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The Cottonbaler

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Reunion attendees atop Lookout Mountain, Point Park, Chattanooga, TN Check out our Website: www.cottonbalers.com

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2. To support the military policy that maintains reasonable but strong nuclear and conventional, combat-ready regular and reserve component forces, able to provide adequate national security for our nation and its people.

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5. To encourage and achieve the mutual benefit and support resulting from a close and cooperative alliance between the Association and the active units of the 7th Infantry Regiment in the United States Army.

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The Southern Belle River Boat dock. Cottonbaler Reunion in Chattanooga, TN

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE by Greg Cullison, Association President

Greetings to all Cottonbalers! I sincerely hope that you are having a pleasant and relaxing summer wherever you live and wherever your travels take you. Speaking of travels, over 60 Cottonbalers and guests met up in Chattanooga, Tennessee in May for a very enjoyable 7th Infantry Regiment Association Reunion! By all accounts, it was an extremely successful reunion, if you measure success by smiles, hugs, and stories!

We stayed in a historic and beautifully appointed hotel called **The Read House**. The hotel exceeded our expectations in every way, with beautiful rooms, delicious food, and excellent customer service. Our Hospitality Room was conveniently located and provided a great venue to relax with friends and share a beverage and snack between scheduled events.

On Friday, we spent several hours touring the battlefields at Chickamauga and on Lookout Mountain. The National Park Service rangers at both sites did an outstanding job of describing in great detail the historical context of the battles and the impact that they had on the outcome of the Civil War. The talks were enlightening and fascinating, and the view from Point Park was stunning.

That evening, we had the highly anticipated and always memorable Raffle and Auction, during which John and Betty Froidl, assisted by Kent "Skeeter" Cowel, and buoyed by the generous donations of our members, helped us raise \$2400 for the Boswell Scholarship Fund! A really fun and successful event!



President Greg Cullison

On Saturday, we held our business meetings and held elections and discussed future plans. The elections resulted in no change in our officers as all were elected for a second two-year term. Our major piece of business was the nomination of two distinguished Cottonbalers to serve in important honorary roles to support the 7th Infantry Regiment. Our new Honorary Colonel of the Regiment is LTC David Jensen, USA Ret. And our new Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment

is CSM Stephen C. Borkowski, USA Ret. Congratulations to both of these soldiers on their appointments to their positions.

That afternoon, we had a great time on the Southern Belle, as we cruised up and down the Tennessee River, complete with an entertaining and informative live narration on the historical and scenic city of Chattanooga. We were even surprised when our regimental song, Johnny Horton's *The Battle of New Orleans*, was played over the riverboat's speakers! After the riverboat trip, we enjoyed a great dinner dockside in the Chandelier Room, and our guest speaker, local attorney and historian, Sam Elliott, gave a thought provoking talk on Chattanooga's role during the Civil War.

On Sunday morning after a delicious breakfast buffet, Dave Jensen led us through a memorial tribute to our 7th Infantry Regiment Association members who have passed away since our last reunion in 2017. And then it was time to say farewell as we completed another enjoyable reunion.

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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Greetings to all the members of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association Cottonbalers. I hope this finds all of you and your families doing well and enjoying the summer. My comments will highlight just a few of the many great things that are happening with the Association this spring.



We are just coming off of an outstanding 2019 Reunion in Chat-

tanooga. The entire event was very well done, and everyone I talked to said they had a great time. Our many thanks go out to our Association President, Greg Cullison, and our Treasurer, Joe Washart for putting together a super reunion.

The highlights of the reunion for me included the long over - due "Welcome Home" Ceremony for our Vietnam Era Cottonbalers. Thanks to Skeeter Cowell for pulling that together for us.

I could not help but be blown away with the number of first-time reunion attendees, new members (to include LTC Christian Durham, the new Able 6), guests of Association members, and the number of Association members who came that had not been to a reunion for some time. Thanks to all of you "Damn Fine Soldiers, Cottonbalers by God!" for coming. We hope to see all of you in 2021. On a sad note, COL (Ret) Lou Hightower, the 1st Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, was unable to attend the reunion as planned due to a stroke. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lou and Carolyn.

Another highlight of course was what has become a focal point of all of our reunions since 2015, the live auction provided by John and Betty Froidl. Once again because of their ef-

Immediate Past President Dave Jensen

forts, over \$2000 was raised for the Boswell Scholarship Fund and the Association Operating Fund. John and Betty, our heartfelt thanks to you both!

The final highlight of the reunion in my mind was the attendance of our two Korean War Era Cottonbalers, Oliver Green and Louis DeCleen. Oliver had to leave us early due to health reasons, but we are glad to report that he was doing better after he

arrived home. And to Louis DeCleen of our Belgian Cottonbalers, who continues to travel the farthest to make every reunion. Our thanks to Louis for his commitment to the Association.

The 2019 reunion also marked the end of another era for the 7th Infantry Regiment Association. We want to thank LTG (Ret) John LeMoyne, as he hangs up his boots as the longtime Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (HCOR). Sir, on behalf of the entire Association membership we salute you for the many years of selfless dedicated service and leadership to all Cottonbalers that have ever served in the 7th Infantry Regiment. Cottonbalers by God, Damn Fine Soldiers!

Moving on to other business, on 6 June 2019, Sissie and I, along with the new Sergeant Major of the Regiment Steve Borkowski, and Association First Vice President Rob Burns and his son were privileged to attend the 2/7 Infantry Battalion Change of Command. Thanks go out to LTC Rob Stanton and his wife Catherine for the outstanding job they did during the last 2 years taking care of our Cottonbalers. Congratulations to LTC Christian Durham and his wife Angela as they assume command of the battalion. We are looking forward to them

EDITOR'S NOTES

by David Spanburg

elcome to the Summer Issue of the Cottonbaler. This will be the only issue for the remaining year. During the Board Meeting and again during the General Membership Meeting it was brought up that the single biggest on-going expense for the Association is the newsletter. Between putting it together, printing and mailing it costs money. We discussed several ways to reduce the costs. One that we are going with is reducing the number of issues in non-reunion years to 2. During the reunion years, there will be at least 1 additional issue. Another way everyone can help is to donate additional money to the Operating Expenses in addition to the Boswell Scholarship Fund. If anyone has any other suggestions, please let me or any Board Member know.

HELP WANTED!

Yes, I'm still looking for replacements.

The Association needs your help. I'm looking for a few people who would like to become more involved with the Association. No real experience needed (I certainly didn't have any when I started...).

Anyway, I'm looking for a possible replacement as the Cottonbaler Newsletter editor and the Cottonbalers.com web master. I'm not planning on going anywhere any time soon, but none of us are getting any younger.

For the Editor position, you'll mainly be responsible for gathering the various pieces/columns from the Association Officers and the Commander of 2-7 IN. You'll need to review the articles and do some basic editing. You then hand off the articles to a very talented and all-around wonderful person, Elizabeth, for her to put it all together. If anyone is interested but doesn't feel they are ready to jump in completely, you can be a Jr Editor for a while. That is how I got started.

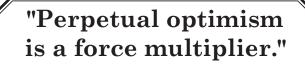
For the webmaster – I need someone who knows the newer standards and designs. The existing site is dated and is not a Responsive-Design. I know what it is, but I don't have the knowledge on how to implement that. The site needs a redesign and updating. If you just want to help with the redesign and know something about Responsive-Design and HTML coding, please contact me.

In addition, we're always, always looking for new people to step up and help out. The best way, volunteer to be a Board Member. The Board meets at the reunion and then does everything else either via email or conference calls. Mostly emails. We are also always looking for people to help out at the Reunions. We need someone who could scout out possible hotels and activities at future Reunion sites to helping keep the Hospitality Suite stocked with food and drinks.

So, get involved. Once you do, you'll enjoy it. This is a great Association and that is because of the people involved. We can only keep it great if you're willing to step up and lend us a hand.

Volens et Potens — Willing and Able!

David Editor/Webmaster



-Colin Powell

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So, it's now time to start planning the next Cottonbaler Reunion. The membership has decided to hold the reunion in regional proximity with our active duty battalion at Fort Stewart. And we are thinking it will be...Charleston, South Carolina in 2021. We are hoping to host the 2/7 Infantry soldiers during a Cottonbalers Ball, combined with our reunion banquet for a truly memorable evening. Dates and details will follow as soon as we can nail down some of the basics. But until then, please plan to clear your schedule and notify all Cottonbalers you know that we will muster in Charleston for the best reunion ever!

VOLENS ET POTENS

Greg Cullison, President

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being a part of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association (Cottonbalers).

Last but not least, it goes without saying that SGM (Ret) Steve Borkowski and I very much appreciate the confidence and trust the Association membership has honored us with by our appointments as Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment (HSGMOR) and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment (HCOR).

Cottonbalers by God! Damn Fine Soldiers!

Very Respectfully,

Dave ♦

2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team 3rd Infantry Division

LTC ROBERT C. STANTON JR.



LTC CHRISTIAN A. DURHAM Change of Command Ceremony 6 June 2019 Fort Stewart, GA Cottrell Field

2/7 INF Change of Command Ceremony Program cover



Association members who attended the 2-7 Change of Command. From Left: Robert Burns III, Robert Burns, Honorary CSM of the Regiment Stephan Borkowski, LTC Christian Dunham, and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment David Jensen.



2/7 Change of Command Ceremony



"Cottonbaler" 2nd Battalion COMMANDER'S COMMENTS...

LTC Robert C. Stanton USA, CDR

he hot coastal Georgia summer has arrived to Fort Stewart as the training progression continues for the Cottonbaler Soldiers. The Soldiers of 2-7 IN BN have recently completed Bradley In-Fighting fantry Vehicle (IFV) and M2 Abrams Tank gunnery tables, com-



training event Τ would like to highlight is the Platoon level field exercise that our Alpha and Bravo Infantry comcompleted panies with 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regi-Our disment. mounted Infantryman reweeks' ceived а worth of training

The other major

LTC Robert C. Stanton (L) and CSM Christopher J. Williams

pleted Platoon level training with the 1st BN, 75th Ranger Regiment, and have conducted numerous change of command and responsibility ceremonies across the Battalion.

Bradley IFV and M2 Abrams gunnery tables include multiple iterations of day and night firing with the primary and alternate weapon systems utilizing different optics. The training follows a crawl, walk, and run format with Soldiers building on previous tasks to develop their vehicle crews. This training event also allows our field maintenance teams the opportunity to deploy to the firing ranges with their companies and perform routine, and sometimes in depth, maintenance in austere conditions. I can proudly announce that our entire formation of Bradley crews qualified on the first attempt. This may seem like the standard, but achieving this is anything but, and 2-7 IN was the only battalion in the Brigade to accomplish this feat. In June, our tankers completed a successful iteration of gunnery and have the opportunity to shoot again in August.

that included mission planning, rehearsals, and platoon level objectives for them to achieve. The culminating events included a combination of an Air Assault with CH-47 Chinooks and a Ground Assault Convoy that required precise planning. The knowledge and training caliber provided to us by the Rangers will only make us more lethal and effective in the future.

Along with the heat, the summer has also carried us into the PCS window for key leaders from across our formation. Soldiers, NCO's, and Officers of all ranks will be moving on to their next assignment and carrying with them the knowledge they have gained while in 2-7 IN. Our Infantry Companies, Forward Support Company, and Headquarters Company have welcomed new First Sergeants and Commanders while our tank Company has welcomed a new First Sergeant. In addition, a new Battalion Commander, Command Sergeant Major, **Operations Sergeant Major**, and Battalion S3 have joined our ranks. The Battalion may have new faces but our connection to the Regimental Association will not fade.

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On behalf of the Soldiers of the 2nd battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a privilege to be part of such a great organization. I passed the Battalion Colors to LTC Christian Durham on 6 June and I have all the confidence that he will continue to update the association on the future accomplishments of our Damn Fine Soldiers.

"Willing and Able", "Cottonbalers by God", "Damn Fine Soldiers"



The Chattanooga Choo-Choo. Yes there is one and it's still in Chattanooga.

Robert C. Stanton LTC, IN Commanding

P.S. Follow the 2-7 IN Cottonbalers at: www.facebook.com/2BN7IN ♦



A-3/7 INF, Vietnam members reunion attendees

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Point Park - On Lookout Mountain, overlooks the city of Chattanooga.



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GLENN H. HUBENETTE SSG, Co F, Korea PO Box 811 Le Mars, IA 51031-0811 Died – January 16, 2017

GORDON L. SAINT SFC, Co I, Korea 1609 So. 7th Street Phenix City, AL 36869 Died – March 11, 2017



THANK YOU!

to the following association members for donations this quarter:

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Robert M. "Bo" Dyess, Jr.

Gerald A. "Jerry" Gustafson

Robert F. Hembree

Lawrence Lyons

LTS-Ret. Walter F. Ulmer, Jr.

Boswell Scholarship

Gerald A. "Jerry" Gistafson

Robert F. Hembree

7th INF REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

As of 09 June 2019

DUES STATUS:

| None due (LM, HON, CG, PM) Annual renewals for 2018 - 2019 Members Not Paid Up | 284 35 85 |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Total Members | 404 |
| CATEGORY SUMMARY: | |
| Served with the 7th Infantry, Or attached or supporting units Associate Members Supporting Members Honorary Members Permanent Member Color Guard Member | 378 9 13 2 6 5 |
| World War II Korea Belgian Cottonbalers (<i>Belgium</i>) Vietnam Peace Time/Cold War Gulf War/Iraq | 15 100 11 59 66 124 |

"I don't know what effect these men will have upon the enemy, but, by God they terrify me."

— Arthur Wellesley, First Duke of Wellington (1769-1852)

The Cottonbaler



y dear Cottonbalers: I will make this short and sweet. First of all, I want to thank all of you that sent in your annual dues and some of you sent additional funds for the Boswell Scholarship and for Operating Expenses. We still have several of you who have NOT as yet sent in your dues. We would hate to drop you from the roles, but we will be forced to as it is expensive to keep the Association afloat financially without your financial support. The magazine is our major expense and that is why it was decided to reduce the number of issues from four a year to two a year in non-reunion years. During reunion years we will still print four issues.

This is your favorite "hound dog" which means I must hound all of my brothers who are delinquent in sending in their dues for the 2018-2019 year! You know who you are so please sub-

mit to me your annual dues in the amount of \$20.00. Please NOTE that your 2018-2019 membership expired on May 31, 2019. We have members that have not paid their dues since 2016 and 2017. The 2019-2020 dues became effective on June 1, 2019. So, if you find yourself in arrears, I will happy to receive your check for \$40.00 which will get you caught up and covered until May 31, 2020. Such a deal is that! You can also consider a Life Membership and the older you get the less expensive it becomes. We still have 80 members who have not submitted their dues. So please

check your records send in your dues payable to 7th Infantry Regiment Association to me at:

Father Philip G. Salois, M.S., Secretary 16 Sharon Parkway North Smithfield, RI 02896-6930

Please do so TODAY! Please do it now before you forget and place this magazine in you recycle bin.

Please remember that if you move especially those of you who are still on active duty and you get reassigned please keep me posted on your current address.

Please send me an e-mail at xuanloc@aol.com if your address changes.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

Volens et Potens – Damn Fine Soldiers!

Father Philip G. Salois, M.S. Association Secretary ♦



Guest Speaker, Sam Elliott, talking about how the Civil War affected Chattanooga



ABOVE: 1/7 INF, Aschaffenburg, Germany reunion attendees.



ABOVE: Members of 3/7 INF from Desert Storm



As part of the tour of Park Point, we got a wonderful presentation from one of the Park Rangers.



Dinner on the River boat Southern Belle dock.



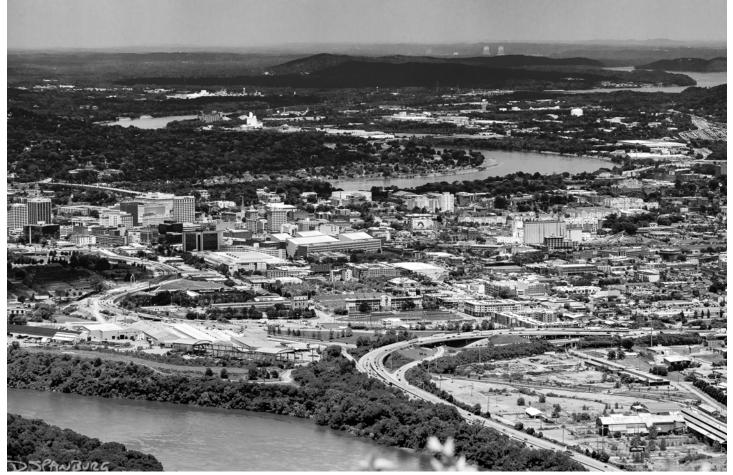
Members enjoying the Hospitality Suite in the Read House Hotel



Association President Greg Cullison enjoying the river boat cruise.



Some of the spouses on the River Boat Cruise



View of Chattanooga from Point Park on Lookout Mountain



Dinner on the River boat Southern Belle dock

Chaplain's Corner

Father Philip G. Salois, M.S. 7th Infantry Regiment Association Chaplain

y fellow Cottonbalers—I hope you are all enjoying the warm summer days and that the terrible weather suffered by our mid-western states with countless tornadoes and torren-

tial rains wreaking havoc and devastation to so many households, businesses and farms. We continue to pray for those affected as they recover from all the losses they sustained.

The Chattanooga reunion is over, and I understand that it was a wonderful and fun experience to once again see old friends and some new ones. I really am sorry I had to miss this reunion. I had other duties with the American Legion and as Na-

tional Chaplain that needed to take priority. That assignment will end with the next national convention in August/September in Indianapolis. I will continue to maintain my position as National Chaplain to Vietnam Veterans of America and will be attending their National Convention in July in Spokane, Washington and immediately following I have the honor as the American Legion National Chaplain to participate in Boys Nation at Marymount University in Alexandria, Virginia. It will be wonderful to see these young men from every state in the Union, learn all about our national government and how it functions. I will report on it in my next message to you all.

I want to congratulate all those newly elected and those re-elected as officers and mem-



Left to Right: COL-Ret. Bibb A. Underwood, MAJ-Ret. Roland

bers of the Board of Directors that will lead this great association in the next two years until our next reunion in 2021.

It is with sadness that I must report that my Battalion Commander Bibb A. Underwood

died on March 17, 2019. He commanded 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry of the 199th Infantry Brigade (Sep)(Light). I along with many members of the Association served under his command in Company A of 3/7. He was a soldier's soldier. I attach a picture of him along with my former Company Commander and former Association Secretary. Roland Merson and Al Watson Merson, COL-Ret. Albert Watson taken at our Always Alpha reunion in Denver, Colorado in

2002. It was the only Company reunion that Bibb attended. His obituary can be read at this link: https://www.penningtonfuneralhome.com/obits

I close now and will send you another message in our next issue in the Winter of this year. I pray you all enjoy good health and we continue to pray for all of our active duty military personnel that find themselves in places of great danger in a very troubled world.

I remain your faithful Chaplain -

Volens et Potens

Cottonbalers by God, Damn Fine Soldiers

Father Phil Salois, M.S., Association Chaplain \blacklozenge

7th INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Reunion Financial Statement

Reunion

| Expenses | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Gault Associates | 594.05 |
| Hospitality Room | 571.91 |
| Read House | 1350.16 |
| Southern Belle | 2736.00 |
| Premier Transportation | 3030.00 |
| Total Expenses | 8282.12 |
| Income | 8599.00 |
| Profit | 316.88 |

Auction and tee shirt sales – income of \$2040 with \$475 going to Operating Exp. Account And \$1565 to the Scholarship Fund.

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| City: | | | | | |
| Telephone: | _E-Mail: | | | | |
| Period of Service and Unit with 7th Infa | antry: | | | | |
| Highest Grade achieved in military service: | | | | | |
| Membership Category: Regular 🔲 I | Life: 🔲 | | | | |
| Dues (See Rates in Box at Right): | \$ | | Dues Rates: | | |
| Donation to Boswell Scholarship Fund: | | | Regular: \$20/Yea | \$20/Year | |
| Contribution to Operating Expenses: | \$ | | Over Age 70: | \$100 | |
| Total Enclosed: | \$ | | Age 60-70: \$175 Up to Age 60: \$250 | | |
| Make check payable to: "7th Infantry Regiment Association" Mail to: Fr. Philip Salois, Secretary, 16 Sharon Parkway, North Smithfield, RI 0 | | | Active Duty E8-O3: Active Duty E7 and Below: | \$200 \$150 | |

7th Infantry Regiment Association

Letter from R. Joe Rogers COL, USA-Retired February 2019

In the Fall of 1953, I was assigned to the Third Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard" at Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, DC following my combat tour in Korea as a rifle platoon leader in G Company and later as Company Commander of H Company of the Cottonbalers.

In addition to our ceremonial duties, junior officers were call on for other duties as required. One such other duty as to escort Medal of Honor recipients when they came to Washington, DC to receive the Medal. I was honored to be escort officer for Sergeant Hiroshi H. Miyamura, the former Honorary Sergeant Major of the 7th Infantry Regiment Association.

My duties included getting a uniform for him to wear at the presentation, wining and dining Hiroshi and his family while in Washington, DC and most important, getting Hiroshi and his family to the White House for the presentation.

Prior to the presentation we had a tour of the White House and during the tour he met President Eisenhower. It was an unexpected meeting and I remember saying, "Mr. President, this is Sergeant Hiroshi Miyamura who is here to be awarded the Medal of Honor."

The presentation ceremony was a life-time experience for Hiroshi and his family and for me – it was special because Hiroshi's actions which resulted in the award of the Medal of Honor were as a member of the Machine Gun Platoon of H Company, 7th Infantry Regiment – the same company I had commanded later in the war.

I considered myself as extremely fortunate to have been Hiroshi's escort officer. He and his family could not have been more gracious and a pleasure to serve. After more than 65 years, the experience remains one of the most memorable and satisfying of my life.

R. Joe Rogers COL, USA-Retired ♦



Dinner on the River boat Southern Belle dock.



John LeMoyne pinning on the "Welcome Home" Pin on Joe Washart.



Association members enjoying the river boat cruise on the Tennessee River.

7th INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| Opening Balance (01/25/2019) | | 9601.05 |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Income | | |
| Bank error | .60 | |
| Donations for Operating Expenses | 780.00 | |
| Donations for Scholarship Fund | 1635.00 | |
| Membership Dues | 670.00 | |
| Reunion | 8599.00 | |
| Total Income | | 11684.60 |
| Expenses | | |
| Network Solutions | 31.98 | |
| Riverwood Writer LLC | 300.00 | |
| Printshop | 640.02 | |
| Website | 87.80 | |
| Postage permit | 225.00 | |
| Scholarships | 6000.00 | |
| Reunion | | |
| Premier Transportation 2830.0 | | |
| Southern Belle | 2236.00 | |
| Gault Associates (AV) | 594.05 | |
| Read House | 975.16 | |
| Hospitality Room | 571.91 | |
| Total Expenses | | 14491.92 |
| Closing Balance (06/12/2019) | | 6793.73 |
| Savings Account (05/31/2019) | | 1291.19 |
| Scholarship Fund (05/31/2019) | | 117,019.21 |
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CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

War of 1812

Canada New Orleans Florida 1814 Louisiana 1815

<u>Mexican War</u>

Monterey Vera Cruz Cerro Gordo Contreras Churubusco Molino del Rey Chapultepec Texas 1846

<u>Civil War</u>

Fredericksburg Murfreesborough Chancellorsville Gettysburg Chickamauga Chattanooga Atlanta New Mexico 1861 New Mexico 1862 Kentucky 1862 Mississippi 1862 Tennessee 1862 Tennessee 1863 Georgia 1864

<u>Indian Wars</u>

Creeks Seminoles Little Big Horn Nez Perces Utes Pine Ridge New Mexico 1860 Wyoming 1866 Montana 1872 <u>War with Spain</u> Santiago

<u>Philippine Insurrection</u> Samar 1901 Samar 1902

NONPROFIT ORG. U.S. POSTAGE PAID WOODSTOCK, VA PERMIT #8

World War I

Aisne Champagne-Marne Aisne-Marne St. Mihiel Meuse-Argonne Champagne 1918 Ile de France 1918

<u>World War II</u>

Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead) Tunisia Sicily (with arrowhead) Naples-Foggia Anzio (with arrowhead) Rome-Arno Southern France (with arrowhead) Rhineland Ardennes-Alsace Central Europe

<u>Korean War</u>

CCF Intervention First UN Counteroffensive CCF Spring Offensive UN Summer-Fall Offensive Second Korean Winter Korea, Summer-Fall 1952 Third Korean Winter Korea, Summer 1953

<u>Vietnam</u>

Counteroffensive, Phase II Counteroffensive, Phase III Tet Counteroffensive Counteroffensive, Phase IV Counteroffensive, Phase V Counteroffensive, Phase VI Tet 69/Counteroffensive Summer-Fall 1969 Winter-Spring 1970 Sanctuary Counteroffensive Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia Liberation and Defense of Kuwait Cease-Fire

<u>War on Terrorism</u>

Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn Operation Enduring Freedom

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