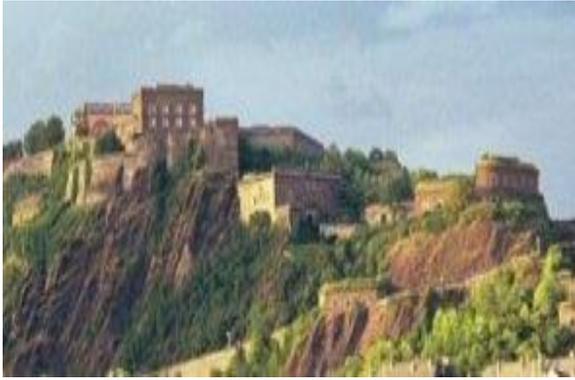
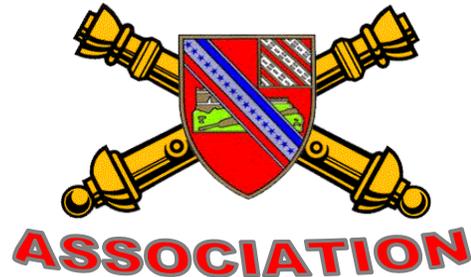


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The President's View By Gil Bernabe

Happy 2021 for everyone! Hopefully, everyone is looking forward to receiving the COVID vaccine and getting out of "Lockdown." June and I are very anxious to return to our regular routine. And a big part of our regular routine is participating in our annual 17th Artillery Association Reunions.

As you will see in this Newsletter, our 2021 Gettysburg Reunion flyer will inform you that the reunion dates are: September 20 to September 24. We are departing on Friday morning, because Gettysburg College is having its homecoming celebration beginning on Friday evening and we would like to get out of town before the crowd shows up. This year the reunion registration forms will be going to Rich Siebe. The 2021 Reunion registration form is in this Newsletter. During the winter Dan Reeves and Rich Siebe conducted "a peaceful transition" of treasurer duties. Rich subsequently conducted a detailed audit of our bank account and we are in good shape financially.

The Hilton Inn has been very gracious to us and we know you will enjoy your stay. Room rates were kept at \$109.00 and Hilton Inn has granted us use of the Hospitality room for a nominal fee. One change that you may see is the Gettysburg Battlefield bus tour will be conducted on two buses – with staggered seating and only 23 passengers per bus. Depending on the status of the pandemic, this may change. We hope that by summer everyone will have received their COVID vaccine and we can meet with few to no restrictions. We will keep a close eye on CDC recommendations and advise everyone before the reunion.

A special thank you to our members who approved the minutes of our 2020 Annual General Membership meeting. As you know, the Association Board of Officers conducted that meeting via a phone conference. We will review the minutes at the next General Membership meeting in September. Your approval keeps the 17th Artillery Association Scholarship Program going for another year.

This Newsletter has a tremendous article written by Judy and Ed Dingman about Ed's humanitarian project. It is a very heart-warming story. It will make you think seriously about donating funds to Ed's organization. They always need financial support for their very worthwhile project.

Another story that you will appreciate is a repeat article of a letter that Thorolv Valentinsen (also called Michael) of Haugesund, Norway, wrote to the Association. Michael is the son of SSG Felipe Camarillo, of Seguin, Texas, who was killed when a Sapper unit attacked Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, on April 3, 1968, in Tuy Phoc, Binh Dinh Province in the Republic of Vietnam. Bill Dahlin, a decorated veteran also of Charlie Battery donated funds for a scholarship to be named in honor of SSG Camarillo.

As we prepare for the Gettysburg Battlefield Tour, we were fortunate to find two retired Army veterans – Jeff McCausland and Tom Vossler - who besides their regular jobs are also Professional Gettysburg Battlefield tour guides. They have written books on Gettysburg leadership lessons and A Guide to Gettysburg by Tom Vossler. Their biographical information and reviews on their books are provided in this newsletter for your information. We are sure they will prove to be very interesting tour guides and make our Gettysburg reunion very memorable.

Enough of my observations! Hope to see you in Gettysburg, PA, in September. Be safe! Stay healthy.



Ed Dingman – A Dedicated and Handy Volunteer



Ed Dingman, a farm boy from Missouri spent a year with the 17th Artillery Regiment in the central highlands of South Vietnam. Nearly 40 years later, he began helping an organization that made three-wheeled, hand-cranked, wooden vehicles for people who lost the use of their legs due to disease, birth defects and war. Some of those vehicles have since made their way to Vietnam.

The organization Dingman helps was founded as Personal Energy Transportation or PET for short. In the last few years, the group changed the name to Mobility Worldwide; too many people thought PET was an organization representing animals. The wooden carts are referred to as “PETs.”

“I got started in 2004 when our preacher asked our Sunday school class if we could make some parts for PETs,” said Dingman.

By this time, he was retired from a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and working at a friend’s machine shop using his welding skills learned on the farm and vo-ag classes. As things progressed, the friend allowed Dingman to make steel frames for the vehicles in the shop and order hardware through the shop. As the local group formed into PET of Southwest Missouri, now Mobility Worldwide – Missouri Southwest, a fellow church member allowed the group to use a 40x60 shop he owned free of charge “until he could sell it.” The man died some years later; the new owner agreed to continue the offer.

Dingman spends time making all steel parts (except the front fork and the upper chain guards) for the PETs assembled locally. He then takes them to the shop where volunteers assemble and pack them for shipment. The volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds, including a teacher/coach, school administrator, highway maintenance worker, farmer, contractor, optometrist/National Guard, electric company employee, and military veterans.

The local group, formed in 2004, was the fourth one organized; now there are 29 affiliates, including Sierra Leone and Zambia. All shops are staffed by volunteers; there is one paid executive director over the entire operation. The volunteers have distributed PETs in 106 countries with the help of 70 distribution partners, including Rotary International, Lions Club and various faith organizations. Funding is by donation to the individual groups.

“Many times over the years, we have seen our account dwindling. I’ll be ready to make a new set of parts, and, miraculously, donations will arrive to cover the cost of the materials,” reported Dingman.

Visit mobilityworldwide.org for information on the project. There is a page for Dingman’s group, but the page is a bit outdated; local volunteers like to build carts not web pages. For a 10-minute video of a delivery to Vietnam, visit <https://mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/florida-penney-farms/penney-farms-videos/>. The video is entitled Mercy in Motion Overview 2007. While the video is older, it features the delivery made to Da Nang and gives a good overview of the process. The two founders, Mel West and Larry Hills, and the designer, Earl Miner, give brief interviews. This video is one of the Dingman’s favorites.

A Big **Artillery** Thanks to Handyman Ed Dingman

Kudos to Ed Dingman. At Fort Sill, Ed volunteered to take our 17th Artillery Association banners and build a frame for them. The frames will allow us to stand the banners more easily and we will not have to tape or tack the banners on a wall. Thanks Ed!!

Below are two pictures of the supported banners.



Small Banner



Large Banner

Tracking Our Soldiers

1. SSG Felipe Camarillo
 - a. [THE WALL OF FACES - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund \(vvmf.org\)](http://www.vvmf.org)
 - b. [SSGT Felipe Duran Camarillo \(1933-1968\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)
 - c. [SSGT Felipe Duran Camarillo, Seguin, TX on www.VirtualWall.org The Virtual Wall® Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall](http://www.VirtualWall.org)
 - d. [Felipe Duran Camarillo : Staff Sergeant from Texas, Vietnam War Casualty \(honorstates.org\)](http://honorstates.org)
 - e. [Texas \(vietvet.org\)](http://vietvet.org)



This is an article received from Felipe Camarillo's Son, Thorolv Valentinsen of Norway



Felipe Camarillo



Felipe Camarillo's son (Mike)

Dear Veterans,

Felipe Camarillo's son (Mike) I would very much appreciate more information about my father, SSGT Felipe Duran Camarillo (1933-1968), whether you knew him from Vietnam, Germany, Korea or from back home in the US. He was my father. Here's my story:

My name is Thorolv Valentinsen, I live in Haugesund, Norway. I was born in Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany in 1960, and was adopted by a Norwegian couple in 1961. When I was a kid, about 9 or 10 years old, my parents told me they were not my biological parents. I already knew I was born in Germany, and I wondered why they were not. They told me the little they knew about my biological parents: My mother was German, from Bayreuth, north of Nuremberg in Bavaria. My father was an American soldier, from Texas. When they adopted me I was in a children's home in Hof, north in Bavaria. I was baptized in a small town not far from Hof, and my parents gave me the name Thorolv. Before that I was called Michael. Later my Norwegian parents tried to contact German authorities to get more information about my biological parents, but then such information was secret. Many years later, in 2005 while sitting in front of my computer, I started thinking: Man, you've got Internet and the whole world right there. Try to find out more about your parents! I wrote an email to a local newspaper in Hof, hoping they would publish an "inquiry". Maybe someone knew about me? I did not hear anymore, until I received an email from a registry office in Erlangen. The office had been contacted by the newspaper I emailed, and they would send me a certificate of origin for a small fee. After a week's time, I received the certificate, stating the identity of my mother and father. In the meantime I had found out that since the year 2000 adoptions in Germany were no more secret. My hands were shaking as I was sitting there with two names: Johanna Nuetzel and Felipe Duran Camarillo. I started searching on Google. I found nothing about my mother. As for my father, I soon found out he was killed near An Khe, Vietnam 3 April 1968, at 34. I felt very bad about it, because I would never have the chance to contact him. What about my mother? The registry office in Erlangen gave me the email address to the Children's welfare office in Bayreuth (not far from Erlangen) the town where my mother lived when I was born. I contacted them, and they were of great help. I got more information from them. My mother was from Bayreuth and my father was from Seguin, Texas, USA. My mother was still alive and still resident in Bayreuth. If I wanted, they could contact her. What a great service! I was so grateful. After a few days I received an email from my mother in Germany! At first she was shocked, she told me, but she wanted to get to know me, and was so happy to hear that I have had a good life in Norway. I let her use my German name, Michael, the name she once used to call me. She met my father late 1959 shortly after he arrived in Germany and was stationed in Bindlach (Christensen Barracks) just north of Bayreuth. She worked in a cantina there. After a lot of emails and phone calls I visited her, her husband and her family in Bayreuth in 2006. They were so wonderful to me. There never were any hard feelings. We both felt so happy. My mother passed away in 2009 at 73, but I still have contact with her family in Bayreuth. I visited them in 2013.

At the same time I found my mother in Germany, I started searching for my father in the USA. I published an "inquiry" on a Vietnam Veteran's news forum. I was contacted by Tom Kurtz. Tom was of great help; he really opened the door to the USA for me. He gave me email addresses to some Veterans, among others Larry E Miller, Paul Fusco and Paul Raymond. In 2013 also Norman R Jones.

Paul Raymond was in touch with one of Felipe D Camarillo's daughters, Belinda, and he had her email address. Shortly after, contact had been established between me and a family member in the USA! Belinda told me a lot about her family and introduced me to her siblings and her mother. They were all very nice and friendly. The name Michael/Mike works pretty well in the US too, so that's what they call me. Then in 2011, my family and I visited the USA for the first time! After four days in New York we went to San Antonio and Dad's home town Seguin TX to meet my family there, for the first time. We spent some precious days together with the most wonderful people, and also took part in the celebrations on 4 July. I really felt at home together with the Camarillo's. After a most wonderful week in San Antonio/Seguin we set off for Orlando, Florida for another 10 days, before returning home to Norway.

In summer 2012 we went back to the United States for another three weeks. A family reunion was taking place in California. But first we spent five days in San Antonio/Seguin. This time both daughters from Dad's second marriage in El Paso came (we had already met one of them in Texas in 2011). This time I took a lot of photos from photo albums and some letters Dad wrote while in Vietnam. One of his daughters had brought his uniform from El Paso. Being there together when she unpacked his uniform, and the Star-Spangled Banner was very special for all of us.

Then it was time to move on to California. Dad had a brother in Folsom, just outside Sacramento. He deceased in 2010. We visited his wife and four sons with their families, together with family members from Texas. We spent five great days together with these wonderful people, and we had a big family reunion party. After Folsom some of "us Texans" spent four days in San Francisco, before me and my family went on down the Highway I to Burbank/Los Angeles for another 11 days. 6 weeks in two years in wonderful America meeting a wonderful family. What more can you ask for?

Can you imagine, just 9-10 years ago I knew very little about the beginning of my life, the identity of my biological parents and their lives. Now it's totally different. My life went from very good to even better. A great childhood in Norway, growing up, getting married and have kids. From 2005 a new dimension has been added to my life, family in the USA and Germany. That's really something.

Some people in Germany and in the United States have done a great job, helping me find my unknown relatives, making dreams come true, and making my life more complete. I will never forget. These days Tom Kurtz and Norman R Jones kindly help me with more information, also by using their contacts. To all you Veterans this concern: I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

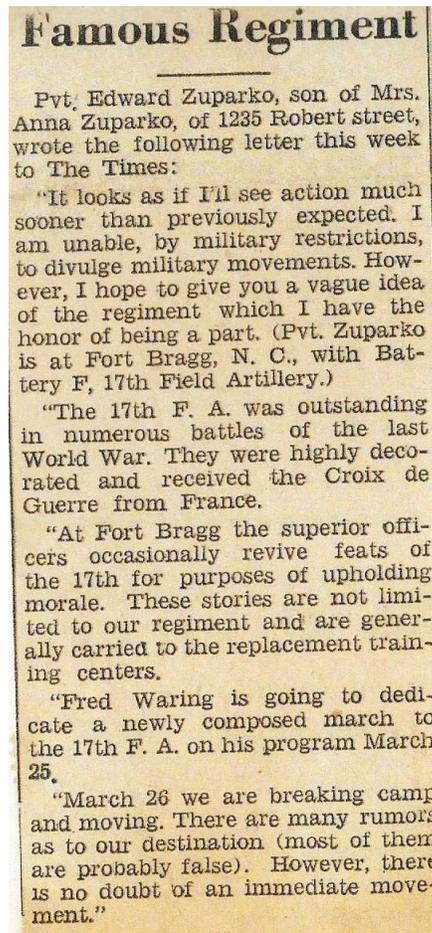
- Michael



-WORLD WAR II PHOTOGRAPHS

By Thomas R. Kurtz

Last summer the association president was contacted by Ned Zuparko, who is the son of Edward Zuparko, and Ned offered a copy of his father's photographs to the association. Edward Zuparko served with Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment (1941-1943) and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment (1943). The association would like to thank Ned for the photographs.



Newspaper article from "The Hillside Times", Hillside, New Jersey (1942)

Two of the photographs reflect some historical information about the 17th Field Artillery Regiment. The first photograph, below, shows (left to right) Private Edward Zuparko, Private First-Class Claus H. Mangels and Private William F. Leitgeb, all of Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment on maneuvers, in North Carolina, during 1942. Private First Class Claus H. Mangels later on February 14, 1943, then a Sergeant, would be one of the missing in action (MIA), of the regiment; during action at Faid Pass, Tunisia, when the 2nd Battalion was overrun by the German 10th Panzer Division.

(Picture not provided)

The second photograph below shows a L4 Light Observation/Liaison plane with soldiers of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment around the plane, somewhere in Sicily 1943. From left to right are Richard O'Hearn, Edward Zuparko (kneeling), Varley, Taylor, Alylus, Paul G. Bennett, Berry, and Ambrose Fredreck. Of interest to the 17th Field Artillery Regiment, is the soldier Paul G. Bennett with the circle around his head, Private Paul G. Bennett, who was one of the two soldiers that were slapped by Lt. General George S. Patton, at the 93rd Evacuation Hospital, on the island of Sicily, in August 1943.



During this period of World War II, each Corps Artillery Headquarters Batteries were authorized an Air Observer Section, with two light observation/liaison aircraft, two pilots, along with maintenance personnel, vehicles, supplies and equipment. (If you enlarge the picture, there a number 13 in a circle painted on the front each helmet. It could be assumed the number 13 stood for the 13th Field Artillery Brigade, since the 17th Field Artillery Regiment was under the brigade at this time.)

Extract from the book “The Unknown Patton” Chapter Eight (The Slapping Incidents) The Whole Story, Part 1. By Charles M. Province. A letter dated August 16, 1943, by Lt. Col Perrin H. Long, Medical Corps, on the subject of “Mistreatment of Patients in Receiving Tents”.

“Exhibit 2 – Pvt. Paul G. Bennet, C Battery, 17th Field Artillery, was admitted to the 93rd Evacuation Hospital on 10 August '43. This patient was a 21-year-old boy who had served four years in the regular Army. His unit had been with II Corps since March and he had never had any difficulties until August 6th, when his buddy was wounded. He could not sleep that night and felt nervous. The shells going over him bothered him. The next day he was worried about his buddy and became more nervous. He was sent down to the rear echelon by a battery aid man and there a medical officer gave him some medicine which made him sleep, but still he was nervous and disturbed. On the next day, the medical officer ordered him to be evacuated, although the “boy” begged not to be evacuated because he did not want to leave his unit. Lt. Gen George S. Patton Jr. entered the receiving tent and spoke to all injured men. The next patient was sitting huddled up and shivering. When asked what his trouble was, the man replied, “It’s my nerves, I can’t stand the shelling anymore.” He was still sobbing. The General then yelled at him, “Your nerves, hell; you are just a Goddamned coward, you yellow son of a bitch.” He then slapped the man and said, “Shut up that goddamned crying. I won’t have these brave men here who have been shot at seeing a yellow bastard sitting here crying.” He then struck the man again, knocking his helmet liner off and into the next tent. He then turned to the admitting officer and yelled, “Don’t admit this yellow bastard; there’s nothing the matter with him’ I won’t have the hospitals cluttered up with these son of bitches who haven’t got the guts to fight.” He turned to the man again, who was managing to sit at attention though shaking all over and said, “You’re going back to the front lines and you may get shot and killed, but you’re going to fight. If you don’t, I’ll stand you up against a wall and have a firing squad kill you on purpose. In fact, he said, reaching for his pistol, “I ought to shoot you myself, you Goddamned whimpering coward.” As he left the tent, the general was still yelling back to the receiving officer to send that yellow son of bitch back to the front line. Nurses and patients attracted by the shouting and cursing came from adjoin tents

and witnessed this disturbance. The deleterious effects of such incidents upon the relationship of patient to physician are incalculable. It is imperative that immediate steps be taken to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

From the notes of Staff Sergeant James F. Moran, Supply Sergeant, Battery B, 1st, 17th Field Artillery Regiment/Battery B, 17th Field Artillery Battalion (World War II) on Private Paul G. Bennett.

I asked Bennett if he thought being in the hospital for malarial treatment was a cure for the ailment. They told him it was ever-present in your system – once you contacted it, that it would flare up from time to time and it had to run its course. Quinine would ease symptoms, but you'd still go through the chills and fever during the incubation period. I don't think I'll check into a hospital if I do come down with another attack. What Bennett did tell me was a shocker. He said Patton made a tour of the hospital and slapped him across the face three times for not standing at attention, then lunged at him and said, "Don't you know who I am," He then made idiotic gestures pulling out his pearl-handled revolvers as though attempting to use them, and called Bennett a "Yellow Dog." He slapped another soldier and kicked at another. Bennett said his ears were still ringing. He felt as embarrassed when Patton cursed him. The Colonel at the hospital told Bennett to be sure to tell his commanding officer about the incident. Bennett first told the Chaplain, and the Chaplain told Joe Couch. Joe Couch told the Battery Commander it was a sad incident, but it was best to forget about the whole thing. A colonel picked up Bennett today, September 8th, and took him to Patton's headquarters in Palermo. Bennett said Patton did apologize to all those who were present or witnessed the slapping but could sense how insincere Patton was even before he spoke a word. Patton acted so disgusting with his egotistical remarks. Hospital personnel got word to the press and they got to the brass in Washington which forced the apology. It was probably too hot to smother. A lot of comments are floating around that Patton would sacrifice any number of men to make him a name. That he's an egomaniac. Our guys feel that his actions are intolerable and unpardonable. Armed Forces Radio made an announcement about the slapping, but it was watered down. Another broadcast made it sound as though no one had confirmation. Neither announcement mentioned Bennett's name, but the name Charles Kuhl² was mentioned. Some light accusations were made in reference to Patton's action. Whoever edited that piece of news must have been under fire to squelch it. It seems a person of Patton's ranking, with age to give him experience in dealing with army personnel, could act in such a manner.

1. Major Joe Couch was Commander of the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment at the time.
2. Private Charles H. Kuhl, Company L, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division was the other soldier that Patton slapped.



ICCE 76 EXHIBITS

By Thomas R, Kurtz

In September 2020, Mr. Fred Adoplhus, United States Army Europe Headquarters (USAREUR HQ) Curator, Clay Kaserne, Wiesbaden contacted the association president on setting up a display in USAREUR Headquarters about the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery six-month temporary deployment to Germany, for Increased Combat Capability Europe 1976 (ICCE 76), during the cold war period.

The association provided information and pictures to Mr. Adoplhus about the battalion's deployment and pictures of his display are below.

The 1st Battalion, then station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, under the 75th Field Artillery Group, III Corps Artillery, deployed in April 1976 to Sheridan Kaserne, Augsburg Germany and placed under the control of the 210th Field Artillery Group, VII Corps Artillery.

The battalion was commanded by LTC Richard D. Beltson and the battalion command sergeant major was CSM Ned Foss. The battalion drew all its 18 howitzers, 155mm, M109A2 and equipment from the Army's pre-position stock (Prepositioning of Material Configured in Unit Sets, POMCUS) located in Germany. During its time in Germany, the battalion continued its training at Sheridan Kaserne and in local training areas. The battalion also made two trips to the Grafonewher Training Area (GTA) for a period of two weeks each, to train, fire its howitzers, in addition, the firing batteries were tested under the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) there.

The 1st Battalion then returned to Fort Sill in September 1976. It was replaced by the 2nd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, which was a permanent change of station for that battalion.



REST IN PEACE – SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CHARLES RILEY



This year the 2021 17th Artillery Association Scholarship Program is naming one scholarship in honor of Sergeant First Class Charles (SFC) Ray Riley – a long time Non-commissioned Officer with the 4th Bn, 17th Artillery.

SFC Charles Riley and his two brothers Kenny and Bobby served with the 17th.Field Artillery. Bobby was a Navy vet who joined the 4th Battalion, 17th Artillery (Reserve) and Kenny served with the 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery in Viet Nam. Bobby is deceased. Stars and Stripes had a write up of the three brothers serving in 17th FA at same time.

SFC Charles Riley passed away in December 2017. His obituary follows.

Charles Ray Riley, 72, passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at Hock Family Pavilion. Charles Riley was born in Durham, NC, the son of the late Olivus Riley and Bessie Riley. Mr. Riley was also preceded in death by four brothers, Bobby, Bernice, Harold and Jimmy: and one sister, Judy Fisher. Mr. Riley was a retired truck driver, and he was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Riley is survived by his daughter, Dana Riley; grandchildren, Ashley Cox, Destinee Tyson and husband Carlos; great grandchildren, Easton and Kaylynn Tyson and brother, Kenneth Riley.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, December 20, at Clements Funeral Chapel in Durham. Burial followed at Little River Presbyterian Church Cemetery.



17th Artillery Regiment Association's Twenty-Second Annual Reunion
Gettysburg, PA
September 20 to 24, 2021
2021 REUNION INFORMATION



What: The 2021 Annual Reunion will be held at Gettysburg, PA,

When: From Monday, September 20 to Friday, September 24, 2021. Check out Friday – September 24, 2021. The Board members will arrive on September 18 & 19 for the Annual Business Meeting.

Where: Reunion Headquarters: Hilton Garden Inn, 1061 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Hotel reservations: You may make your hotel reservation several ways:

1. Call directly to: Gettysburg Hilton Garden Inn – 1-717-334-2040; Press Ext Zero (0) - Our Group Code is ARA
2. **Link for reservations: Book Reunion Rate for 17th Artillery Reunion at Hilton Garden Inn:**
Click hyperlink below:

https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MDTGHGI-ARA-20210918/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Room rates: \$109.00 per night plus tax. Room rates are from September 18 to September 24, 2021. Room options: 1 king bed, 1 queen bed with sofa bed, or 2 queen beds. Accessible rooms are available. Reservations deadline: August 19, 2021, to receive the 17th Artillery room rate of \$109.00.

Hotel deadline: Reservations made after August 19, 2021 will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check out time is 12:00 Noon. The hotel provides free WiFi, on-site restaurant, indoor pool, fitness center, and free parking. If you have to cancel, cancellation must be made before 3:00 PM on September 19, 2021 (one day before scheduled check-in), to avoid being charged. The hotel website is: <http://www.gettysburg.gardeninn.com>

Registration Fee: **The Reunion Registration Fee will be \$65.00 per person.**

(See Reunion Registration Form in this Newsletter.) Fee will cover your breakfast each morning, Tuesday's Welcome Social, Hospitality Room refreshments and snacks, bus rental and Thursday's "Annual Banquet." If you eat any other meals at the restaurant, mention you are with 17th Artillery Reunion to receive a 10% discount **on food only**.

Remember to bring your 17th Artillery historical pictures, movies, and items for the always entertaining AUCTION.

Come & experience the beauty & historic allure of Gettysburg area.

Visit Civil War landmarks and the famous Gettysburg Battlefield - minutes from the hotel.

Also nearby are Gettysburg National Military Park,

**National Civil War Museum, & delightful antique shops,
restaurants & historical homes in downtown Gettysburg.**

**17th Artillery Regiment Association's Reunion
Registration Form
2021 Reunion- September 20 – 24, 2021**



Please fill out the Registration Form below

The association's registration fee will cover your breakfast, Tuesday evening's Welcome Social, Hospitality Room refreshments & snacks, bus rental, and Annual Banquet.

Please make your check or money order payable to: 17th Artillery Regiment Association.

Mail to the Association's Treasurer: **Rich Siebe**
3060 64th Street
Sacramento, CA 95820 - 2004

CUT OR TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER.

(With your check or money order to arrive **NLT September 1, 2021**)

Cut/tear here - - - - -

NAME: _____
(Please Print)

Battery: _____ Battalion _____ Dates Served (From _____ to _____)

Name (s) of Spouse, Relatives, and friends attending:

(Name tags will be printed from the names submitted)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Registration fee: \$65.00 per person - X- Number Attending _____ = \$ _____
(number in your party)

Please donate toward the Hospitality Room Expenses: \$ _____

Check Total \$ _____

The Traveling Vietnam Wall

Did you Know that there are many Traveling Vietnam Wall? Check below for the dates of when one will travel to your home area.

Comrades forever ...

"The Moving Wall" is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for thirty plus years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall." He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

A Sponsor is any organization or group of individuals that wants The Moving Wall to visit their area and is willing to do the work to make the local arrangements as described in "[Scheduling a Visit of The Moving Wall](#)." Sponsors are frequently civic groups, schools, or veterans' organizations (by [Michael](#)). Sponsoring normally requires months of planning by dozens of local volunteers.

Check the link below for an appearance near you.

www.themovingwall.org/current_schedule.html

2021 THE WALL THAT HEALS TOUR SCHEDULE

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) has announced *The Wall That Heals* national tour schedule for 2021. *The Wall That Heals* exhibit includes a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The 26th season of *The Wall That Heals* will begin on April 8, 2021 in New Bern, North Carolina and visit 28 communities during the year. The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,279 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

Like all of you, we hope the COVID pandemic ends soon. In order for *The Wall That Heals* to be on display in these communities, the community must allow larger crowds to gather and VVMF and our hosts must take the necessary precautions to safeguard the health and safety of our volunteers and visitors. We are cautiously optimistic this will be possibly come spring.

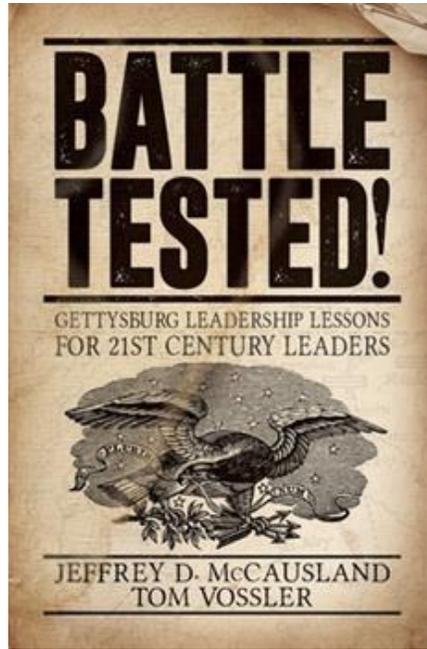
Check this link for dates in your area.

[2021 The Wall That Heals Tour Schedule - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund \(vvmf.org\)](http://2021TheWallThatHealsTourSchedule-VietnamVeteransMemorialFund(vvmf.org))



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

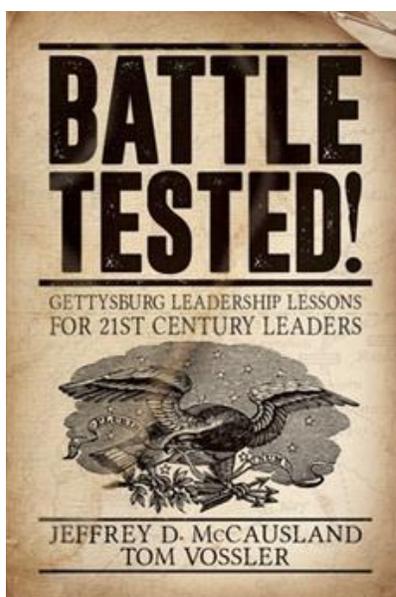
[The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall \(travelingwall.us\)](http://travelingwall.us)



Battle Tested! : Gettysburg Leadership Lessons for 21st Century Leaders - by [Jeffrey D. McCausland](#)



You may never visit the Gettysburg battlefield, but understanding historic lessons from *Battle Tested* will have a profound influence on not only your leadership abilities, but also your life, organizations, and career. In order to be a truly effective leader, it is necessary to learn as much as possible from the examples of history--the disasters as well as the triumphs. At Gettysburg, Union and Confederate commanders faced a series of critical leadership challenges under the enormous stress of combat. The fate of the nation hung in the balance. These leaders each responded in different ways, but the concepts and principles they applied during those traumatic three days contain critical lessons for today's leaders that are both useful and applicable--whether those leaders manage operations at a large corporation, supervise a public institution, lead an athletic team, or govern a state or municipality. In the twenty-first century, leadership is the indispensable quality that separates successful organizations from failures. Successful leaders communicate vision, motivate team members, and inspire trust. One must move both people and the collective organization into the future while, at the same time, dealing with the past. A leader must learn to master the dynamic requirements of decision-making and change.



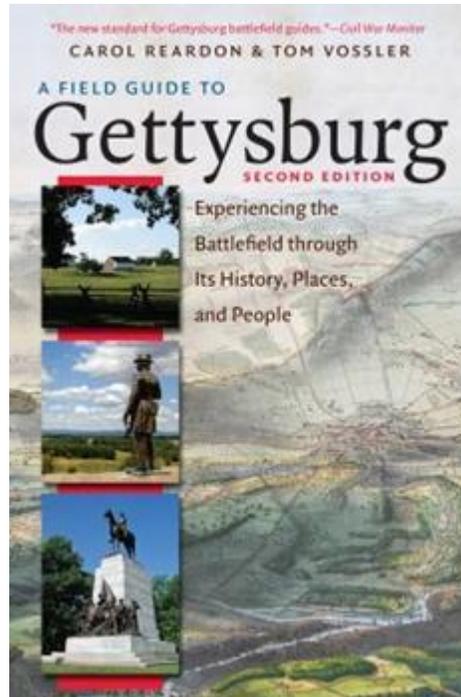
Battle Tested – by Dr. Jeff McCausland and Tom Vossler

Jeff McCausland is the founder and CEO of Diamond6 Leadership and Strategy, LLC. He also serves as a Visiting Professor of International Security Affairs at Dickinson College and is a former Distinguished Visiting Professor of Research and Minerva Chairholder at the U.S. Army War College. Jeff is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, holds a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and is a West Point graduate. His military assignments included: the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Army Staff; command of an artillery battalion during the Gulf War; Dean of the Army War College; and Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council Staff, the White House. Since retiring he has served as a Chaired Professor of Leadership at the U.S. Naval Academy and subsequently a Visiting Professor at the Penn State Graduate School of International Affairs. Jeff is also a national security consultant for CBS radio and television as well as a Senior Fellow at both the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs in New York, and the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the Naval Academy. He has published and lectured broadly--both in the United States and over twenty-five foreign countries--on national security affairs, NATO, the wars in Afghanistan/Iraq, and leadership development.

Co-author Colonel Tom Vossler, U.S. Army (Retired) served thirty years active military service in the U.S. Army to include command of an infantry platoon in combat during the Vietnam War. Since retiring in 1998, Tom has worked as a Federally examined and Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg where he specializes in battlefield studies and leadership seminars for national and international military units and civilian corporations. Additionally, Tom conducts on an annual basis upwards of fifty Gettysburg battlefield tours for individuals, families and youth groups.

For the past ten years, Tom has served as the leading historian for Jeff McCausland's Diamond6 Leadership and Strategy, LLC. on American Civil War battlefields at Gettysburg, Antietam, and Manassas. The book which they've collectively put forward is the culmination of ten years of leadership seminars conducted "on the field" with various and disparate groups of high achievers.

Tom is the co-author of two previous books on the 1863 battle at Gettysburg (one in the second edition) and one book on the 1862 battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg, Maryland. His television credits include participation in historical documentary programs appearing on The History Channel, The Discovery Channel, C-SPAN 3, and the Pennsylvania Cable Network.



Tom Vossler
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Book Overview

This second, updated edition of the acclaimed A Field Guide to Gettysburg will lead visitors to every important site across the battlefield and also give them ways to envision the action and empathize with the soldiers involved and the local people into whose lives and lands the battle intruded. Both Carol Reardon and Tom Vossler are themselves experienced guides who understand what visitors to Gettysburg are interested in, but they also bring the unique perspectives of a scholar and a former army officer. Divided into three day-long tours, this newly improved and expanded edition offers important historical background and context for the reader while providing answers to six key questions: What happened here? Who fought here? Who commanded here? Who fell here? Who lived here? And what did the participants have to say about it later? With new stops, maps, and illustrations, the second edition of A Field Guide to Gettysburg remains the most comprehensive guide to the events and history of this pivotal battle of the Civil War.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Giving and Accepting

I'm hoping that 2021 will be better than 2020. It seems like COVID-19 and civil unrest stay in the news but we all made it because you're reading this.

I saw a young man about 10 years old purchase a food bank box that a local grocery store chain was having. The boxes went to a local food bank for Christmas distribution to needy families.

The young man took a \$5 bill out of his pocket and looked at his father as his dad smiled and nodded his head. He was proud of his son because he was giving from his heart to help those in need.

Jesus gave us **LIFE** and **ETERNITY**. He shed his blood by having a crown of thorns placed on his head, beaten by a 'cat of nine tails' (which tears into the skin) 39 times, and then shed more of his blood crucified by being nailed to a cross.

He died to take our sins away so that we could be forgiven of our sins and sinful ways. Do you know anyone else willing to sacrifice like He did for you?

Have you confessed your sins? Have you accepted Christ as your savior? In Matthew 13:33(NIV) ***"This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."***

A rich man died and was buried and went to hell. In Luke 16 23-29 (NIV) ***"In hell where he was in torment he looked up and saw Abraham with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, "Father Abraham have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue because I am in agony of the fire!"***

You get the picture now?

The following list is what I've received of those who have passed on.

1) Doug Runice-sudden heart attack July 2020 (At his wife's request a donation was made to his church instead of flowers.) 2) Annie Hunt (my mother-in-law/Cathy's mom) June 2020 3) Jack Lambert's wife Karen passed away this week due to a hole in her colon causing leakage to her stomach. 4) CSM James Harrington (A Btry 4th Bn 17th FA approx. 20-25 years)

The following are those who are sick or distressed: 1) Wallace Bates- back surgery fusion with difficult recovery 2) Bill Beers- Back problems 3) Gene Johnson- dialysis and congestive heart failure 4) Richard Flowers – Pulled big toe out of socket and tore skin off of his heel. 5) Norm & Annette Jones-health issues 6) Tom Kurtz-caregiver 7) Jack Stroud-cancer

Three pocket sized Gideon's Bibles were sent to members. Please keep all of these members and their families in your prayers. On a closing note I'd like to thank Bill Beers and others who have been "well-wishers" "this week after an eight day quarantine. COVID-19 came back negative, but flu was positive. (I wonder if I can get my money back on the flu shot. J)

Stay safe and God Bless,

Richard

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