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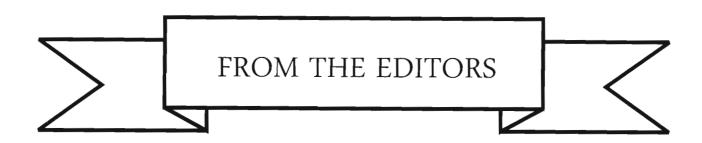
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HELLO TO EVERYONE. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LIVE IN THE NORTH WHO ARE HAVING A HARD WINTER...HANG IN THERE...SPRING WILL SOON BE HERE.

FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE WARMER CLIMATE..THANK GOD FOR THE SUN!

WE ARE INCLUDING SOME OF THE PHOTOS THAT JOHN HOWARD OF FRANKFORT, KY SENT TO US IN THIS ISSUE. WE HAD SOME CALLS REGARDING THE PHOTOS IN THE JAN/FEB ISSUE. WE KNOW SOME OF THOSE VETERANS AND SOME WE DID NOT.

WE WISH TO THANK ALL OF THE 5TH RCT VETERANS WHO ARE SENDING US THEIR PHOTOS AND ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER. WE ARE ENJOYING LOOKING THROUGH THESE ITEMS. WE WILL PUBLISH AS WE GET THESE ITEMS AND MAKE ROOM FOR THEM IN THE MAGAZINE.

HOPEFULLY EVERYONE IS GETTING THE NEWSLETTERS . IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE THAT IS NOT, PLEASE CONTACT US.

THE PRESIDENT, JW CRAIL HAS AN ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE REGARDING THE ANNUAL REUNION IN BRANSON. WE SURE SO HOPE THAT MANY OF YOU CAN MAKE THE REUNION. WE DO HAVE A GREAT TIME THERE.

EVERYONE BRINGS SOMETHING FROM THEIR AREA OR GARDEN AND WE MAKE SANDWICHES OR SALADS FOR LUNCH AND WE ALWAYS HAVE COOKIES OR SOME KIND OF DESSERT OR WATERMELONS.

BRANSON IS A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT...SO COME A COUPLE OF DAYS EARLY OR STAY A DAY OR TWO AFTER THE REUNION TO GO TO SOME OF THE SHOWS. IT IS NOT ALL **COUNTRY**, THEY HAVE THE BEAUTIFUL SHOWROOM THAT HAS HAD THE WONDERFUL SHOW "JOSEPH". LAST YEAR, I BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE DOING THE SHOW "NOAH".

SO WE ARE WELCOMING ANY AND ALL 5TH RCT VETERANS TO COME TO BRANSON TO VISIT US AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

FRANK AND MAXINE JENNINGS CO-EDITORS OF THE 5TH RCT NEWSLETTER



23RD ANNUAL REUNION

5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT REUNION

AT BRANSON TOWERS IN BRANSON MISSOURI

SEPTEMBER 23RD TO SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2015 (PLEASE DETACH FORM AND SEND IN WITH CHECK TO JW CRAIL)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 5th RCT REUNION.

MEMBER NAME	COMPANY	YEAR	
SPOUSE GUESTS			
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIPCODE	
FEES			
ITEMSPF	RICEN	UMBER	TOTAL
REGISTRATION(MEMBERS ONLY)	15.00	1	15.00
FRI NIGHT, BALDKNOBBERS	10.00EA.		
SAT NIGHT BANQUET	10.00 EA		

NOTE: A SHUTTLE BUS WILL TAKE US TO AND FROM HOTEL TO SHOW. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE BUS.

DINNER IS A CATERED MEAL AT HOTEL ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT.

CHURCH SERVICE WILL BE IN HOSPITALITY ROOM AT 8:00 SUNDAY MORNING.

PLEASE REPLY BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 TO: JW CRAIL, 14203 MORNING VIEW RD, ALEXANDRIA KY 41001-8080 PH NO 859-635-9127

FROM THE PRESIDENT

SPRING IS HERE...A NEW BEGINNING FOR MOTHER NATURE. WARM SUNSHINE, GREEN GRASS AND ALL THAT GOES WITH IT. MAY SPRING BE A GREAT TIME OF THE YEAR FOR EACH OF US.

WARM WEATHER WILL KEEP OUR BONES FROM ACHING SO MUCH. LET US TRY TO ENJOY EACH DAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO TOMORROW.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN TO BRANSON FOR A MINI REUNION. I WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION THAT YOU MIGHT NEED.

WE HAVE BEEN AT THE SAME HOTEL (BRANSON TOWERS) FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS. IT IS LOCATED ON THE EDGE OF TOWN. NOT IN A HIGH TRAFFIC AREA. THE PARKING LOT AROUND THE HOTEL IS FAIRLY FLAT FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO LIKE OR NEED TO WALK. THE HOSPITALITY ROOM IS NEAR THE LOBBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR (NO STEPS) AND IS OPEN FROM EARLY MORNING AFTER BREAKFAST TO LATE AT NIGHT (9:30/10:00)

THE LADIES FIX SNACKS AND LUNCH IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM. I HAVE THE KEY SO IT CAN BE OPENED AS LONG AS I AM NOT ASLEEP.

SOME VETERANS SAY "I WON'T KNOW ANYONE" AND THAT MAY BE TRUE. YOU MAY NOT SEE ANYONE THAT YOU SERVED IN KOREA WITH BUT WE ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON. WE HAVE BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT!!!

MANY OF US HAVE FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO DRIVES US TO BRANSON, THEY ARE ALSO WELCOME AND WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE THEM WITH US. THEY WILL FIT RIGHT IN!

DINNER (SUPPER) WILL BE SERVED IN THE HOTEL DINING ROOM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BANQUET THERE ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

FOR FIRST-TIME VETERANS COMING TO BRANSON AND ATTENDING SHOWS, WE HAVE ONE (1) SHOW PLANNED..TO GO TO BALDKNOBBERS ONE NIGHT AS A GROUP. BUSES WILL TAKE US TO AND FROM THE THEATRE FROM OUR HOTEL. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE BUS. WE DO THIS FOR SAFETY REASONS WHICH ARE, THAT WE ARE OLD AND CAN'T SEE AT NIGHT AND ALL OF IT IN STRANGE TERRITORY.

TICKETS FOR SHOWS ARE AVAILABLE ON A DAILY BASIS.

I AM WRITING THIS TO WELCOME EVERYONE AND TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS. WE CALL IT THE **BRANSON FAMILY REUNION**, FOR MANY OF OUR VETERANS HAVE BEEN COMING TO BRANSON FOR MANY YEARS.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS. WISHING EACH AND EVERYONE A GREAT AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

JW CRAIL



TUNNELS OF SOUTH KOREA....DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM???

HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS ALONG THE DMZ.

AFTER THE DMZ LINE WAS DRAWN ACROSS THE PENINSULA OF KOREA, IT WAS OFTEN RUMORED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN ARMY HAD BEEN DIGGING TUNNELS TO BE ABLE TO INFILTRATE AND ATTACK THE SOUTH FROM UNDERGROUND.

AT THIS TIME, 4 TUNNELS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. WE HAVE BEEN IN 3 TUNNELS ON OUR REVISIT TOURS.

- 1. THE FIRST TUNNEL WAS DICOVERED NORTH OF SEOUL IN 1974 AND WAS DESTROYED IN1974 BY A BOMB BLAST THAT KILLED TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE U.S. COMMAND, IT WAS THEN SEALED OFF.
- 2. SECOND TUNNEL WAS DISCOVERED IN MARCH 1975.IT RUNS 50-100 METERS BELOW GROUND. IT IS LOCATED IN GANGWON-DO ABOUT 8 MILES NORTH OF JORWON (CHORWON). IT HAS THREE (3) EXITS AND IS 2 METERS HIGH (2M) 2 METERS WIDE.
- 3. THIRD TUNNEL WAS DISCOVERED IN OCTOBER 1978 AND IS THE CLOSEST TO SEOUL. IT IS 2 AND 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF PANMUNJEON. IT IS (73M) 237 FEET BELOW GROUND AND (1.95M) 6 AND 1/3 FEET HIGH AND (2M) 6 AND 1/2 FEET WIDE.
- 4. FOURTH TUNNEL WAS DISCOVERED IN MARCH 1990 AND IS LOCATED IN GANGWON-DO NEAR THE "PUNCHBOWL" AREA (26M), 16 MILES NORTH EAST OF YANG-GU, (145M) 476 FEET BELOW GROUND (2M) AND 6 1/2 FEET TALL AND (2M) 6 1/2 FEET WIDE. THIS TUNNEL WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN 1996. THIS TUNNEL RUNS ABOUT 1000 METERS INTO SOUTH KOREA TERRITORY AND IS ALSO 2M HIGH. IT CONTAINS A RAIL LINE WITH SIT-DOWN RAIL LINE CARS.

THESE TUNNELS WERE DISCOVERED BY ENGINEERS DRILLING DOWN LOOKING FOR AIR POCKETS. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THERE MAY BE MANY MORE BUT HAVE NOT BEEN DISCOVERED.

ONE INTERESTING FACT IS THAT DURING THE WAR, THERE WERE OFTEN AIRPLANES FILMING THE ENEMY ALONG THE DMZ BUT NEVER DID THE PILOTS OR ANYONE EVER SEE THE UNUSUAL PILES OF ROCKS AND DIRT THAT WERE HAULED OUT OF THESE TUNNELS.

INTERESTING FACTS BY FRANK JENNINGS



THE 23RD ANNUAL REUNION WILL BE AT THE

BRANSON TOWERS HOTEL

236 SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS EXPRESSWAY

BRANSON MISSOURI 65616

SEPTEMBER 23RD THRU SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2015

PH 417-336-4500

ROOM RATES ARE \$ 60.00 PER ROOM PLUS

11.6% TAX RATE.

WHEN CALLING FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE STATE

THAT YOU WILL BE WITH THE 5TH REGIMENTAL

COMBAT TEAM..NOT THE 5TH RCT!!!

THE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER

9, 2015. WHEN MAKING THE RESERVATIONS AND

SPECIAL NEEDS ARE REQUIRED, BE SURE TO SPECIFY

AT THAT TIME. AFTER SEPTEMBER 9TH, ROOMS CAN

BE MADE ONLY IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

CARTER, ROBERT E 6574 BENNEL DR REYNOLDSBURG OH 43068-3906	DECEASED 19 SEPTEMBER 2013 PHONE CALL FROM WIFE LEONA	E 5 MED 52/53
MCCORMICK, DENNIS 27354 MIDWAY DEARBORN HEIGHTS MI 48127-2824	DECEASED 9 DECEMBER 2013 FRANK JENNINGS PHONED WIFE MARY	SV 5 52/53
WILLIAMS, JAMES A 7901 W CLEARWATER AVE #159 KENNEWICK WA 99336-8514	DECEASED 25 JULY 2014 FRANK JENNINGS PHONED WIFE BARBARA	TANKS 5 51
PETERS,ROBERT H 1023 SAN DOMINGO RD ORLANDO FL 32808-7127	DECEASED 17 DECEMBER 2014 RECEIVED E MAIL FROM P.GARLAND WIFE, CAROLYN	E 5 50/51
MINA, FREDERICK 94-979 LUMIMOE ST -MAIL FROM SAM KIER WALPAHU HI 96797-3949	DECEASED 3 JANUARY 2015 WIFE,ELSIE	L 5 E
MICHALKE, WALTER H 19 MATTABESECK RD MIDDLEFIELD CT 06455-1051	DECEASED 25 JULY 2014 PHONE CALL FROM SON WALTER 111	K 5 52
JOHNSON, JERRY 3594 E SILVERCREEK WASHINGTON UT 84780-1970	DECEASED 24 SEPTEMBER 2014 PHONE CALL FROM WIFE GERALDINE	HQ 5 52/53
ABESS, WILLIAM 8028 BRANSON CT ANTELOPE CA 95843-4514	DECEASED 8 JUNE 2014 RECEIVED LETTER FROM E. SNOPEK WIFE, MARIE	L 5 48/51
WELLS, ROY 20 BRIGADERE CIRCLE MARTINSBURG WV 25404-7006	DECEASED 3 JANUARY 2015 RECEIVED LETTER FROM E SNOPEK GRANDDAUGHTER, CRYSTAL WELLS	L 5 48/51
WELCH,WILLIAM T 15 BABBLING BROOK LANE MARTINSBURG WV 25403-3042	DECEASED 8 JULY 2012 RECEIVED CALL FROM LIA SAVELLI, NIECE	l 5 49/51

Received a letter recently with the photo below attached, it is from BUDDY FORD who served with the 5TH RCT in KOREA

H. CO., for 10 months 1950-1951.

BUDDY STATES THAT HE IS NOT CERTAIN THAT 3 GENERATIONS SERVING IN KOREA IS UNUSUAL, BUT HE WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE SERVED IN '50,'51 AND HIS SON ANDY FORD SERVED IN THE US AIR FORCE '84,'85 AND HIS GRANDSON, BRANDON FORD, SERVED IN THE US AIR FORCE ONE YEAR, 2013-2014.....ALL IN KOREA!!!





SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT

IF YOU BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS TH 5TH RCT ASSOCIATION, THERE ARE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS. IN THIS ORGANIZATION, YOU SHOULD HAVE HONORABLY SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR ANYTIME BETWEEN JANUARY 1949 AND NOVEMBER 1954.

THERE IS AN OBJECT AND A PURPOSE FOR THIS ASSOCIATION. IT WAS ORGANIZED TO BE NOT-FOR PROFIT. IT WAS ORGANIZED TO PRESERVE AND FOSTER FELLOWSHIP AMONG VETERANS. IT WAS CREATED TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMRADSHIP AND PATRIOTISM AND TO KEEP THE MEMORY ALIVE OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIFE FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

AFTER READING ALL OF THIS, I HAVE ONE QUESTION.....DO YOU STILL WISH TO BELONG TO THIS ORGANIZATION?

THERE ARE SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO DO NOT PAY THEIR DUES OR THEY FORGET FOR 2 YEARS THAT THEY BELONG. WHY?? EVERYONE WHO PAYS THEIR DUES IS MAILED A MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH THEIR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. ALSO AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT IS A STAMPED DATE AND THAT IS YOUR EXPIRATION DATE.

UNDER THE WORDS "MEMBERSHIP CARD" THERE SHOULD BE A GROUP OF NUMBERS, 4 IN EACH GROUP. THE FIRST NUMBER IN THE FIRST GROUP IS YOUR **MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE, WHICH IS ALWAYS DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR.** THAT NUMBER SHOULD BE AN 5 OR HIGHER. OR YOU ARE PAST DUE FOR YOUR DUES.

I HAVE SENT OUT SPECIAL NOTES INSIDE MANY OF THE LAST NEWSLETTERS, NOTIFYING THOSE WHO ARE PAST DUE THAT THEIR DUES MUST REACH ME ASAP, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. OTHERWISE THE NAMES WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST.

ALSO PLEASE NOTIFY ME OF ANY CHANGES OF ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS. MANY MEMBERS NOW HAVE CELL PHONES, SO IF YOU DO AND WANT IT TO BE KNOWN, LET US KNOW.

I WILL BE GLAD TO ACCEPT DUES UP TO THE YEAR 2018.

OUR DUES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN \$15.00 PER YEAR PAYABLE THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR. WE DO NOT OFFER LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE" 5TH RCT ASSOC. (NOT MY NAME)...

CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

I'LL TRY SIR

FRANK JENNINGS SECRETARY/TREASURER 5TH RCT ASSOC.

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THEN

AND



POSTCARDS FROM KOREA



Steve Olazos





JERRY LEGITARD



Jack D anolven



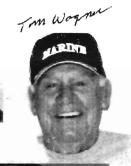
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Willie MARRY JE







NOW





Mudley Culpepper

POSTCARDS

FROM KOREA

THESE PHOTOS WERE SENT TO US BY MALCOLM GETSEE WHO SERVED IN THE 5TH RCT AND HIS BUDDIES. MALCOLM LIVES IN DE LEON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

5TH RCT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME	PHC	ONE NUMBER
MAILING ADDESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODES
YEARS SERVED WITH THE 5TH RCT FROM	19TO 19	
COMPANY/BATTERYREGT/	BATTALION	SPEC ASSIGN
NAME OF SPOUSE		
WE ARE ACCEPTING DUES THROUGH 2018	,	
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$ 15.00 PER YEAR	DUE THE FIRS	ST OF THE NEW YEAR.
MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS ARE AVAILABLE A	Γ\$7.00 AND \$3.0	00 TO MAIL FOR A TOTAL
OF \$ 10.00.		

ALL CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE **5TH RCT ASSOC.** AND MAILED

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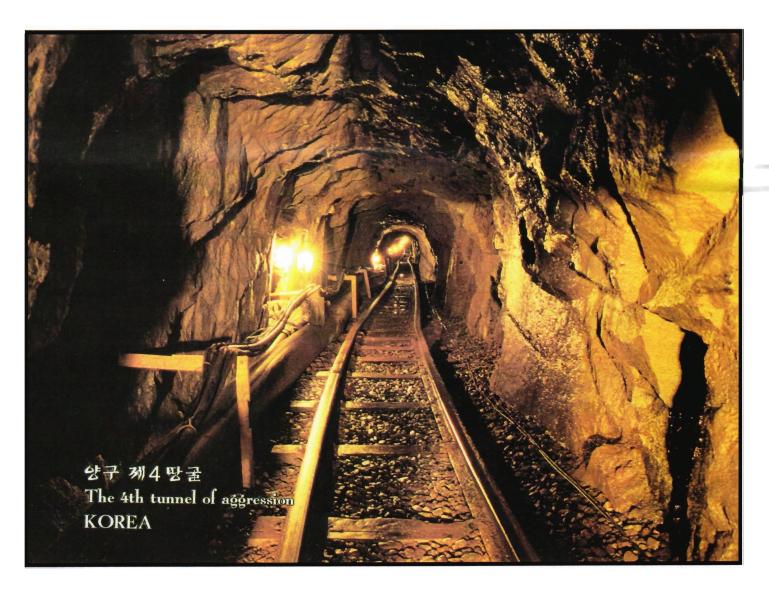
QUARTERMASTER - FRANK JENNINGS I HAVE ALL ITEMS IN STOCK, READY TO SHIP

ITEM	PRICE
1. 5TH RCT CAP, BLACK EMBROID, 5TH RCT KOREA	\$ 13.00 Discontinued
2. 5TH RCT CAP, BLACK WITH, 5TH RCT PATCH & DESIGNATED WITH KOREAN	I WAR
VETERAN., 1950-1953	\$ 15.00
3. 5TH RCT SHIRT WITH COLLAR BLACK EMBROID, 5TH L &XL	·
10. 5TH RCT PATCH OVERSIZED RED WITH WHITE TRIM	
11. 5TH RCT PATCH (ONLY) SAME AS ON CAP # 2	\$ 5.00
12. KOREAN WAR VET PATCH (LIKE HAT) 60TH ANNY NEW	\$ 5.00
13. 5TH RCT PATCH REPLICA OF HAT PIN	\$ 4.00
14. KOREAN WAR 60TH ANNY PIN., NEW	\$ 4.00
15. 5TH INFANTRY REGT CREST, SILVER	\$ 7.00
16. PURPLE HEART HAT PIN	\$ 4.00
17. PURPLE HEART LAPEL PIN	\$ 4.00
18. KOREAN WAR PIN (1 1/4")	\$ 4.00
19. CIB REGULATION SIZE 3". BRIGHT SILVER	\$ 5.00
20. CIB 2" SILVER	\$ 5.00
21. COMBAT ARTILLERY BADGE 3 REGULATION SIZE	\$ 5.00
22. COMBAT ARTILLERY BADGE 1 1/2"	\$ 5.00
23. FIELD ARTILLERY, 1 1/4" CROSS CANNON, GLOD COLO	
30. KOREAN WAR VETERAN (BLACK) LICENSE PLATE FRAME	
35. PIN KEEPERS 10 PINS WITH ALLEN WRENCH PER BAG	\$ 6.00
60. MAGNETIC PLAQUE 8" X 4" SAME AS HAT PATCH	
PLEASE ORDER WITH ITEM NUMBER AND ITEM NAME	
PLEASE NOTE: PACKAGING AND POSTAGE COSTS ONLY	
PATCHES, PINS, BADGES, \$1.50 TOTAL FOR ALL, 1 SHIRT \$ 3.00 1 CAP \$ 3.00	
EACH ADDL SHIRT OR CAP, ADD \$ 1.00	

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THIS TUNNEL IS IN THE "PUNCHBOWL" AREA