JUNE 21.*

I enjoy receiving the Battle Stars Newsletter. I haven't received the January/February/March issue. *IF IT WASN'T LOST*

Thanks again, *HUGH*

*William "Bill" Kaelin "I LOVE YOU ALL"*

Bill Kaelin

## HUGH

As you can see Paul passed away on the 26th. I thought you could use the obit slip. You & I have never met but Paul & Joe Cura of Jamesville, NY were friends for years. I was with the 5th in '52". I was given the radio position when Al McAdoo left. It was Co. "E" I am a very good friend of your cousin from Newburgh, Don, I am going to install him for the position of his VFW unit commander. I hope this info can be used.

I hope you well in your position as editor of Battle Stars. I really like the news and am always waiting for further issues.

Your items and columns have given me info in the past.  
God Bless and hope you and your family best wishes always.

Former 5th Member  
Edward D. Hedlin  
510 Tower Ave, Maybrook, NY 12543

# Chaplain's Corner

## HUGH

I lost Paul three weeks ago.

He fought hard to stay alive, but the cancer was just more than he could fight.

He was a wonderful husband, father & grandfather, and on Dec 26 we became great-grandparents to a beautiful, healthy little boy. Our first great grandchild. He & his mother live next door, which makes Paul's loss a little easier.

The baby's name is Brecker Paul Beckwith. His dad is serving in Kuwait with the army.

Please put this article (enclosed) in the Battle Stars.

Paul was so proud to have served with these wonderful, brave soldiers.

Thank you,  
Joan Yesensky

PS: There was a slight mistake in the article. there should have been a period and new paragraph after Airforces. He did not re-enlist in Iowa. He was elected 5th RCT President in Iowa.

commander of the American Legion Post #1832, a former officer in the VFW Post #3146 both in Mattydale, and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was President of the APW School District Sports Boosters and a Little League coach in Pulaski for 3 years.

Paul is survived by his wife of 51 years, the former Joan (MacCall); their four children: Robert (Marl-anne) Yesensky of TN, Stephen (Lisa) Yesensky of Pulaski, Paul Yesensky of Rome, and Debra (Roger) Williams of Camden; his five granddaughters: Melinda Yesensky of Camden, Kristen (Jason) Beckwith of Amboy, Amanda and Jessica Yesensky, both of Pulaski, and Audrey Yesensky of TN; two grandsons: Stephen P. Yesensky of Pulaski and Tony Yesensky of TN; and one great-grandson, Brecken Paul Beckwith.

At Paul's request, there will be no calling hours and his burial will be private and at the convenience of his family. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 28th at 11 a.m. in Williamstown Church Of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Paul's memory to the Syracuse VA Hospital, 800 Irving Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210.

For more information, photos or to sign the guest book, please visit [www.kruegerfh.com](http://www.kruegerfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/KruegerFuneralHome](http://www.facebook.com/KruegerFuneralHome)

## Paul W. Yesensky



**Paul W. Yesensky**

Paul W. Yesensky, 80, of Williamstown, died April 25, 2012 at his home with his family by his side.

Paul was born in Glassport, PA on February 2, 1933. He joined

the Army in 1949 at age 16 and went to Japan with the Occupation Forces in 1951 when the Korean War started. He was one of the first American Troops in Korea. He was so proud to have served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team with the 24th Infantry Division. He was severely wounded on the 13th of October 1951. After 8 weeks in a Hospital in Japan, Paul returned to the States and re-enlisted in the Air Force in Des Moines, Iowa. He was elected National President of the 5th RCT Association of Korean War Veterans.

Paul and his wife, Joan, founded The Greenhouse Effect in Williamstown. They produced flowers and vegetables for display and sale at the Regional Market and Paul served on the board of directors for the New York State Regional Market Authority. He was the past



# Chaplain's Corner

## Thomas Burkhalter

Thomas H. Burkhalter, 80, of Port Washington was devoted to his country and its veterans, serving in the U.S. Army and later as a veterans service officer in Ozaukee and Richland counties.

"He loved his country," his daughter Christy Wallock said. "He was dedicated to his country and very proud he served in the military."

He was driven to help veterans, she said, because he often saw himself in them.

Mr. Burkhalter, who died Thursday, Dec. 23, at Columbia St. Mary's Ozaukee Hospital in Mequon, was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army on June 22, 1952.

He served in the military for more than 20 years, retiring as a colonel. During the years, he served in numerous domestic posts and in Korea, Vietnam and Germany.

He earned numerous decorations, including the Combat Infantry Badge, Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Services Commendation medal and Army Commendation medal with three oak leaf clusters.

Mr. Burkhalter was the Ozaukee County veterans service officer for seven years, from 1990 to 1997, when he retired. In that role, he had daily contact with the county's veterans, helping them navigate their way through sometimes confusing paperwork, counseling them and referring them to other agencies.

To say Mr. Burkhalter was devoted to the county's veterans would be an understatement, said Ozaukee County Veterans Service Officer Ken Brown.

"If you're not dedicated to helping veterans in the area, you don't stay here long," Mr. Brown said. "He was a little gruff, but he was honest to a fault. He would always give you the right answer, even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear."

Mr. Burkhalter was born in Iron Mountain, Mich., on Jan. 13, 1930, the son of Herbert and Mildred Thomas Burkhalter.

He grew up in Madison and earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He completed his master's degree in industrial psychology at Ohio State University and worked toward his doctorate at the university's laboratory of aviation psychology.



After retiring from the military, Mr. Burkhalter worked as operations manager for Curley-Bates Co., a wholesale sporting goods company in Burlingame, Calif.

He then went to work as director of supply operations for Hawthorne Aviation Co. of Charleston, S.C., at the firm's Dugway Providing Grounds in Utah.

Mr. Burkhalter then returned to Wisconsin, serving as veterans service officer in Richland County before taking the same post in Ozaukee County.

After retiring, he volunteered his time with the Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office for several years.

Mr. Burkhalter married Diane Waedekin in Richland Center on June 11, 1988.

Mr. Burkhalter enjoyed traveling and took his wife to visit the many places where he was stationed in Germany and France. He also traveled to Russia and Canada.

He was an avid photographer and would make CDs of the photographs he took on trips, distributing them to fellow members of their tour groups, his daughter said.

He also liked to read and spend time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Burkhalter worked with troubled children through the years, serving not just as a mentor but also as a positive adult role model, his family said.

He was a member of the Van Ellis-Schane American Legion Post 82, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5373, Disabled American Veterans, Korean War Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, 40 and 8, 5th RCT Association, Outpost "Harry"

Survivors Association, County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin, Manitowoc Kiwanis Club, American Psychological Society, Masons and the Scottish Rite.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church Lakefield in the Town of Grafton.

Mr. Burkhalter is survived by his wife Diane of Port Washington; children Elizabeth (Grant) Watson of Radford, Va., Christy (Joe) Wallock of West Bend, Kurt (Lindsey) of Springfield, Va., Walter (Linda) of Burnett, DJ of Bellevue, Wash., and Kim of Janesville; and 13 grandchildren.

He is further survived by his brothers Robert of Cazenovia and John (Harriette) of Eden Valley, Minn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law Betty Burkhalter.

A funeral service for Mr. Burkhalter was to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grafton. The Rev. James O'Reilly-Christenson was to officiate.

Visitation was to be from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Eernisse Funeral Home in Port Washington.

A combined veterans organization walk-through was to be conducted at 5:30 p.m.

Burial with military honors will be at Southern Wisconsin Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove.

Cod. Thomas Burkhalter USA Ret.  
409 Briarwood Dr. Waukegan, IL 60094  
Port Washington, WI 53074-1341

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing to inform you of my husband's, Thomas Burkhalter, passing on Dec. 23, 2010. I'm sorry for the delay in writing to you. This has been a very difficult task for me. Thomas belonged to numerous organizations and I could only write a few letters at a time due to their nature.

Mrs. Burkhalter

# Chaplain's Corner



Dear Hugh

Just wanted everyone to know  
That Don passed away of Cancer. He  
was lucky, as he had the rare kind,  
it was in his glands and he had very  
little pain until the last few  
weeks, before his passing. I had asked my  
daughter to send a note, to this little paper  
& no notice, I called her & she said she  
was sorry - I'm so ashamed that  
everyone had not been notified &  
it's my fault as I shouldn't expected  
her to do what was - all my fault

He so enjoyed your group so did  
I. What great friends I was fortunate  
to meet all his friends their wives, and  
have many great memories of the many  
reunions we got to attend. Once again  
my apologies for not getting this to you  
sooner.

Hugs to all

Doris McCracken

"We All Understand" *Sincerely Frank*

## Departed Members and Comrades - 18 June to 3 November 2011

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|---|---|---|
| BAKER, Fredrick E.<br>6/18/2011 (Joyce) | 28th AAA - 49-51<br>Deceased 02/05/2011 | 9195 State Hwy E - % Rick Baker - Fairgrove, MO 65648-8493<br>Wes Morrison - E-mail 18-Jun-11 |
| GOULD, Wallace R.<br>8/3/2011 (Mary)    | K 5 - 51-52<br>Deceased 07/24/2011      | 8414 Downs Road - Winston, GA 30187-1385<br>F Jennings 03-Aug-11                              |
| IMAI, Mitsuo<br>7/18/2011 (Clara)       | G 5 - 50-51<br>Deceased 06/25/2011      | 691 Kalalea Street - Honolulu, HI 96825-2510<br>5th RCT Hawaii - Newsletter 18-Jul-11         |
| JONES, Silas S. Jr.<br>8/20/2011        | - 53-54<br>Deceased 08/11/2011          | W Morrison 20-Aug-11  |
| MULVIHILL, James J<br>8/6/2011          | -<br>Deceased 07/25/2011                | W Morrison 06-Aug-11  |
| TEDDER, Oliver T.<br>7/10/2011 (Jean)   | F 5 - 52-54<br>Deceased 07/03/2011      | 3456 Indale Court - Fairfax, VA 22033-1006<br>10-Jul-11                                       |

# Chaplain's Corner

Hugh Ruckdeschel  
112 123 rd Ave.  
Treasure Island, FL 33706-5152

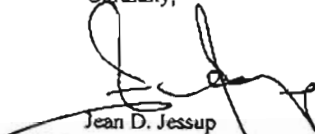
April 1, 2012

Dear Mr. Ruckdeschel:

My recent conversation with Sam Kier, Historian, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association, Pacific Grove, CA ended with him suggesting that I contact you in reference to your Newsletter *Battle Stars*. It was suggested that you could include in your newsletter a request for any former member of Company E who could remember my late husband a Lt. John "Jack" Jessup. He was with this unit for a short period of time from August, 1950 to October, 1950, then due to battle injuries went to various hospitals in Japan. I would also be interested in any roster if available.

I shall be happy to provide you with additional information you may require.

Cordially,

  
Jean D. Jessup

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*Jean D. Jessup*  
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*May 6, 2012*



**CITED . . .** First Lieut. John E. Jessup Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Jessup, 42-59 77th st., Elmhurst, received the Silver Star for "conspicuous heroism and outstanding leadership" when his unit was attacked by superior forces in the vicinity of Waegon, Korea. Lieut. Jessup, who previously received the Purple Heart and two Oak Leaf Clusters, served in the Navy Air Force during World War II.

*Dear Hugh,*  
*Thanks so much for a copy of your newsletter Battle Stars which I read with great interest.*

*I shall look forward to the next edition on the sometime possible "hook-up" of someone who knew my husband.*  
*Best wishes -*  
*[Signature]*



# Chaplain's Corner

HEADQUARTERS 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 25

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 367

20 November 1950

## E X T R A C T

### Section I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.\* By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43 1918) and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

\* \* \* \*

First Lieutenant JOHN E. JESSUP JR, 062219, Infantry, Company E, 5th Infantry, United States Army. On 16 September 1950 when his roadblock in the vicinity of Waegwan, Korea was attacked by numerically superior enemy forces, Lieutenant Jessup manned a light machine gun to provide covering fire for the displacement of his platoon. Although suffering from serious wounds from mortar fragments, he advanced on the enemy and continued firing until painful burns from the over heated weapon caused him to abandon the machine gun. Seizing a rifle, he continued to hold off the attackers until displacement had been accomplished, and his ammunition was exhausted. Then armed only with his pistol, he remained until all casualties had been removed. Lieutenant Jessup's conspicuous heroism and outstanding leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered the military service from New York.

\* \* \* \*


BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL NEAN:

OFFICIAL:

JOHN W. CHILDS  
Colonel, GSC  
Chief of Staff

/s/ G.W. Master  
G.W. MASTER  
Lt Colonel, AGC  
Adjutant General

Certified a true copy:

  
John E. Jessup, Jr.  
1st. Lt., Inf.

# Letters to the Editor



## "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

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9 April 2012

Hugh:

I would be most appreciative if the attached could be published in an upcoming issue of your 5th RCT Association media.

We are at a critical point in trying to get HR 2563 passed and need more co-sponsors. HR 2563 will authorize adding a Wall of Remembrance to the Korean War veterans Memorial which will list Korean War KIA by name, USA, WIA, MIA and POW by number and ROK, KATUSA and UN KIA, WIA, MIA and POW by number.

We urgently need KORWARVETS to contact their local representative and URGE them become a co-sponsor of HR 2563.

I've sent both black and white and color versions

Thank you.

Bill

Col William E. Weber (USA - Ret.)  
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No longer, The Forgotten War!

William E. Weber  
Col. USA-Ret  
Chairman

**"NO LONGER THE FORGOTTEN WAR"**



# Letters to the Editor

## KORWAR-KORDEF VETS

**YOU MUST HELP ! ONLY YOU CAN DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE!**

**THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP**

By Col(Ret) William E. Weber, Chairman KWVMFnd

We are working hard to get HR 2563 passed in the House of Representatives. It is a proposed Bill that we initiated that will allow a Wall of Remembrance be added to the Korean War Veterans Memorial which will list by name our KIA comrades and, by number, US, KATUSA, ROK and UN KIA, WIA, MIA and POW. The panels of the Wall (of glass) that display the foregoing will have appropriate homilies honoring that displayed.

Currently HR 2563 has 27 co-sponsors—we need several hundred more to get it sent to the floor for a vote!!!! ***You are our only hope of getting them!!!***

I'm asking you to go 'all out' on this! Please call, Email or write (and follow up) with your local Representative asking him/her to sign on as a co-sponsor. For them it is a 'motherhood' action ----- what politician would deny honoring our Fallen Comrades by giving them recognition by name!

**DO THIS TODAY. WE NEED HR 2563 PASSED BY 1 JULY TO RAISE FUNDS AND GET THE WALL CONSTRUCTED TO DEDICATE IT ON 27 JULY 2013 (60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CEASE FIRE.) -**

**CUT AND MAIL**

**YOU CAN ALSO HELP US RAISE 'WORKING FUNDS' TO 'WALK THE HALLS' IN THE HOUSE OFFICE BUILDINGS BY GETTING YOUR OWN KWVMFnd CHALLENGE COIN HONORING THE MEMORIAL AND THE 'FORGOTTEN WARRIORS' OF THE KOREAN WAR AND DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA!**

**\$9.95 per coin and we pay the S&H**

Obverse



Reverse



OK! I'll get on my Representative's 'tail'! I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ coins. Enclosed CHECK/MO for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail to: KWVMFnd, 10301 McKinstry Mill Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776-7903

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Letters to the Editor

C. A. (Bud) Collette  
507 E. Timber Drive  
Payson, AZ 85541-4077

Jan. 14, 2012

United States Army



5th Infantry Regiment



Korea 1951 - 1952

Hugh W. Ruckdeschel  
Editor, Battle Stars  
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Treasure Island, FL.  
33706-5152

Dear Editor Ruck:

I'm a member of the 5th. R.C.T. Assoc. The enclosed article and photos are all self explanatory. I never knew of the Medal of Valor Society. I was invited to the Yavapai Indian Gathering Center in Prescott, Arizona. On Dec.17, 2011.

I was surprised and honored to be awarded the Warriors Medal of Valor.

I hope you can print some of the photos and my letter in the "Battle Stars"

My E-mail address is: jbtimber2009@gmail.com

My Tel. # is: (928) 474-9312.

I served in Korea from June 1951 to late April 1952. I was in the 3rd. Battalion Hq. Co. Commo Platoon.

Yours in Patriotism;

*Bud*

Clarence A. (Bud) Collette  
I'm 82 years old.



North Korea  
Aug. 1951  
Age 21

1950 K O R E A 1953  
The Forgotten War



1st. Sgt. USA  
1953 age 23

The Korean War, June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. Battle dead 33,667, other death 3,249. Total dead 36,916. Wounded 103,284. Total Casualties 140,200. Number served 5,764,143. M.I.A. 8,177. The possibility of being killed in combat in Korea was 1 in 9. WW-2, 1 in 12. Vietnam 1 in 16. We had the worst odds.

# Letters to the Editor

On Saturday, Dec.17, 2011, I was invited to the Yavapai Indian Tribe Community Gathering Center for a Warriors Medal of Valor Ceremony. This was a all day Ceremony, starting at 10:00 AM with the posting of the Colors, Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. There was song, Gourd Dancers and Host Drums. After lunch they honored we Veterans with more song, dance and Host Drums. Followed by the presentation of the Warrior's Medal of Valor by the Medal of Valor Society and hosted by the Yavapai County Gourd Society.

It closed with the Benediction by Hubert Bomaha, the Yavapai Tribal Elder, and the retiring of the Colors at 4:00 PM.

The face of the Medal has the head of the Bald Eagle with our Stars and Strips and two Eagle feathers in the background. Above the Eagle's head reads "Warriors Medal of Valor". Below the Eagle reads "Native American Nations of the United States of America."

The back side has a light blue background with the words "Awarded to" with a space to engrave a name. Below that reads, "For Valorous Service to a Grateful Nation".

The ribbon above the medal has four colors, red, yellow, black and white that represent the four directions.

The Warriors Medal of Valor was designed by Marshall "Tall Eagle" Serna, who wanted to honor Veterans with a Medal to show appreciation for their sacrifices.

When the Medal was awarded to me I was gently touched with Eagle feathers on my head and shoulders. The members of the Medal of Valor Society came from several Indian Tribes. Cherokee, Miami, Navaho and Yavapai. I am 1/8 Salish, they are a North Western Tribe. Their Headquarters is in British Columbia, Canada where my Dad was born and raised.

I served in the Infantry in Korea during the War there. I was in the 5th. Regimental Combat Team, attached to the 24th. Infantry Division. I was in Korea from June 1951 to late April 1952.

I am C.A. Bud Collette, I am a former M/Sgt. and 1st. Sgt. Infantry, U.S. Army.



This is the actual size.

I was promoted to M/Sgt. and 1st. Sgt. after I return to the U.S.A.

*Bud*



C.A. Bud Collette  
5th R.C.T. Korean War  
507 E. Timber Dr.  
Payson, AZ 85541-4377

To RUCK

From: John T. Jim

Subject: Newspaper article '09, local paper, advance, weekly - Saluting local veterans. Normally I would have sent this in years ago, but decided not to send this article, but note your help for material. Note my 1st Reunion San Antonio 2006, '07, '08, '09 missed '10 & '11 due to death & wife's illness.

Hope to make 2012

Regards John T. Jim

16 • August 27 — September 2, 2009

Advance of Bucks County

Mr. John T. Jim  
85 Beth Dr.  
Richboro, PA 18954

## JOHN T. JIM

### Korean War veteran was stationed along the 38th Parallel

John T. Jim was drafted in July 1952, from Syracuse N.Y. to Indiantown Gap, Pa. The time he served in Korea was just one example of his life-long dedication to civic ideals and community involvement.

After 16 weeks of basic training and eight weeks of leadership school, John received his orders for Korea. He traveled to San Francisco via troop train, and then to Pusan, Korea by ship. After reaching Korea, he was sent to the infamous 38th Parallel as a member of the 5th Regimental Combat Team (RCT), which served as reinforcements to the front lines.

His duty as a member of the 5th RCT was for blocking. Blocking is taking a position just behind the frontline troops and going up to the front line to replace the troops that were killed or wounded, as well as to provide extra protection if the enemy broke through the front lines. Every night, the enemy shelled these lines, killing and wounding soldiers. The 5th RCT continuously was called upon to replace the wounded soldiers along the 38th parallel.

During his time in Korea, John served as a rifleman, assistant machine gunner, communications chief for Fox Company, and Fox Company staff sergeant.

John's recollections are detailed and

small tent was erected for officers and the communications gear. We kept an open line with the battalion 24 hours a day."

John went on to relate how he was assigned communications duty that evening from 7-9 p.m. After a quiet shift, his replacement arrived; John briefed him on the equipment operations, and returned to his foxhole 20 feet away. Ten minutes later all hell broke loose.

"We started to get shelled with mortars and larger artillery," said John. "There was a direct hit on the tent; two soldiers were killed instantly, my replacement, Parker, and one officer. The minute the tent was shelled the company commander, Murphy, ran to my foxhole, which was dug out for two, and stayed there while the shelling took place for hours."

After the shelling stopped,



Saluting  
our  
VETERANS

Each week we'll bring you a story about the men and women who have defended our country during times of war. The contribution of these heroes who walk the streets of our community is often overlooked. We thought it fitting to tell their stories here. If you know a veteran whose story should be featured here, please contact the editor at 215-968-2244 or by e-mail at: [yardley@lngnews.com](mailto:yardley@lngnews.com).

Letters to the Editor

sionate. There was a job  
steful or not, responsibili-  
use was a part of life.  
e I will never forget, we  
rly in the afternoon and  
dito, also from Syracuse,  
," said John. "Nearby a

the Red Cross medical per-  
sonnel were called up from  
the bottom of the valley,  
about a mile away, to treat the wounded  
and collect the dead bodies, which were  
transported down the hill.

"Our position was at the top of the ridge,"

said John.  
"Word came up  
that they needed  
to have the bod-  
ies identified at  
once. We were  
still being  
shelled in the  
middle of the  
night when Cap-  
tain Murphy  
ordered the bud-  
dy of the man  
who replaced  
me to go down  
the hill and iden-  
tify him. He  
refused, and said  
he didn't know  
either man."

Captain Mur-  
phy then turned  
to John and  
ordered him to  
identify the bod-  
ies, since he was  
the last man to  
see them alive.

John traveled  
from the ridge

John T. Jim served in the Korean War with the 5th Regimental Com-  
bat Team.

down the hill, which were still being  
shelled, to the medical tents. "I was not  
happy at this to say the least," said John,  
"but I grabbed my rifle and went down the  
hill in the dark through the shelling, identi-  
fied the bodies, and filled out the paper-  
work. After I did my duty, I spent the next  
few hours in a slit trench (a trench that is  
just wide enough for soldiers to fit in) dur-  
ing the shelling until dawn. Then I walked  
back up the hill to the ridge to report back  
to Fox Company."

When John returned from serving his  
country in Korea, he earned his degree  
from Syracuse University in 1958, with the  
help of the G.I. Bill.

John moved his family from Pittsburgh to  
Bucks County in July 1969. He worked as  
a successful salesman of products for the  
United States Rubber Company, managing  
a multimillion-dollar territory, encompass-  
ing four states. However, it is his family  
and community involvement during the  
last 40 years in Northampton that have giv-  
en him pride.

John and Joann, now married 55 years,  
have three children, Karen Jim, of  
Northampton Township, who works for  
Merrill Lynch; John D. Jim, of Chalfont, a  
senior financial advisor for Ameriprise  
Financial; and Jeff Jim, of Northampton  
Township, who has run a small business in  
Northampton for more than 25 years.

For the past 40 years, John has remained

dedicated to the community of Northamp-  
ton, and to the civic ideals of leadership  
and involvement. He started the civic asso-  
ciation in his neighborhood, volunteered  
for various projects, worked at the Grange  
Fair and Northampton Days, and volun-  
teered for clothing and food drives for the  
less fortunate. His elected positions have  
included serving as a local Committeemar  
for many years, and serving on the  
Northampton Municipal Authority Board  
for eight years.

The Jim family has seen their share o.  
Pennsylvania and New York, moving sev-  
en times over a ten-year period. But for  
John Jim, Northampton Township has been  
the place to stay. "I have always told my  
children that our last move was our bes-  
move. We've grown up and grown older in  
a great place to live."

John has had the pleasure to meet or worl  
beside many great local people who live  
work, volunteer, and serve the residents  
county Judges, commissioners, and othe  
elected officials in Northampton Township  
and Bucks County - as well as many of th  
Pennsylvania legislators, senators and con-  
gressmen, and even presidents of this grea  
nation. That involvement starts at the loca  
community level.

According to John, "We've been fortu-  
nate to contribute to the quality of life her  
in Northampton Township all these years.  
It's a great place to live and raise a family.



communications duty during the Korean War.

*Letters to the Editor*



My name is Donald Gottschall. I am a retired Korean Veteran. I entered the service on February 6, 1948, took basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and was then stationed at Pusan, South Korea with the Sixth Division. In November 1948, I was transferred to Seoul, Korea where the 5th RCT was activated on January 1, 1949. In June 1949 the 5th RCT was transferred to Scofield Barrack in Hawaii and I was transferred to Heavy Mortar Company. In July, 1950 the 5th RCT was sent back to Korea and I was attached to the 25th Division and the 24th Division. I returned home in May 1951.

A friend named Larry Williams wrote an article about me called "Still on Night Patrol, A walking Legend Amongst Us" which I am going to read to you.

I think many folks in their senior years at some point glance back at their lives and look at their accomplishments. Possibly because aging health issues prevent any new opportunities in the "last inning" We remember with pride the good things we did and where we made a difference. Yes it's nice to recollect about the good old times. I know a man that celebrates his life's accomplishments every day with a passion and for good reasons. He is Don Gottschall, a retired Korean war veteran. Most nights you can see Don walking at his hilly retirement park in Zephyrhills Florida. He will always be wearing a jacket, t-shirt, and a cap all with really nice Korean art. Don is a man celebrating a time when we were trying to stop evil aggression in this world, and today the people of South Korea thank those veterans every day for their freedom while looking North at those Koreans who have none. Don is on patrol most every night and instead of carrying a rifle, he will always have a pocket full of milk bone treats for the dogs he meets. The dogs can spot him walking way down the road, wishing he would hurry up and arrive with those bones. He is still on patrol. If you meet up with Don, he won't mind if you take the opportunity and ask him to offer up another of his Korean War memories. If you don't have a lot of time to do this, just swing up a right hand salute and say "Thanks Don". That same salute would be deserving for any veteran you meet in the park. A small pay back for what they went through.

Larry and I sat in my den talking, surrounded by a museum of memories. Displayed are my medals, pictures and awards. Larry asked me to tell him about the war time conditions and this is what I said. Often times the weather was very cold. We were not issued warm enough clothing and they called the rubber boots that we wore, "Mickey Mouse Boots." They would make your feet sweat when you marched and then freeze when you stopped. The C rations were good and the medical care for the wounded was good. Because we were constantly on the move, we slept however and where ever we could. Sometimes we slept in abandoned farm houses and other times we slept outside on the ground. If we were not being shelled, we were playing pinochle. While stationed in Hawaii, I became a pretty good baseball player. My sgt. organized a weekly baseball game with the prisoners from the local prison which became a regular event for me.

The Korean government has regular returning celebrations as a way to say thank you to all that served in Korea for their freedom. I have returned twice. Once in 1995 and the other in 2009 with my daughter. This proves where freedom reigns prosperity will follow.

Three years, involuntary extended one year was the term listed on my honorable discharge paper. It was dated January 31, 1952 poorly typed on a one page letter describing what had been four long years of training, fighting and just in general trying to stay fed, warm and alive. I have received numerous medals, from the U.S. Government, Korean Government and two service medals from the State of New Jersey. Even though I received these medals staying alive was my best achievement. My most significant duty assignment was with the Heavy Mortar CO 5th RCT. We received extensive training and were well known and cited for our speed and accuracy. With a good gun crew we could put 25 to 30 rounds in the air before the first one hit the target.

When I separated from government, my payment was \$217.31 and with an additional \$11.76 for bus fare. I still wonder how the \$11.76 was calculated?

# Letters to the Editor

## HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY 5th INFANTRY REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM SCHOFIELD BARRACKS HAWAII

CAPT. JESS L. GOODMAN, *Company Commander*

1st Lt. Robert P. Caverly  
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# Of Interest

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING OUR ASSOCIATION  
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST  
REUNION (MAY 16-20), WE WERE INFORMED BY JERRY, OUR  
SECRETARY/TREASURER, THAT HE HAS AN INFECTION IN HIS BRAIN  
AND IS IN THE HOSPITAL AT SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF., AND IS IN THE  
CARE OF A NEUROSURGEON. I AM IN CONTACT WITH HIS DAUGHTER  
ALMOST DAILY. SHE HAS KEPT ME INFORMED OF HIS CONDITION.  
JERRY MADE CONTACT WITH ME WHILE WE WERE AT THE REUNION,  
ASKING THAT THE ASSOCIATION TRY TO GET SOMEONE TO TAKE HIS  
PLACE AS SEC/TREAS. AT THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP, IT WAS ASKED OF THE MEMBERSHIP IF SOMEONE  
COULD FILL IN THAT VACANCY. SINCE NO ONE VOLUNTEERED, I  
STEPPED FORWARD TO FILL A LARGE PAIR OF SHOES.  
AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, JERRY HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB  
AS OUR SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR MANY YEARS.  
AS OF TODAY, I AM AWAITING A CALL FROM CALIFORNIA TO TELL ME  
WHEN JERRY IS WELL ENOUGH FOR ME TO GO TO MEET WITH HIM. AT  
THAT TIME, I WILL GO OVER RECORDS AND TRY TO GAIN AS MUCH  
KNOWLEDGE AS POSSIBLE.  
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KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED.  
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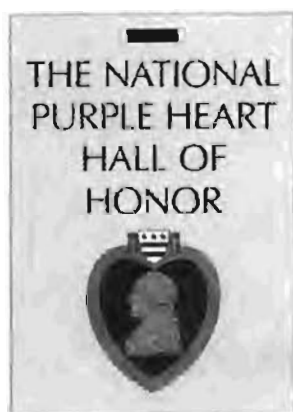
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# Of Interest



March 2012

Re: Hugh W. Ruckdeschel

Thank you for sending us information for enrollment on the Roll of Honor at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. We truly appreciate your interest and support in helping us further our mission to collect, preserve and share the records of all Purple Heart recipients.

We are pleased and honored to let you know that the enrollment process is complete. Visitors to the Hall may view the profile at one of our computer kiosks. An *abbreviated* version of the profile may also be viewed on our website at: [www.thepurpleheart.com](http://www.thepurpleheart.com).

So far, more than 173,000 recipients have been enrolled. While this is a significant number, it is small compared to the estimated 1.8 million Purple Hearts that have been awarded since 1932.

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Thank you for helping us to honor all Purple Heart recipients.

Sincerely,

Enrollment Staff  
The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor

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## EDITOR'S NOTE:

As part of history for the Korean War, every Purple Heart Recipient should enroll! For the deceased, relatives or friends should call or fax info.

On the front cover it says 949 KIA, 3, 188 WIA. I know my three are not included in that number, and many men I knew were wounded, sent to the Aid Station only to have the doctor say it will eventually work it's way out, were not counted as WIA!

*Please see next page*

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PERMANENT ORDER 280-1

7 October 1998

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Announcement is made of the following award.

Award: Purple Heart (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date(s) or period of service: 27 September 1952

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 2-8

Reason: For wounds received as the result of hostile action

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2. RUCKDESCHEL, HUGH W., RA 14 330 146, SERGEANT FIRST CLASS, Company G, 2d Battalion (5th Regimental Combat Team), 5th Infantry Regiment, 71st Infantry Division (Korea)

Announcement is made of the following award.

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Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 2-8

Reason: For wounds received as the result of hostile action

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EDITOR'S NOTE *continued:*

That happened with my first one five hours before the second was removed in Waunjue! At the 382nd Gen. Hosp. Japan, I insisted they remove grenade fragments from my right cheek & neck! It also happened with the third wound! The After Action Report said Assistant Plat. Sgt. was wounded!

# Of Interest



10/17/2011  
I wanted to thank you for the back copies of the "Saddle Stars" that I had missed due to an address change. Also thank you for the work you do.

Had a great time at the mine reunion. in Branson, Tom, Sunny, Marvin House & John Crail do a great job. But it wouldn't work at all without the women and all they do.

Enclosed a couple pics. of my Lic. plate. Use one if you like. Thanks again

James R. Veebig  
4300 S Hwy 33

Maysville, MO 64464 Just a note...



HONORING OUR VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

# Fulmer first from Korean War to lead Memorial Day parade



John Morton/Enterprise Staff

Ken Fulmer, who fought in Korea, will serve as grand marshal Monday during the annual parade.

By Steve Van Dien  
svandien@conley.net.com

To say that Ken Fulmer was surprised to be named Parade Marshall of Oconomowoc's 2011 Memorial Day ceremony would be putting it rather mildly.

"I'd never have expected that in a million years," said Fulmer, 82, the first marshal who's a veteran of the Korean War. "But I'm very honored to have been selected."

A lifetime Oconomowoc resident and member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2260, Fulmer recalled shipping out from California, landing in Japan and then Korea in February 1953. He quickly became acquainted with what soldiers have had to deal with in every war - dirt and mud.

"The first thing I thought when we landed was these guys are filthy," he said. "But it wasn't long before the rest of us were, too."

See FULMER, Page A8

## At a glance

**What:** Oconomowoc's Memorial Day ceremony and parade

**Who:** Color guards from VFW Post 2260, Edwin L. Jones American Legion Post 91, Magnus-Anderson American Legion Post 399 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 635; Parade Marshal Ken Fulmer of VFW Post 2260; guest speaker John L. Margowski, former Waukesha County Veterans Service officer

**Where:** Ceremony begins at City Beach Band Shell. Parade proceeds east on Wisconsin Avenue to Oakwood Avenue. There will be a brief ceremony at the Oakwood Avenue bridge. Parade then continues to La Belle Cemetery, followed by open houses at VFW Post 2260 and American Legion Post 91 (the latter at Spinnaker's).

**When:** 10 a.m. Monday

## Fulmer

From Page A1

Fulmer and his fellow U.S. Army artillerymen also learned, very quickly, about the weather in Korea.

"It was terrible," he said. "We arrived in the winter, and it got as cold as 34 below. And we were wearing fall uniforms. A lot of guys were frostbitten."

"Then the summer was hot and humid."

An armistice ended the

war five months after Fulmer came to Korea. In between, there was still considerable action. And like many vets, Fulmer did not elaborate on his combat experience, although he received two campaign stars and his unit a presidential citation.

"I lost a lot of friends, both killed and as prisoners of war," he said simply.

When he and his surviving comrades returned to the United States in the late spring of 1954, Fulmer recalled, they had to endure the fate of those called upon

to fight an unpopular war - although that, thankfully, has changed in the years since.

"We weren't too popular when we came home," he said. "Slowly but surely, though, people came around and we were recognized more and more. The guys in Vietnam went through the same thing."

He is looking forward to his special role on the day that he observes every year.

"I'm very happy to do it," he said. "I'm really doing it for the ones who aren't here anymore."

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Ken E. Fulmer  
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and the turnout was  
very large.  
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Ken*



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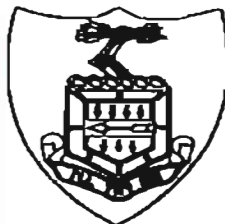
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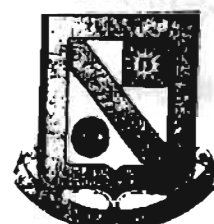
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