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## From the TC Hatch

## By Jim Seagers

The President's Corner Hello, Fellow Members,

I hope you are having a good summer. We are, but it is too hot—almost too hot even to play golf. But we still go—ha ha.

It's time once again to discuss our next reunion. The dates are May 14-17. See John Topper's article on the 2019 reunion. If you have input for preferences, let us know. We hope the turn-out will be huge.

I attended the Change of
Command Ceremony along with
several of the other officers of our
association in June. We wish Lt.
Col. Baltazar and his family well as

they return to their home in Ft.

Leavenworth, Kansas. We welcome Lt. Col. Gallagher and his family to the 1/50<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to working with Lt.

Col. Gallagher in this next command cycle.

## Play the Game

Keep up with what is going on with the 1/50th associations by going to:

## ichiban1.org

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# From the Chaplin



Cant believe it's time for another news letter, how time flies. We're in the dog days of summer and wishing for cooler weather. Before we turn around a couple times it'll be reunion time once again. I hope everyone is saving those coins so they can attend.

Just finished my second week of Church camp only one more to go, being a counselor for younger kids and hot weather doesn't go very well with old age.

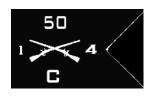
Anyway I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and experiencing good health. I'll close for now, may God Bless.

Toby

## Ladies Home Front

If any of you association members and wives wish to go to Washington, D.C. for the Wreaths Across America event this year, please let me know. If you want to go on a tour of the White House, I need to know by the middle of August. If you don't know by then if you can make the trip, you can still go you just can't get on the White House Tour list. Thanks and enjoy the rest of the summer.

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Stephen K. Dennis was born on March 8, 1947 and passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at the age of 71 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Stephen was a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana at the time of passing. Stephen attended Ben Davis High School. After graduating he served in the United States Army with the 4th Platoon (Mortars) of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry from December, 1967 to December, 1968. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He joined and was a life member of the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Association.









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# Faces from the 2017 reunion.





### Report send in on the KIA Dinner, by Kay Quint

Had a nice group. Toby and Brenda, Jordan, Harry Wilson, John and Janet Topper, Lenny and Julia Harp, Bill Bontemps, Toby Milroy, Jim Sheppard and us. Bill gave framed plaque of KIAs; very touching. Jim had a chart of pictures of KIAs and their names and a picture of that battle taken at the time from a helicopter.

Bill also brought a statue he received of a combat photographer. He became a combat photographer later in his tour.





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## **Letter from the Editor:**

As you will notice the newsletter is a little light this time. Many changes have taken place, so it may take a while to get readjusted.



It is my hope that each one of you realize how important your stories are to this association.

I am willing to publish them as you send them in. This is your newsletter, I am only responsible for putting them into a form that is fitting for the newsletter. I do not rewrite them, but check for misspelled words, which we all make mistakes. When we check our own work we do not catch many of them. I have Roger read the newsletter as well as I set it aside several times in order to catch as much as possible. So don't be afraid to send in your

stories, we would love to hear from you.

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## **Reunion 2019**

John Topper

The dates for next year's reunion will be 14-17 May. We are looking at possibly replacing the Wednesday afternoon trip to the Infantry museum with day trips in the area surrounding Ft Benning. If we elect to do so, that will necessitate moving the Business Meeting. Here are some of the possibilities being considered:

Tue – Business Mtg 1400-1600

Open mic 1800 -

Wed – Day trip(s) 0800-1500 We can accommodate at least two buses if the demand is sufficient

Tuskegee Airman Museum 51 miles (Donation requested)

Aviation Museum Robins AFB 100 miles (\$5) Distance may obviate going here

Callaway Gardens 43 miles (\$15)

Warm Springs 55 miles – Bulloch House has reopened for group luncheon. Little White House is available for a group as well.

Activities on post (Alternative) 0900-1500 this would negate day trips. Proposed activities have not been determined.

BBQ Uchee Creek 1700-1900

Thu – Business Mtg ILO Turning Blue 0800-1000

Memorial Service 1100-1145

Lunch

Training event

Banquet 1800

Fri – Graduation 0800

Museum

We, of course, are not limited to these activities, let me know of any ideas or suggestions you may have. John Topper jt1@psci.net





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