

TIGER TRACKS

The Newsletter of the Steel Tigers 77th Armor Association

Reunion 2016: Pittsburgh, PA

December 2015



The 2016 Steel Tigers reunion will be held July 28-31, 2016 and be hosted by Bob and Linda Mizwa in their hometown of Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh is the second largest city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a population of 305,842 and the county seat of Allegheny County.

Pittsburgh is known as both "The Steel City" for its more than 300 steel-related businesses, as well as "The City of Bridges" for its 446 bridges. Some of the Pittsburgh made steel went to projects like the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge. The city features 30 skyscrapers, 2 inclines, a pre-revolutionary fortification and the source of the Ohio River at the confluence of the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers.

Pittsburgh was named in 1758 by General John Forbes, in honor of British statesman William Pitt, 1st Earl of Chatham.

Dr. Jonas Salk and the University of Pittsburgh are honored for the creation of the first polio vaccine.

The first ferris wheel was invented by Pittsburgh local George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. in 1892

Hollywood film crews are drawn to Pittsburgh for its endless variety of architecture, neighborhood charm and great local support. More than 50 major films have been shot on location in the area during the past decade, including the Academy Award winning *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Lorenzo's Oil* and *Hoffa*.

Pittsburgh has a rich history in arts and culture dating from the 19th century, many museums and of course the Pittsburgh Zoo.



EARLY REGISTRATION

Early registrations help our host in the planning process. When planning your summer vacation, please try to make reservations at the hotel or register for the reunion or both so we can get early head counts.

Accommodations:

Wyndham Grand

Pittsburgh Downtown

600 Commonwealth Pl.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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for more information and brochures.



President Message

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Steel Tigers; as always Cynthia and I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and in good spirits for the holiday season.

It was great to see familiar faces and new ones in Ventura, CA. thanks to Jim McPhie for sponsoring such a great event.

I'm happy to report the organization is strong both physically and financially, as always I would like to see new members be brought into the pack. We, as an organization, in order to ensure the long term health of the association must continue to look for and invite our lost sheep back into the flock.

To the business at hand, since Col Meyer had to step down because of health (we wish him the best), the request for a new Honorary Colonel of the Regiment has been submitted to the Battalion at Fort Bliss. Thanks again to Col Rick Benson for accepting this responsibility.

We have had a friend of the Regiment take photos of the monument at Fort Knox, the monument is showing some wear, but is in OK condition. I'm currently trying to find a company in the area who can give the organization a cost to stabilize and clean this part of our history; more to follow on this endeavor.

The proposed monument at Fort Benning's Armor and Cavalry Museum is a work in progress. I expect by the next meeting we will have an artist concept with decisions that will need to be made in order to finalize the design and move towards our goal of a Regimental Monument at the future site. Thanks again to all who have already given to the cause. Anyone wanting to donate to the fund for the monument can send their donation to Bob Basner or include it with your dues payment.

Bob Mizwa has volunteered to host the 2016 reunion in Pittsburgh, PA with dates to be announced. Cynthia I look forward to seeing all of you at what will be a great event.

Roger Yuraska
77th Armor Association President
Steel Tigers

CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Guy Holmes and Richard Cavanaugh served together at LZ Nancy, RVN as soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 77th Armor in 1968 and a special friendship was forged by these two men even though they will not see each other again until 2015. But the providence of God brought these two men back together at the 2015 1/77th Armor Reunion in Ventura, CA, and they were able to experience the pleasure and healing that takes place in the company of other men who had become their band of brothers in their youth and will be so till the end of their days on this earth.

The following letter was written by Guy Holmes and the special bond that he has with Dick Cavanaugh. Guy also has a strong desire to help us try to contact old comrades that have not been to one of our

reunions and he has created a draft letter that any of us can use to contact guys. Guy has given me permission to share his letters to all of you.

Special Note of Praise and Thanks: I thank Jim McPhie and his family for an outstanding reunion. Jim planned, managed and cared for our every need with love. The Ventura Reunion was an act of love by Jim to all of us and I thank him. It was a great reunion. **Proverbs 17:17** "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." **Proverbs 27:17** "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Father Jeremiah Brown, Chaplain, 77th Armor Association

1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, Reunion 2015

Although I had no clue at the time, the setup for this reunion started in April 1968 at Fort Carson, where I was assigned as the Battalion Personnel Staff NCO. Dick Cavanaugh was assigned to Battalion Headquarters as the S-1 Command Track Driver and later also drove my jeep. We trained together at Fort Carson for several months while preparing for deployment to Vietnam. Shortly after our arrival in Vietnam, we started receiving the Battalion tracks and other equipment at Wonder Beach. Dick was there with the Battalion Headquarters unit since he be driving the Command Track when we left the beach. Once all of our equipment was off loaded from the transport ships, we traveled to C-2.

Several months after our arrival in Vietnam, the Battalion Headquarters moved south from Charlie 2, and settled in for the duration of our stay at LZ Nancy, just south of Quang Tri, base for the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, to whom we were attached.

As the Battalion Personnel Staff NCO, I had been assigned the S-1 Jeep. Dick and I traveled the northern I-Corps roads and trails every week, often several times per week. In addition to incoming and outgoing mail, we delivered replacement personnel, picked up personnel for R&R and various other reasons that required a trip back to Battalion or Brigade Headquarters. While the runs up to the 'Alpha' bases were very nerve wrecking and adrenalin producing, they helped pass the time of day for a couple of 'headquarters' guys. The road trips eventually required runs to points south, as far at Da Nang. It was always comforting to catch, and hook up with a convoy, especially right behind a Quad Fifty truck on Highway 1. While returning to LZ Nancy from one of these runs south to 24th Corps Headquarters, we were fired on. While the bullets cracked an inch or so above the windshield of the jeep, Dick hollered "what should we do?" My response was "You keep this thing moving, I'll return fire." The Motor Platoon Sergeant had given me a 45 Cal Tommy-Gun the week before, just in case. (I took it because it made me feel safer than my 45 Cal side arm.) I remember standing up and emptying the clip in the direction I thought the firing came from. There was an old bus stopped along the side of the road,

cooling it's engine. I'm pretty sure that the shot came from the bus, but why kill any of the momma-sans, babies, chickens, and pigs, and MAYBE the person who fired at us. I could not see a single male on the bus other than the driver, so I just unloaded into the ground around it. We got past it without any further incoming fire, so I was satisfied. We probably would have been laughed out of the beer tent had I shared this when we got back. Looking back, it was rather comical how we both reacted. But more to the point of this writing, I didn't realize it at the time, but my respect for Dick's driving was raised above all limits that day.

When we got back to LZ Nancy Dick came up to me and said (no asking permission) "Sarge, after today you can keep your f..... Jeep, I want to go to a Tank Company!" I said I would make the necessary changes to the unit records, and told him to go pack his gear. From that day on, I did my own driving, until it was time to leave country, and the Jeep had to go back to LZ Nancy.

That was in the Fall of 1968. The next time I heard anything about Dick was when his tank hit a mine and he was blown out of the drivers' hatch. Even though he had been wounded in that explosion, he received the Bronze Star with "V" device for saving his crew. I didn't hear from him again until sometime in February 1969, when the process of unit infusion started. (That is when unattached units exchanged personnel of like MOS, but with a different DEROS dates, so as to lessen the impact of massive personnel replacements when a unit's initial tour was complete, and its personnel begin returning to the U.S.) I knew Dick would be eligible for transfer to another outfit, probably down in II Corps somewhere. I got in touch with him through his First Sergeant and asked him if he wanted to stay with his unit or be transferred elsewhere. Of course he choose to stay, so his name got skipped as the transfers were processed. End of story, I was able to take care of the guy that had taken care of me on so many Jeep runs. (Or so I thought at the time.)

After Vietnam, I served in Germany for four years, trying my best not to think about Vietnam. That was followed by an assignment as a Senior Instructor at the Army's Personnel Management School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, until I retired in 1979. The loss of Quang Tri in 1972 and the eventual loss of the war with the fall of Saigon, brought on such feelings of guilt and depression that once again I took to the road as a member of a team inspecting units across the U.S. for proper Personnel Management and Records Maintenance. Again, I did everything I could to avoid thinking about Vietnam or the guys I served with.

After retirement I went to college in the daytime and worked night shifts. I eventually got involved with the local Vet Center in Indianapolis, where I went through several PTSD groups. Of course Dick came up, the incident on Highway 1 specifically, and at once I was filled with the strongest urgency to find out if he made it back home, if he got home in one piece, what he was doing with his life. That was in 1984.

Trying everything I could think of, I was unsuccessful in locating him. My inquiry in the VVA magazine did result in contact with another one of my men, the Battalion Mail Clerk who reached out. We communicated several times, but he also was unable to locate Dick. (I had been able to maintain contact with one other person who served with me in Vietnam, and actually was able to visit with him and his wife in 2005, while my wife and I were on an extended cross country road trip, but that is another story.)

In 2009 I attended a unit reunion in hopes of, if not actually meeting up with Dick, I might at least find someone who knew how to get in contact with him. No luck. However, I did meet the Battalion Chaplain at that reunion and over the next six years I continued my efforts to locate Dick. I finally sent a letter to Dick through the Chaplain, who had several addresses for him. I gave Dick permission to ignore the letter, challenge my identity, or openly call or email. (I've attached an example of the letter for use by anyone reading this article.)

Dick emailed me with a request that I provide irrefutable evidence that I was who I said I was. Naturally, I had the perfect proof. My return email referred to the incident on Highway 1, and I asked him if he was the one who told me to "Put this bleeping Jeep where the sun don't shine, I'm going to a Tank Company!"

The reunion did not actually happen until September this year, but we started preparing for it the day of our emails! The first phone call was a fantastic experience, including getting choked up and tearful. We talked for over an hour. Several phone calls and emails followed, sharing about our wives, and families. Of course the closer to the September reunion date, the more intense the planning became. Dick expressed many of the same problems I had experienced with memories, emotions, and denial. He shared that this was especially true for him since he retired and had a lot of free time on his hands. I shared with him some of the Peer Counseling work I've been doing with the VA. We coordinated our schedule of reunion activities, ensuring that we left ample time for each other.

September 9th, 2015, LAX International Airport. I hadn't driven in Los Angeles since 1975, and that was to drop a friend off at his home in the suburbs, and continue on my way north to Santa Barbara. I left Bakersfield at 0400, just to give myself plenty of time to get lost and still be on time to meet Dick's flight from Boston. I was waiting for him at the baggage claim area, and had fallen asleep. Next thing I hear is "Hey Sarge – you sleeping?" I recognized his Brooklyn accent before I recognized him. Amazingly, it was relatively easy getting out of the city. Here we were, after 46 years, back together on the road. We took a slow drive up Highway 1 (only in California, USA this time) to Ventura Beach, and I was driving. Good catch up time.

The next couple of days and evenings seemed like a year and at the same time passed like a couple of hours. We shared pictures, remembering faces and sometimes the names that went with them. Ever since my first visit to the Wall in DC I have been haunted by the inability to identify one of the men in my unit that was killed while driving the Battalion XO. Looking through the pictures I had brought with me, Dick was able to identify him. Dick and he had been training buddies back at Fort Carson. Another answer received. We talked about some of the incidents that have since caused us trauma, and one that I thought I had dreamt or added to mine history through having worked with so many other Vets. Dick mentioned the incident and I felt immediately validated. It was not just a dream, it was real, and it was a nightmare. We spoke of our loss of faith, and our desire to gain it back. We also spent time talking to the other guys we served with, recalling both the sadness of our losses, and the joy and gratitude expressed when one Vet walked up to another Vet and said "I bet you don't remember me, but I want to thank you for saving my life."

Tears, uncontrollable, healing, tears. Wives sitting and watching as their Veteran was reaching out to his friends, or was being reached out to. Wives, who sat quietly and just took in the experience of their Veterans putting some things together, and putting some things to rest after 46 years! I hope that each Veteran remembered to thank their wives and families for the years of just being there for and with them.

Dick and I spoke about this, since his wife choose to stand in for him at his 50th High School reunion so he could attend this one. My wife had attended the reunion with me in 2009, and since she was fully aware of my upcoming reunion with Dick, she said she was staying home this time. I am forever grateful for her loving support. We ended our reunion by agreeing to make plans to get together with our wives, for a trip, at some not too distant point in time.

After being home for less than a week, I attended my PTSD Peer Support Group. I had promised the guys that I would share this experience with them. Some of them had been to unit reunions and some had not. Of those who had, they expressed differing results of having gone, from FANTASTIC, to – it was just a bunch of guys getting drunk, could have done that at home. All of the guys in the group had wished me well at the last meeting before I went. As I started to share what the experience had been like for me was able to get only one or two comments out and then I froze up. Could not speak. I apologized, and promised to journal about the group session and share it the following week.

What I came up with was that I was depressed because it was over, that once again I had left everyone behind and gone home. Because of the work and healing I've received through sharing with other Veterans, which also includes a renewing of my Faith and Trust in Christ, I was able to recognize this small window of opportunity that journaling gave me. I realized that I had a choice to make, either allow the depression to take a stronger hold on me or use the tools I've received over the years and openly and honestly share my thoughts and emotions. I shared with my wife, then chose one of the group members to share with, and finally I shared with the whole group.

I realize now that the reunion was like experiencing what we had in Vietnam – but the combat, fear, and anger was replaced with being able to express the true friendship, sadness, and joys that came (and only could come) from that most difficult and intense year of most of our lives. That these bonds are not just superficial, but are substantial and real. So real, that if allowed, they will be enjoyed and last forever.

Had I chosen to slam shut that window of opportunity, I would have just put another scab over a 46 year old wound, to itch and be scratched forever. Instead, I have experienced the joy of knowing that the journey home is only as good as I allow it to be. Thank You Dick, and Thank You God.

Guy A Holmes
SFC E-7, USA Ret

This sample letter would be sent directly to the person you want to make contact with. Your letter should contain enough information known only to the two of you to validate your true identity. You can include a photo of yourself if you choose.

TO: (The person you are trying to contact)

FROM: Your name/address/email

(Adjust dates, years, town, state, etc. to fit your own situation),

I'm starting this letter with an apology for it is not my intent to intrude or impose myself upon you. Some 45 years ago, 1968 I last saw a good friend. We were both in the US Army, and looking forward to returning to the United States. You in June or July, and me later in the fall.

I found your name: Joe Smith, and this address by searching on a computer website / social media page. This was done at the urging of a group of Veterans I now see regularly. The Joe I knew, had roots in Houston, Texas. His parents lived in that city also and had an old Dodge pickup which I drove one weekend before deployment. The Joe I knew, drove my Pontiac GTO while in Oakland and even replaced the water pump.

Joe had told me on more than one occasion that when he got out of the Army he was going to move to Alaska. I have many great memories of those times between 1968 and 1969. There were some hard and sad time, but there were a lot of good times too, the kind that can only be made in the kind of situation we were in.

Again, thank you for reading this letter and I hope that my writing was not an imposition. I would really enjoy hearing from you, Joe. If you would rather not correspond, I understand, accept, and respect your choice, so you will not hear from me again unless you initiate contact.

Sincerely, (your name, address, phone, and email)

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 0800 HRS. VENTURA, CA**

CALL TO ORDER: President Roger Yuraska called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Yuraska, Gerry Dubois, Walt Evans, Joe D Offutt and Kevin Dunne.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Goldsmith, Robin Marriott and Dick Meyer.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Brown, Bob Basner, Lance Wheeler and Jim McPhie

READING OF THE 2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Motion was made by Kevin Dunne to accept the 2014 minutes as written and seconded by Jerry Brown and the motion passed by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Basner reported a bank balance as of August 2015 of \$21,525.11. Outstanding deposits to date as \$0.00, minus outstanding checks of \$2,147.76 with a total checkbook balance of \$19,377.35. The Monument fund stands at \$2,480.00 at present date.

Form 990-N has been electronically reported for the year 2014.

Charge card summary for the year 2015 beginning January 1st. We had total deposits of \$240.00 and bank charges of \$300.29 for a loss to the Association of \$60.29.

Membership for 2014 was at 138 and for 2015 we are at 145. Membership needs to be increased if we are to survive.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT: Lance Wheeler reported we have merchandise of \$5,026 retail and \$3,267 wholesale on hand.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim McPhie talked about the health of the Organization as a whole and how to increase membership. Roger Yuraska said the Association will start advertising upcoming reunions in the Army Times and the VFW publications. We need to move on with the web site and make it more accessible to not only members but to the active 1-77 Army as well. If we do not include social media links to the web site the Association could be lost.

Roger reported that our present Honorary COL of the Regiment (HCOR) would like to step down due to health concerns and Rick Benson, COL (Ret) would like to take the position. This item will be brought to the General Membership for vote.

There was discussion about having a person to oversee all media coordination. This also will be voted at the general membership meeting.

Motion was made by Kevin Dunne to close the meeting, seconded by Bob Basner, none opposed and the meeting was closed at 0845 hours.

By Secretary Kevin Dunne

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 0900 HOURS VENTURA CA

CALL TO ORDER: President Roger Yuraska called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Roger Yuraska led the Assn. group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Chaplain Jerry Brown said the invocation.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Yuraska, Joe D Offutt, Byrd Nagel, Kevin Dunne, Bob Basner, Jerry Brown, Lance Wheeler and Don Cummings.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dick Myer, Bruce Goldsmith and Charles Trainor

READING OF THE 2014 MINUTES: Secretary Kevin Dunne read the 2014 General Membership minutes. A motion was made by Joe D Offutt to accept the minutes as read and was seconded by Jerry Brown, none opposed and the motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS: Roger Yuraska informed all present the new monument to be built at Fort Benning GA in the Patton Park will be a Regimental monument. It will be one of the first to be dedicated very early on in the Heroes Walk. The cost is still in the \$8000.00 price range. Hopefully we can have enough funds to hold the 2017 reunion at Fort Benning.

A new position to be created by recommendation of the Executive Board will be Communications Director to serve on the Executive Board. A motion to elect Don McCleary for this position was made by Byrd Nagel seconded by Gerry Dubois. None opposed and the motion passed. The Communications Director will be responsible for all social communications to include Facebook, Twitter, etc. and to make links with this social media to our web site.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: A motion was made by Rick Benson that we re-elect Roger Yuraska for a second term as President. Kevin Dunne seconded, none opposed and the motion passed. A motion was made by Walt Evans that Kevin Dunne be elected Vice President. Joe D Offutt seconded, none opposed and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Kevin Dunne that Everett (Byrd) Nagel be elected Secretary. Jim McPhie seconded, none opposed and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Jerry Brown that Bob Basner be re-elected Treasurer and Membership Director. Bob Mizwa seconded, none opposed and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Jim McPhie that Don Cummings be re-elected Historian. Rick Benson seconded, none opposed and the motion passed.

A motion was passed by Kevin Dunne that Joe D Offutt be re-elected Sergeant at Arms. Jerry Brown seconded, none opposed and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Roger Yuraska that Charles Trainor be re-elected Judge Advocate. Gerry Dubois seconded, none opposed and the motion passed.

REUNION 2016: Bob Mizwa volunteered to host the 2016 reunion in Pittsburgh, PA with dates to be determined at a later date. A motion was made by Bob Basner that we hold our reunion in Pittsburgh. Don Cummings seconded, none opposed and the motion passed.

Kevin Dunne made the motion to close the meeting, Rick Benson seconded, none opposed and the meeting was closed at 0945 hours.

By Kevin Dunne, Secretary.



PAID MEMBERS 2015

NAME			STATE	UNIT	YEARS
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	I			
ADCOCK	JAMES		TX		
ALBA	JOHN		CA	C	68-69
AMSTER	EDWARD	B	NJ	A	68-69
ANDERSON	DOUGLAS	R	NV	HHC	68-69
ARDREY	EDWIN		NV	HHC	
BASNER	ROBERT	L	MI	HHC	69-70
BASNER	CONNIE	S	MI	ASSOC	
BELTON	TAYLOR		AL		
BENSON	RICHARD	D	MT	HHC	68-69
BERDICK	ARTHUR	F	TX	B	70-71
BLACK	ARTHUR		CA	ASSOC	
BOIVIN	ROGER		CA	ASSOC	
BONNER	STEVEN		WY	C	70-71
BORLA	DANIEL	T	MI	B	69-70
BOWDEN	RAYMOND	D	GA		
BRADFORD	WALTER	H	VA	B	
BROCKWAY	THOMAS		OH		
BROWN	DONALD	W	CA	HHC	68-69
BROWN	LEONARD	R	UT	C	
BROWN	KENDALL	L	WI		
BROWN	JERRY	A	VA	A	68-69
BUTTON	JACK (JOCKO)	R	KY	A	68-69
CARDONE	TOMMY		TX	HHC	
CAVANAUGH	RICHARD	J	MA		
CHANEY	MICHAEL	L	NM		
CLARK	JAMES		TN	C	69-70
COOPER	PAUL		MA		
CUMMINGS	KAROLYN		AZ	ASSOC	
CUMMINGS	DONALD	L	AZ	B	68-69
DALSTEAD	NORMAN	L	CO		
DAVIS	JOSEPH	H	TX	B	68-69
DEYLING	NORMAN	H	OH	A	68-69
DUBOIS	GERRY	H	CA	A & HHC	68-69
DUBOIS	NICOLE		CA	ASSOC	
DUBOIS	VIVIAN	D	CA	ASSOC	
DUNKLIN	GERALD	W	TX	HHC	70
DUNNE	SUSAN	A	IL	ASSOC	
DUNNE	KEVIN	P	IL	A	68-69
ELLOITT	DONALD	R	TX		
ELROD	BOB		CO	A	68-69
EMERY	RICHARD	C	NJ		
EMMRICH	KURT	A	FL	A	
EVANS	ARLENE		FL	ASSOC	
EVANS	WALTER		FL	HHC	68-69
FAUVER	TERRY	L	PA	B	69-70
FELSTOW	VERNE	C	MI	C	68-69
FLEURY	ROBERT	J	NC		
FORMAN	ROBERT	A	WA	B	68-69
FORTUNE	JOHN	W	GA	HHC	01-05

GLENZ	JAMES	R		NJ		C		68-69
GOLDSMITH	BRUCE	J		MO				
GOODWIN	GARRY	M		OH				
GRACE	JAMES			IL		HHC		
GREER	TERRY			GA		A		
HANNUM	JOHN	W		AZ				
HATT	ABEL	L		MI		C		68-69
HEATHMAN	RODNEY	B		FL				
HOLMES	GUY			CA		HHC		68-69
HOWELL	NEIL	T		KY		D & HHC		
IZAK	STANLEY	W		NY		HHC		
JACKSON	GARLON	D		MA				
JACOBS	JAMES	B		VA				
JIMKOSKI	WILLIAM			MI				
JOHNSTON	ALLAN			AL				
KOCH	SHAWN	M		IL				
KOLAR	DAWN			IL		ASSOC		
KURKLIS	MICHAEL			WI				
LANG	THOMAS	J		FL		D		70-71
LANGSTON	JOHN	W		MO				
LEARY	RICHARD	L		NC				
LEEPER	HENRY			MO				
LEFFMAN	RICHARD	R		OH				
LENZ	RAY			MI		HHC		69-70
LINK	PATRICA	M		HI		ASSOC		
LINK	PHILIP	F		HI		ASSOC		
LOUCK	MICHAEL	E		TN				
MALLOY	JOSEPH			IA		C		68-69
MCCLARY	DONALD	L		MD		HHC/D		69-70
MCCLARY	MARTHA	L		MD		ASSOC		
MCDONALD	ANN MARIA			TX		ASSOC		
MCGEHEE	WILLIAM	C		MS				
MCPHIE	JAMES	G		CA		C		69-70
MEFFORD	ORVILLE	W		KY		B		69
MEYER	RICHARD	M		CA		HHC		70-71
MILIA	CARMELO			MI		HHC		68-69
MILLER	ERIKA			VA		ASSOC		
MIZWA	ROBERT	J		PA		C & D		71
MOORE	JAMES	A		TX				
MORRIS	HENRY	R		MA				
NAGEL	EVERETT (BIRD)	H		MO		A		68
NAGEL	PATRICIA			MO		ASSOC		
NEWTON	VICTOR	M		TX		A		67-68
O'BRYEN	MICHAEL			MI				
OCCHIALINI	PETER			IN				
OFFUTT	JEAN			TX		ASSOC		
OFFUTT	JOE	D		TX		A		65-68
OLDROYD	MARK			NY				
PARKER	LEON			KY		ASSOC		
PARKER	JOYCE			KY		ASSOC		
REYNOLDS	JAMES			MT		B		70-71
ROBERTSON	FLOYD	A		TX		HHC		69-70
ROSEVEAR	WILLIAM	E		PA		A		69-70

ROSSER	THOMAS	A		CA		A		
RUSHFORTH	ROBERT	R		NY				
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Ladies Corner

I always have such a good time at the reunions being with you and renewing our friendship and catching up on family and health. I look forward to seeing all of you in Pittsburgh July 28-31 for the next reunion.

At this time of year we all get busy with many plans. There are presents to buy, dinners to plan, parties to go to, emergency rooms to visit (oh yes we never know when it will be our time), Christmas cards or email to send and I could go on. By the time Christmas comes I feel like I have had a new born babe and he has been keeping me up every night. Christmas can be painful for us. Memories of loved ones or bad times can rob us of any joy we might have had. But I want to share a story with you.

A young woman was to be married soon. In her country life was hard because the people had to scratch out a living and then sell their products and pay half of it to the government. (sound familiar) Before she could get married, she was faced with a shiny being who scared her nearly to death and who told her that God had selected her to have His son. How was that to be possible? She wasn't married yet. The One who created life could do the impossible. She was to do this for God so that all could see His love through the face of His son. He wanted all to see He was working a plan to make a way for them to know He was real and loved them. What was she being asked to do? Give her entire life, anything she thought was going to be in her future, and follow whatever God chose to do to reveal His plan. She was made fun of (pregnant out of wedlock). Her family was shamed. Her husband didn't understand at first until the shiny being came back and explained things. She found out that the government wanted more taxes and there was a trip to Bethlehem because her husband's family came from there. (And yes she was nine months pregnant). Was the baby to be born on the side of the road? No, in a cave because nobody was going to take them in to their house. And if that wasn't enough, the king had discovered that a new king would be born in Bethlehem and decided to kill all baby boys born there. No pressure. And there were visitors! (love unexpected visitors at a busy time) But some of those visitors were so shunned by the towns people that they couldn't believe anyone would accept them much less let them hold the baby. She understood what it was like to be shunned. And more visitors who were foreigners, but they were very kind and brought gifts that could be used to pay for this new trip to another country. What new trip and to where? Yes, the king had been tipped off and the soldiers were in the area to kill her baby. She had to take a newborn on a road trip to a different country. How did she handle it? Well, look in the Bible in Luke 1 and 2 and Matthew 1 and 2 and see that this young woman did not complain, cry or fuss. God took care of them all the way.

Maybe you found some humor or bad memories in Mary's journeys. It made me stop and remember a few of my own journeys. But this Christmas if you find yourself facing unexpected things asked of you, unexpected trips to your husband's family, bad news on TV of someone wanting to kill you (ISIS), unexpected visitors or road trips with the kids or grandkids; hang in there. God can take care of you too. God Bless You. Merry Christmas

Kathie Brown

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