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FROM THE EDITORS

DEAR FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE 5TH RCT ASSOCIATION
IT REALLY IS A DIFFICULT JOB TO GET THE NEWS AND TIDBITS
TOGETHER FOR THE NEWSLETTER.....

BUT...IT IS A JOY TO SPEAK TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU
WHO CALL WITH A QUESTION OR SOMEONE TRYING TO FIND
A FRIEND FROM 60 YEARS AGO.

WE HAVE HAD MANY CALLS SINCE WE PLACED AN AD IN THE
AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE AND THE VFW MAGAZINES
REGARDING OUR REUNION IN BRANSON, MO.

SOME WERE 5TH RCT MEMBERS WHO DID NOT KNOW THAT WE
HAD AN ORGANIZATION!!!

WE HAVE SENT OUT MANY PACKETS OF NEWSLETTERS AND
INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSOCIATION AND WE HOPE THAT
ALL OF YOU , WHO ARE ABLE, WILL TRAVEL TO BRANSON TO SEE
THE REST OF THE GANG.

WE LOVE GETTING PICTURES AND NOTES FROM ALL OF YOU BUT
WE CANNOT POSSIBLY ANSWER ALL BUT WE WILL TRY TO PUBLISH
AS MANY AS WE HAVE SPACE FOR.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ OUR NEWSLETTERS AND CALL US.
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO TELL US
HOW MUCH YOU ENJOY THE NEWS.

FRANK AND MAXINE JENNINGS
CO-EDITORS
5TH RCT ASSOCIATION 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-----

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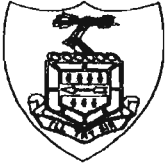
NOTE: A SHUTTLE BUS WILL TAKE US TO AND FROM HOTEL TO SHOW.
THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE BUS.

DINNER IS A CATERED MEAL AT HOTEL ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
NIGHT. WHEN MAILING YOUR RESERVATION IN, PLEASE LET JW CRAIL
KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE AT THOSE MEALS.

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, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.



To members of the 5th RCT and their families...
My father was Lt Col Archibald S. Miller, United States Army.

I am very proud of my father and his military career. I was raised an army brat and am very happy to say so to anyone who asks! I have been to a few reunions in Branson before my fathers' death and since his death. I have memories of meeting you in Branson and putting a face with a name or a story. Some names ring respect without even a face. I am proud to meet and know the members of the 5th, their spouses, and their children

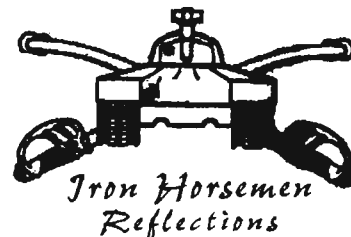
Currently, I am beginning a major endeavor in my life and I need the help of the members of the 5th. I have decided to put together everything I can about the 5th and compile it as a book or just a compilation of memories and details that no other has done. I have some stories my father told me and some personal letters that I can use to build a timeline of the 5th.

I want to do this to honor my father and the men who served along with him. Please help me by sending me any letters, photos, stories, newspaper articles or military documents that you have in your possession. If you want them back I will return them to you. If you want them to go to the WWII Museum or the Korean War National Museum, I will be happy to provide your treasures to them in your name. I have donated some of my fathers' memories to the museum already.

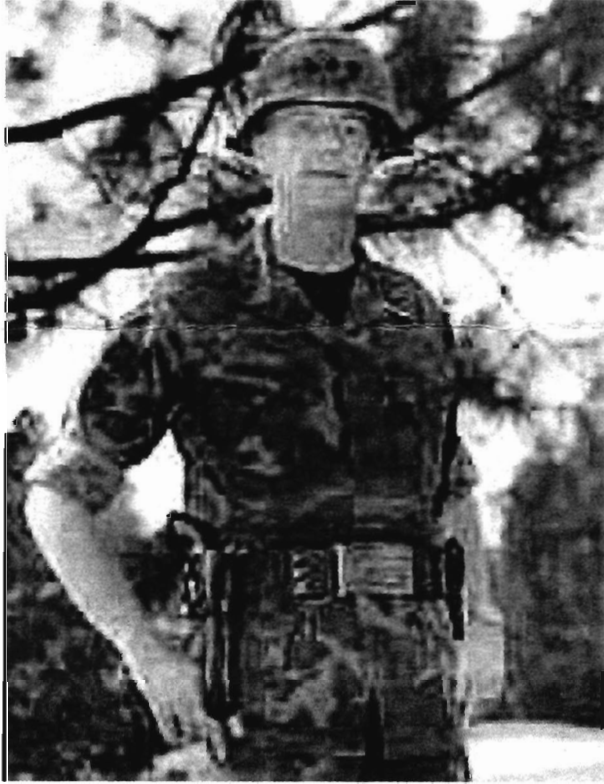
My goal is to do my father proud and provide something for my children and grandchildren as a historical memory, not another textbook. Something that is more in touch with the youth and gives a more personal connection to the military, the wars, the commitment and civil respect held by our parents and grandparents.

You are more than welcome to call or write to me to determine your trust of me and my intent. I have some friends in the 5th who are also willing to talk to you of my integrity. If you need help with postage and shipping I am willing to help pay the expenses as well. Please ask.

With love and thanks to all in the Family of the 5th,
Lani Miller Aker
4629 Baytree Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76137
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Lt. Gen. Henry Everett Emerson



FEBRUARY 22, 2015 6:00 AM

Henry Everett "Hank" Emerson, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant general best known for being the commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea during the mid-1970s when Colin Powell served as a battalion commander, passed away Feb. 4, 2015. Gen. Emerson was born in Washington, D.C., on May 28, 1925, the son of Brig. Gen. Governor Vincent Emerson, M.D., and Marie McLaughlin. He graduated from West Point in the class of 1947 as a second lieutenant of infantry and served as a company commander with the 5th Regimental Combat Team during the Korean War. He then served on the staff and faculty of the infantry school followed by an assignment as a tactical officer at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a graduate of the Navy Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War

College.

Gen. Emerson was best known as a combat commander in three wars: a company commander in the Korean War; a battalion commander in the Dominican Republic; and brigade commander in the Vietnam War. His general officer assignments were as the assistant division commander, 82nd Airborne Division; commanding general 2nd Infantry Division; commanding general, John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance; and the commanding general, XVIII Airborne Corps.

According to those that knew him best, such as Colin Powell, who would go on to become the U.S. Secretary of State, what set him apart as a combat commander was his great love for his soldiers and his concern for their welfare. During his command in the Vietnam War, he conceived aerial reconnaissance and combat methods that were employed effectively against the Viet Cong.

These included a checkerboard concept that involves small groups covering grid squares to seek out an enemy, and jitterbug tactics, which are complex maneuvers using helicopters to surround an enemy. This would seem jittery like the dance when Eagle Flights, which were helicopters loaded with local soldiers, were flown in quickly to assist foreign troops in certain situations. He demonstrated that American soldiers could effectively "out-guerrilla" the Viet Cong.

Emerson also developed the "seal-and-pile-on technique" (the rapid build-up of combat power to surround and destroy an enemy force). Gen. Emerson, who was fraternally called "The Gunfighter" by his troops, was one of the most decorated officers in the history of the United States Army. He received a Master Parachutist; a Combat/Infantry Badge with Star; two Distinguished Service Crosses; three Distinguished Service Medals; five Silver Stars; and two Purple Hearts among others. Gen. Emerson had a saying on his wall: "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." Today, the general has "faded away," and we salute him one last time

Hank loved Montana from the first time he landed here on a parachute training jump and vowed to return to retire there. In the late 1970s that is exactly what he did. He lived on Canyon Ferry Lake and aptly named his residence "Fadeaway."

Fiddler's Green

Halfway down the trail to Hell. To a shady Meadow Green Are the souls of all dead troopers camped near a good old-time canteen, and this eternal resting place is know as Fiddler's Green.

Your loving friends will miss you always.

LATEST DEATH NOTICES

EMERSON, HENRY E 7262 FADEAWAY RD HELENA MT 59603-6563	DECEASED 2 FEBRUARY 2015 EMAIL FROM SAM KIER	LTG A & REGT CO 5
DAVIS, SEYMOUR 1345 BOOKHOUT DR CUMMING GA 30041-9538	DECEASED 28 APRIL 2014 PHONE CALL FROM MRS RENEE	HVY MORTARS 53/54
OGDEN, FRED N 322 WINCHESTER CREEK RD WAYNESVILLE NC 28786-7847	DECEASED 5 MARCH 2015 PHONE CALL FROM WIFE MATTIE	HHC 5 51/52
BORGHESE, JOSEPH B P.O. BOX 55 EGG HARBOR WI 54209-0055	DECEASED 1 MARCH 2015 PHONE CALL FROM WIFE RITA	L 5 48/50
BINGHAM, JAMES M P.O. BOX 1116 DAYTON TX 77535	DECEASED 18 MARCH 2015 PHONE CALL FROM DAUGHTER BECKY BINGHAM 252 COUNTY RD 6769 DAYTON TX 77535	HVY MORTARS 53/54

ODDS AND ENDS OF *MEMORIES*

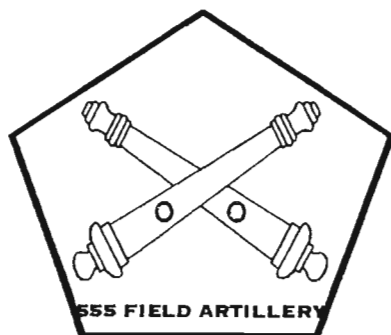
We have received some notes regarding other veterans

FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ASKING IF ANYONE HAS INFORMATION ON SGT. PAUL THOMAS MCCrackEN , RA 14322703, "L" CO. 3 BN. APROXIMATELY NOV 28, 1950 , HE WAS CLASSIFIED AS MISSING IN ACTION.

IF YOU KNOW OF THIS SOLDIER OR HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HIM, PLEASE CONTACT ME SO THAT I CAN PASS IT ALONG TO THE FAMILY. (FRANK JENNINGS)

ANOTHER NOTE THAT WE RECEIVED FROM TOM DOMBROSKI REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF CAPT. KINNEY, WHO WAS THE COMPANY COMMANDER OF THE CO."K", 3RD BN, 5TH RCT WHILE HE WAS IN THE PUNCH BOWL FROM MAY 1952 TO MARCH 1953 TOM STATES THAT HE WAS AN EXCELLENT COMMMANDER, WHILE TOM WAS A SGT FIRST CLASS SUPPLY SGT UNDER CAPT KINNEYS' COMMAND AND SAYS THAT HE RAN AN OPERATION WHILE ON THE FRONT LINE IN THE PUNCH BOWL..IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFO REGARDING CAPT KINNEY, CONTACT TOM OR FRANK JENNINGS.

ANOTHER NOTE THAT WE RECEIVED WAS FROM GEORGE BOUCHER'S DAUGHTER, TELLING US THAT HER FATHER IS 101 YEARS OLD AND WILL BE 102 YEARS OLD ON APRIL 20TH, 2015..HE IS LIVING WITH HIS DAUGHTER AND HER FAMILY IN ROCK HILL S.C. SHE SAYS THAT THEY ARE BLESSED TO HAVE HIM WITH THEM AND HAVING HIM FOR ALL THESE YEARS. AN EARLY "HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE" AND MANY MORE. GEORGE WAS IN HQ. CO., 3RD BN., AND SERVED WITH THE 5TH RCT IN KOREA '52/'53. HIS ADDRESS IS : 1669 HUNTING CT., ROCK HILL SC 29732-9363.



SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT

NOTICE

I Have mailed out NEWSLETTERS (1st class mail) that contained information that pertained to those of you who have not paid your dues for quite some time.

Some of the members have not paid their dues for 2 years. I have tried to call these members, if I have a correct number, but some have cell phones and I do not have those numbers.

So I do not have a choice but to take those members names off the mailing list.

I now have over 100 that have not paid their 2015 dues yet. (I feel like a debt collector!!!

Our dues have been \$15.00 forever...like the last 20 years...The dues are always due on the first of the new year...every year unless you have paid 2 or 3 years in advance.

We have never had a lifetime membership.

Every member who has paid their dues has a membership card with the due date printed on it. And each newsletter had the number above your first name. If the first number is not a 5.....2015 or higher, your dues are due.

I will take dues up to 3 years.

Thank you,

I have an easy job if everyone follows up on my request.

I'll try sir,

Frank Jennings
Secretary/Treasurer

5th RCT Assoc.



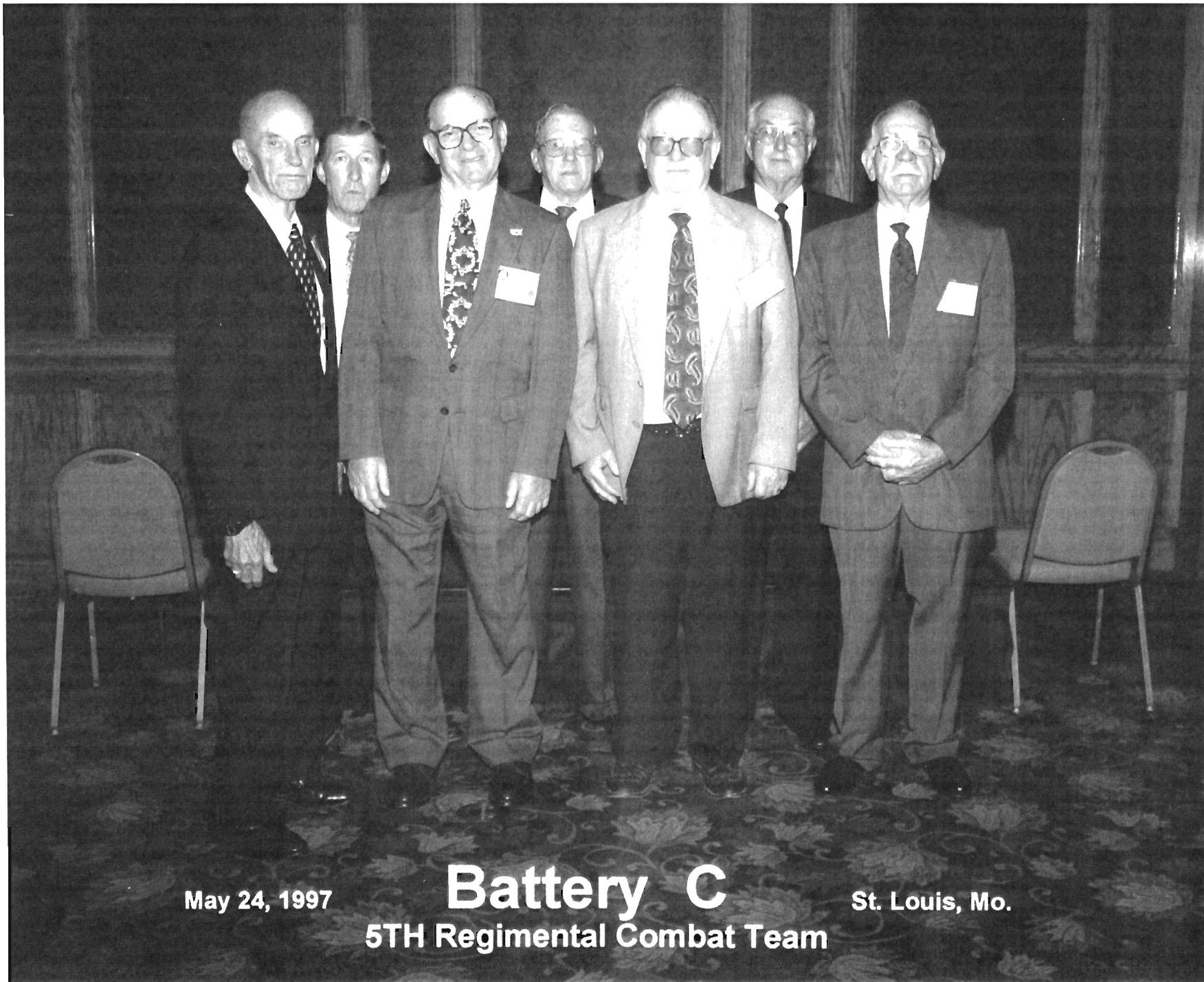


May 24, 1997

Battery B

5TH Regimental Combat Team

St. Louis, Mo.



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Battery C

5TH Regimental Combat Team

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MORE MEMORIES.....

WE RECEIVED A NOTE FROM WILLIAM E WEBER, COL USA RET. REGARDING THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE KWVMF^{End} WILL CONDUCT A **VERBAL WALL OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY** AT THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL 25-27 JULY 2015. THAT DATE MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMPLETION OF THE MEMORIAL. **ALL KWVA MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS SOLEMN CEREMONY.**

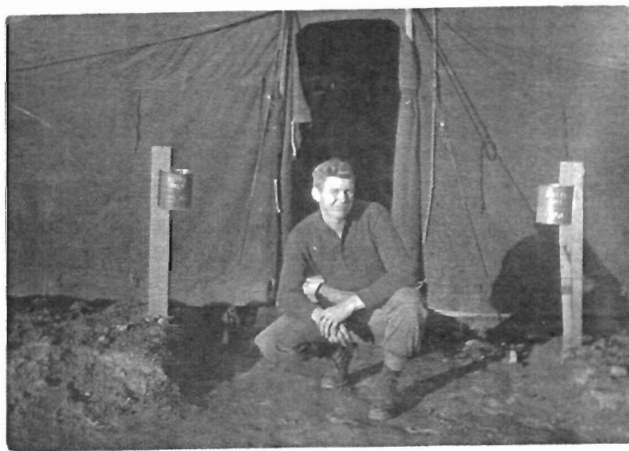
KOREA REVISIT TOURS

IN LATE SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS ON A REVISIT TOUR. I HAVE INFORMATION THAT THERE ARE A FEW SEATS AVAILABLE YET FOR THE TOUR. IF YOU ARE TRULY INTERESTED, CALL ME FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. PLEASE REPLY ASAP. **THIS IS A GREAT TOUR. FJ**

POSTCARDS FROM KOREA

A SPECIAL LETTER ARRIVED AT OUR HOME THIS WEEK FROM A VETERANS WIFE IN WASHINGTON STATE. HER NAME IS DORIS, WIFE OF LEONARD KISSNER. HE IS IN A NURSING HOME IN WASHINGTON BUT WILL BE MOVED TO A HOME IN INDIANA WHERE SHE WILL BE LIVING ALSO.

SHE HAS A LOT OF PICTURES AND BOOKS AND MOMENTOS OF HIS LIFE IN SERVICE AND ALSO MOMENTOS OF HIS TRIP TO SOUTH KOREA IN 2011, BELOW IS ONE PICTURE OF HIM IN FRONT OF HIS TENT IN 1953 AND ALSO A PIC OF HIS SHIP RETURNING TO USA IN 1954.



SHIP COMING BACK FROM KOREA



HONOR FLIGHT

ANOTHER LETTER THAT WE RECEIVED WAS FROM JOHN REHBERG OF WISC.

I had the privilege of going on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. last October. In case you aren't familiar with this program, they are offering free flights to all Veterans to visit the War Memorials in Washington, D. C. Each Veteran has a guardian and I was fortunate to have my son as my guardian. The whole trip from the wining and dining the evening before to the return flight was unimaginable. As we got off the plane in Washington, D. C. there were crowds of people there to greet us with signs and well wishes. While there we toured the World War II Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Air Force Memorial, went past the White House and saw the changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetary.

On the flight home there was mail call where we received letters and greetings from family, friends, school kids and businesses all thanking us for our service to our country. It was an intense, heart warming experience that I will long remember. As we returned to Mosinee late that evening - all tired out - we had another great surprise awaiting us. The airport was crowded with family, friends and well-wishers welcoming us back from our trip. There were several Veteran Organizations at attention as well as the Knights of Columbus - all in full attire.

It was a highly emotional trip and I encourage all of you to take advantage of this program if it is offered in your state.

John Rehberg -

5th RCT - Service Company



John Rehberg,
Army, Korea

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MAILING ADDRESS.....

CITY.....STATE.....ZIP CODES.....

YEARS SERVED WITH THE 5TH RCT FROM 19.....TO 19.....

COMPANY/BATTERY.....REGT/BATTALION.....SPEC ASSIGN.....

NAME OF SPOUSE.....

WE ARE ACCEPTING DUES THROUGH 2018,

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$ 15.00 PER YEAR...DUE THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS ARE AVAILABLE AT \$7.00 AND \$3.00 TO MAIL FOR A TOTAL
OF \$ 10.00.

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

TO : FRANK JENNINGS
P.O. BOX 410337
MELBOURNE FL 32941-0337

321-751-9103





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 WAR VETERAN., 1950-1953	\$ 15.00
3. 5TH RCT SHIRT WITH COLLAR BLACK EMBROID, 5TH L & XL.....	\$ 25.00
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10. 5TH RCT PATCH OVERSIZED RED WITH WHITE TRIM.....	\$ 4.00
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	\$ 4.00
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30. KOREAN WAR VETERAN (BLACK) LICENSE PLATE FRAME.....	\$ 4.00
35. PIN KEEPERS 10 PINS WITH ALLEN WRENCH PER BAG	\$ 6.00
60. MAGNETIC PLAQUE 8" X 4" SAME AS HAT PATCH	\$ 4.00

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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ANY QUESTIONS, CALL 321-751-9103

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5th Infantry Regimental Crest

Motto: "I'll Try Sir"

Symbolism: The shield is white, the color of infantry facings when the regiment was organized. The red fess with arrow commemorates the battle of Tippecanoe; the battle of Lundy's Land is shown by the seven cannon captured there; and the border of green, white and red is for the Mexican War.

The crest is a modification of the crest of General Nelson A Miles, who was for many years Colonel of the 5th Infantry and who led it in several notable Indian engagements. His crest is an arm in armor grasping an anchor; arrows to symbolize Indian campaigns, are substituted for the anchor in the regimental crest.

The distinctive insignia is the shield, crest and motto of the coat of arms, all super imposed on a silver shield and two concave arcs at top.