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December 2022
and all the Association



From the TC Hatch

The President's Corner
By Jim Seagers



Hello, everyone,

Greetings, members, for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, I hope all of you had an enjoyable Veteran's Day. I did. I got to play golf. Speaking of golf, I had the privilege of playing with our 1/50 th Lt. Col. Kemper not long ago. I was also able to attend a graduation this fall.

Our reunion will be here before you know it, so get your reservations in as soon as possible to avoid problems with shirt sizes. Mike McCardell did his best to "gestimate" sizes because we did not have reservations along with those sizes in soon enough for the order to be made. Lorretta says she takes responsibility for that for not letting everyone know that we had to put in an order early because of the time it takes to embroidery the large number of shirts we need. As of right now, the April reunion date will be sooner than last year. Thanks for understanding. Thanks, Mike.

Michelle Spivey is doing her best to get us the lowest price on hotel rooms. As you are well aware, so many things have gone up in price. She always has our best interests at heart.

Lorretta and I wish all of you the best Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year that all of you have ever had. We pray you have blessings of the Reason for the Season: family closeness, great health, and joy among many other things. We remember Jay Copley, a great man and soldier, who passed away this year. He always went to 1/50th events and was a welcome adviser to so many of our past commanders and their cadres. We

send love and comfort to Wilfrieda, the great woman behind the man. Merry Christmas to all soldiers and their families in the current 1/50th .

Lorretta said to tell you that she is feeling and doing very well. She gets out and about a little more (when I take her). We down-sized to one vehicle and gave the sports vehicles to our kids, so she is still at home most days trying to catch up on what she could not do before. She is not on chemo for the foreseeable future since she wound up in the hospital each time she finished a round of chemo. At the time, the medicine made her very tired. Now she has a lot more energy and stamina. Thank you for your prayers and concern. "With God all things are possible."

Feel free to contact me if you have questions, etc. I thank you for allowing me to be the president of our association. It is a special honor and privilege to represent you. Merry Christmas and come to visit us when you're in Alabama.

Play the Game
Jimmy Segars

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Chaplin's Corner



Well it's fall and the harvest is complete. This summer has been one of the driest that I can remember. We just returned from Gatlinburg today after a week of rest and relaxation, which I thought I deserved because doing nothing can be very stressful.

Tuesday is Election Day and by the time this newsletter gets published we'll be living with our decision. And it will be ours as a nation. No matter who you vote for let us be mindful of the future for our children and grandchildren, because they will be the ones that will pay for it. So give it to God in prayer.

I've run out of things to say so until next time or at the reunion my prayer is we can keep our health and get together soon.

Please send any request or concerns by contacting me by the following.

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Editor's note:

Lorene Burch

Greetings All:

As I type this I am just two weeks out from a total knee replacement. It has made me pause and take stock of how important it is to have a good family and friends. The 1/50th have become like a family and I am so grateful for the many friends I have made through being a part of this group.

Am looking forward to seeing many of you in April. As we get older it is more important to reconnect with those we cherish. I know for Roger it is one of the most important trips we make every other year.

Reflecting upon the Christmas season I am so blessed. God has given us so much to be thankful for. So, I hope today you will take the time to thank someone who has blessed you in some way. Help a neighbor, friend, stranger. Blessings come in all shapes and sizes. Who will you bless today?

Lorene

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REUNION NEWS

Submitted by John Topper

We've selected the dates for next year's reunion: 18-21 April. I am working with the battalion to put together a schedule. It will be mostly like we've done in past years with the addition of one event: The battalion is going to have an Aid Station within the headquarters. It will be dedicated to one of our KIAs, PFC Bruce Sims, a medic. He died on 2 March 1968, in a firefight for which he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

Michelle has sent the hotel info for next year: Hampton Inn, Phenix City. Price is \$119/night. Phone number for the hotel is: 334-664-0776. Go ahead and make your hotel reservations so insure you a room.

Rates have climbed for the buses and banquet, shirts/caps and other costs, most of which will be factored into the registration fee. I will get those numbers out as soon as possible.

Play the Game!
John

WATCH YOUR MAIL AS WE WILL BE SENDING OUT THE REGISTRATIONS AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE INFORMATION NEEDED.



From
the
2021
reunion.
Jay will
be
missed
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next.
RIP.

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I AM THE INFANTRY FOLLOW ME!

I am the Infantry--Queen of Battle!
For two centuries I have kept our Nation safe,
Purchasing freedom with my blood.
To tyrants, I am the day of reckoning;
to the suppressed, the hope for the future.
Where the fighting is thick, there am I...

I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was there from the beginning,
meeting the enemy face to face, will to will.
My bleeding feet stained the snow at Valley Forge;
my frozen hands pulled Washington
across the Delaware.
At Yorktown, the sunlight glinted from the sword
and I, begrimed...
Saw a Nation born.
Hardship...And glory I have known.
At New Orleans, I fought beyond the hostile hour,
showed the fury of my long rifle...
and came of age.

I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

Westward I pushed with wagon trains...
moved an empire across the plains...
extended freedom's borders
and tamed the wild frontier.

I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was with Scott at Vera Cruz...
hunted the guerilla in the mountain passes...
and scaled the high plateau.
The fighting was done when I ended my march
many miles from the old Alamo.
From Bull Run to Appomattox, I fought and bled.
Both Blue and Gray were my colors then.
Two masters I served and united them strong...
proved that this nation could right a wrong...
and long endure.

I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I led the charge up San Juan Hill...
scaled the walls of old Tientsin...
and stalked the Moro in the steaming jungle still...

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always the vanguard,

I am the Infantry!
At Chateau-Thierry, first over the top,
then I stood like a rock on the Marne.
It was I who cracked the Hindenburg Line...
in the Argonne, I broke the Kaiser's spine...
and didn't come back 'till it was "over, over there."

I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

A generation older at Bataan, I briefly bowed,
but then I vowed to return.
Assaulted the African shore...
learned my lesson the hard way
in the desert sands...
pressed my buttons into the beach at Anzio...
and bounced into Rome
with determination and resolve.

I am the Infantry!
The English channel, stout beach defenses
and the hedgerows could not hold me...
I broke out at St. Lo, unbent the Bulge...
vaulted the Rhine...
and swarmed the Heartland.
Hitler's dream and the Third Reich
were dead.
In the Pacific, from island to island...
hit the beaches
and chopped through swamp and jungle...
I set the Rising Sun.

I am the Infantry!
In Korea, I gathered my strength around Pusan...
swept across the frozen Han...
outflanked the Reds at Inchon...
and marched to the Yalu.

FOLLOW ME!

In Vietnam, while others turned aside,
I fought the longest fight,
from the Central Highlands
to the South China Sea
I patrolled the jungle,
the paddies and the sky
in the bitter test that belongs to the Infantry.

FOLLOW ME!

Around the world, I stand...ever forward.
Over Lebanon's sands, my rifle steady aimed...

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and calm returned. At Berlin's gates,
I scorned the Wall of Shame.
I spanned the Caribbean in freedom's cause,
answered humanity's call.
I trod the streets of Santo Domingo
to protect the innocent.
In Grenada, I jumped at Salinas,
and proclaimed freedom for all.
My arms set a Panamanian dictator to flight
and once more raised democracy's flag.
In the Persian Gulf, I drew the line in the desert,
called the tyrant's bluff
and restored right and freedom in 100 hours.
Duty called, I answered.

I am the Infantry!

FOLLOW ME!

My bayonet...on the wings of power...
keeps the peace worldwide.
And despots, falsely garbed in freedom's mantle, falter...hide.
My ally in the paddies and the forest...
I teach, I aid, I lead.

FOLLOW ME!

Where brave men fight...there fight I.
In freedom's cause...I live, I die.
From Concord Bridge to Heartbreak Ridge,
from the Arctic to the Mekong,
to the Caribbean...
the Queen of Battle!
Always ready...then, now, and forever.

I am the Infantry!

FOLLOW ME!

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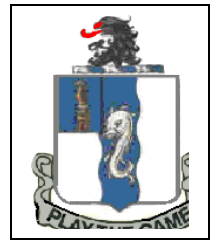
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Gone but not forgotten!

Captain Copley was born on November 3, 1931 in Buchanan Kentucky. Captain Copley entered the military in November 1949. He served two tours of duty in Korea from 1950-1951 and from 1952-1953. He went to Vietnam in 1967. On May 5, 1968 he led the attack on LZ Ichiban, during the battle of An Bao, to relieve Alpha Company. He was gravely wound during this conflict and received the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions. In 1969 he returned to Vietnam for a second tour of duty. His other awards and decorations include the: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry Badge with Star. Captain Copley retired from military service in 1973.



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May we not get
so caught up in
lights,
decorations and
gifts of
Christmas that
we forget the
most precious
gift of all.

Merry
Christmas!



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