

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

1ST Battalion 50th Association



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Cover

From the TC Hatch

By Jim Seagers

President's Corner

Greetings to all our members. I hope all of you are doing well. I know all of you will be happy when the time for our reunion arrives. Not only will it be a great time together, but you will experience some warm weather since all of us in one way or another have been in the middle of a long, snowy or rainy winter.

Speaking of the reunion, you don't want to miss this one. Hopefully, the later date will allow more of you to come. Lt. Col. Gallagher and the whole battalion are looking forward to it. It's such a great compliment to our association that the leaders of the 1/50th over the years that we have been going to Ft. Benning tell us that the reunion is the highlight of their tour of duty at Ft. Benning. It is a great honor and privilege for us to support such a great military battalion! Hooah!

Last month, Lorretta and I had the privilege to attend the Hail and Farewell for Chaplain Christiansen and his great wife Jessica. They have been one of the most dedicated and effective chaplain teams that Ft. Benning has ever had. Our prayers go with him and his wife as they serve in Texas and his upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. God speed! The event also sent well-wishes to several men who were leaving and coming to serve in the battalion as a new chapter in their careers. Welcome, gentlemen, and a welcome to a lady JAG officer as well. Ft. Benning is definitely a center of military excellence. We definitely love working with these fine men and women as we represent our Association. Thank you, members, for allowing me that privilege.

Also, SGT Major Lewis will be finishing his duties with the 1/50th on the first day of our

reunion. He has been an invaluable help to our association for several years. We wish him a wonderful new experience as he will be involved with the National Infantry Museum. He will be greatly missed!

I hope all of you have a blessed Easter, and I look forward to seeing all of you in May!

Play the Game

Jimmy Segars

Editor: Lorene Burch

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From the Chaplin



Hello to everyone:

I hope this finds you well and hopefully preparing to attend the reunion. I would like to start off by asking a question: Have you changed in the past 50 years? I don't mean so much in the physical sense, as I mean in your attitude and the way you look at other people as well in your political stance on views that are sensitive to you and to your friends and family. Because regardless of your answer the one thing that hasn't changed is the word of God. It's the same as it was when we took the oath of service, regardless whether we joined the service or was drafted, that oath is also the same. I think we need to do some soul-searching and a lot of praying for our country and its leaders. It may make you feel better. Have taken up enough space here, so I'll close for now, hope to see you in May.

We just received word that Herb Randall passed on February 14, our condolences goes out to his family and friends. Below is a copy of his obituary.

God bless,
Toby

HERBERT EUGENE RANDALL SEPTEMBER 22, 1943 – FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Herbert Randall, loving husband, father of two children, and grandfather of one granddaughter passed away Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the age of 75. He was born and raised in Northeast Oklahoma (Miami and Commerce).

His two earned titles, Colonel and Doctor, encapsulate his life's work. He served 31 years and seven months in the U.S. Army and rose from Private to Colonel. He served in Vietnam as an Infantry Company Commander (Captain) with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment, 1ST Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He was awarded the Silver Star, the Army's third highest medal for bravery, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, among others.

While serving in Germany, he met the love of his life – Maria Engelhardt. At the time of Herb's passing, they had been married for over 55 years.

Upon retiring from the military and earning his doctorate in Education (University of Southern California), he worked at the state level in Hawai'i. He moved to Nevada in 1999 and volunteered at several nonprofit organizations...serving right up to the time of his cancer diagnosis. Herb served selflessly on the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum for over 9 years including 5 years as President, National Chair of the Silver Haired Congress and founder of the Nevada Senior Citizen of the Year award program. His passion was writing as evidenced by the articles (approx. 80) he wrote for the Senior Connections Magazine from 2012 to 2018.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kim, and siblings Mary Power, Norma Rohmiller, Janie Gattenby, Alan (Pete) Randall, George Randall, Elmer Randall, Alice Faye and Rossie.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Maria; his son Mike; daughter-in-law Teri; granddaughter Caitlyn; and his sister Frances Fox.





Ladies Home Front

Ladies, I look forward to seeing you in May. As usual, we will have some jewelry pieces for you to purchase. These will not go on sale until the end of registration instead of the beginning of the day so everyone will be able to have a better selection. **Chaplain Christensen will most likely be in Afghanistan when we have our reunion, so I ask that you each bring an item to put in a care package for him.** Thank you and see you soon! May you have a blessed Easter!

Lorretta Segars

Dear Ones:

This morning, this unattributed poem came in, and I had to share it with you all. This May, I miss making the "Four Score" mark by one, but these lines called out to me and reminded me of how important our reunions have become.

I salute all of you.

Dick Guthrie
B Company

Four Score and Ten

"Now we stand behind old men's faces
Speak of forgotten times and places
So bent are those who wouldn't break
Who did fearsome things with lives at stake
Their shadows sharp and darker then...
Now fading away are these old men.

But no one can steal the legends bold
Not thieves nor liars nor growing old
To never weave excuses that some men
must
But to stand with men who earned our trust
And speak of what we did back then
Before we became, these old men."

Letter from the Editor:

This is the last Newsletter before the reunion. I do hope to see many of you there.. It is always the highlight of Roger's year to get together with each of you. It is like going to a family reunion, there are always new faces as the family grows. So if you haven't made plans, what are you waiting for.? For more information on the Associations go to www.ichiban1.org.

Praying you are all well.
Lorene Burch
Editor





It's not too late to sign up for the reunion. Get your registration sent in today. See you in May.

**1ST BATTALION, 50TH INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
2019 REUNION SCHEDULE As of 19 March 2019**

DTG	EVENT	LOCATION	RESPONSIBILITY
0800	Change of Responsibility	Kannel Field	I-50 IN
1400	Rehearsal	Bn HQ	Topper/Copley
1700	CSM Lewis Farewell Dinner	Hunter's Pub	Topper/Copley
1200-1800	Registration	Hampton Inn Phenix City	Alumni Association
1800-2100	Reception (Open Mic)	Hampton Inn (Hospitality)	B6/B7 + Association
0830-0930	Executive Committee Meeting	Hampton Inn	Jim Segars
0930-1045	Association Annual Meeting	Hampton Inn	Jim Segars
1100-1145	Travel to Battalion DFAC	Bus	I/50 Escort
1200-1300	Lunch	DFAC	Association
1300-1330	Travel to Confidence Course	Bus	Association
1330-1530	Confidence Course	Ft Benning Training Areas	Association
1530-1600	Travel to Hotel	Bus	I/50 Escort
1700-1745	Travel to Uchee Creek	Bus	I/50 Escort
1800-2000	BBQ w/ I-50 Cadre	Activity Center, Uchee	Mike
2000-2045	Travel to Hotel	Bus	I/50 Escort
2045-2200	Hospitality Room Open	Hampton Inn	I/50 Escort
0800-0900	Travel to Kannel Field	Bus	I/50 Escort
0900-0930	"Turning Blue" Ceremony	Kannel Field	B6/B7
0945-1015	Travel to BN HQ	BLDG 3560	B6/B7
1015-1100	Wreath Ceremony (BG Jones)	BLDG 3560	B6/B7
1100-1145	Reception	BLDG 3560	
1200-1330	Lunch with Soldiers	BLDG 3560	Association
1330-1400	Bus to Eagle Tower	BLDG 3560	I/50 Escort
1400-1600	Eagle Tower	BLDG 3560	I/50 Escort
1600-1630	Bus to Hotel	BLDG 3560	I/50 Escort
1730-1800	Travel to Benning Club	Bus	Association
1800-2200	Association Banquet (CSM Celestine)	Benning Club	Association
2200-2230	Travel to Hotel	Bus	I/50 Escort
2230-UTC	Hospitality Room Open	Hampton Inn	I/50 Escort
0730-0800	Travel to Inouye Field	Bus	I/50 Escort
0800-0830	Company Photos w/ I-50 Vets	Adjacent to Inouye Field	BN CSM
0900-1000	Graduation Ceremony	Companies A & B	B6/B7
1100-1130	Travel to Hotel and Open	Bus	Association
1800-2300	50 th IN Centennial Ball (T)	River Mill	BN XO
0800-1200	Checkout	Hampton Inn	Association



Gary E. Quint
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Kirkwood, Mo

Looking forward to seeing you in May:



GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
1/50TH ASSOCIATION REUNION, MAY 3, 2017



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- The meeting was called to order by President Jim Segars at 0938.
 - Invocation was given by Chaplain Toby Jordan.
 - President Segars led the membership in the recitation of the Pledge of Alliance.

MINUTES OF 2015 MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Secretary Gary Quint was recognized. Secretary Quint recommended that the minutes of the 2015 meeting be accepted as published in the April 2017 Newsletter. A motion was made to accept and it was seconded and a voice vote unanimously passed the motion.

Gary Quint also recognized the generous donation of Tom and Diana Clark which reduced the cost of attendance by half.

TREASURY REPORT

The Treasury Report was given, by Treasurer Chuck McAleer, with a projected revenue for the 2019 reunion of \$22,000.

A motion was made to accept the Treasury Report and it was seconded. A unanimous voice vote accepted the report as given.

Treasurer McAleer thanked all of the reunion organizers as well as Loretta Segars who works diligently to generate revenue for the Association. Treasurer McAleer brought to the attention of the membership that *Life Time Memberships* of \$150.00 will, over time, reduce the revenue of the Association. The creation of *Friends of the Association* to increase revenue was proposed as a possible solution. A motion to amend the bylaws to allow this was made by John Topper. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer McAleer then recognized all Medics in attendance and introduced Mr. Ron Fischer. Mr. Fischer authored a book on a conscientious objector who served as a Medic. PRC Erwin Bruce Sims was among those of the 1/50th Battalion who was deployed January 1968. PFC Sims was a conscientious objector who was killed March 2, 1968. He did not carry a weapon and was killed while attempting to administer aid to a wounded comrade. Mr. Fischer emphasized that heroism was not unique among Medics.

ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN

Historian Jim Sheppard was recognized and stated that he has accumulated volumes of material including World War I, World War II and Viet Nam. The World War I and World War II material will be donated to the Battalion Archives. Mr. Sheppard also stated that he found nine KIA families who will attend the Memorial Service.

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Lorene Burch, Editor of the Association Newsletter, was recognized and stated that she appreciated receiving material from anyone and that information no matter how large or small would be accepted. Although articles would be critiqued, the contents would be printed in their entirety.

Mrs. Burch urged that we check the Association Website for the Newsletter if at all possible to save postal costs.

NEW BUSINESS

John Topper was recognized to address new business.

Col. Topper discussed the revision on the event schedule, most importantly, that the Turning Blue Ceremony was not open to our members this year due to rain.

Shirts and Caps handed out at registration will be worn to the Memorial Service on 5/4/2017 and the Graduation on 5/5/2017. All members are to ride the same bus both going to the post as well as coming back to the hotels.

Col. Topper announced that SMA Daniel A. Dailey will speak at the Memorial Services. SMA Dailey is actively in working with Congress on behalf of soldiers who have been discharged. Lt. Col. Carson, Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion 29th Infantry will speak specialized training techniques at the lunch with the Battalion on 5/4/2017.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business presented.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Randy Smith was recognized and discussed where the reunion would be held in 2019. A motion was made to have the next Reunion held at fort Benning in 2019. It was seconded and carried.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

A motion was then made to vote for a new roster of Officers for the Association. A vote was opened to those in attendance to nominate a preferred candidate. There were no nominations; therefore, a motion was made to those in attendance, for the current roster of Officers to be retained. The motion was seconded and carried.