Hotel 2/5 Newsletter

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The Charleston reunion was a great success and this year's reunion is getting closer and closer. I am saying that more to remind me that there is so much to be done.

The 2019 reunion is scheduled for San Antonio, Texas. Larry has the order of march and much much more up on the web site. Also the room reservation info is up there. However, the reunion registration portion is under construction. Keep checking the web page for updates on the reunion. http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2019-san-antonio-texas-reunion/

We had a lot of great things auctioned at the Charleston reunion and made a good start on replenishing the reserve funds. Some quality items were donated and a big thank you goes out to everyone. See the article about the auction.

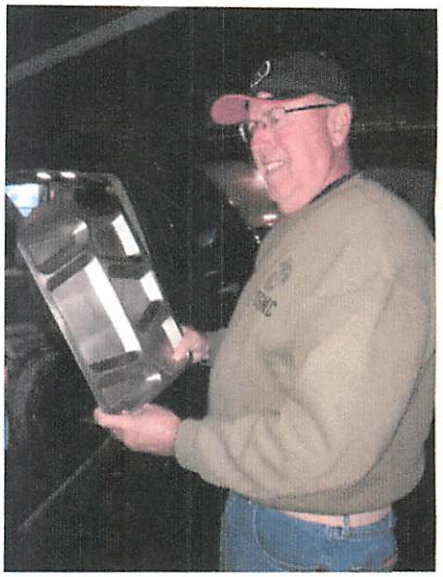
There is an exception. Tony Cordisco attempted to clear out an old Mess Hall tray that had been given to him years ago. Tony's big mistake was sitting around in downtown Charleston telling me the story behind the tray and desire to get it out of his garage.

Raddy bought the tray for $40. That's not really a record for an almost worthless item. Doc Kuftic bought an empty wine bottle for $50 in New Orleans.

I convinced Raddy that the tray needed to be hidden in Tony's car so that he would arrive at home and discover that he was still the proud owner of a Mess Hall tray.



With a little help from Tony's wife, Nancy, the tray was hidden in the car in plain sight and discovered when he got home. Nancy also gets credit for preserving the moment for historical purposes.



I expect Tony to try and unload the tray again in San Antonio. I'm hoping it will become a yearly tradition.

Hope to see you all again in San Antonio, Texas in November.

Semper Fi.
Jay



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2019 Reunion Info
San Antonio, Texas

This year's reunion is scheduled for San Antonio, Texas November 7th through the 11th.

I am really excited again about this location as I have never been there and it is full of history. The hotel is a short walk to the Alamo.

The host for the reunion is Robert Hardrick. Robert has received and continues to receive a tremendous amount of support and assistance from Larry Tyler. If you would like to help out just contact Robert at (513) 410-0935

Check out the web page for details on registration for the reunion and the hotel. http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2019-san-antonio-texas-reunion/

La Quinta Inn and Suites Riverwalk

Detailed information concerning reservations at the La Quinta Inn and Suites Riverwalk for the reunion can be found at on the web site at: http://hotel25vv.org/reunions/2019-san-antonio-texas-reunion/hotel-registration/

Call the reservations department directly to work out your individual reservations at our negotiated group rate. Call Reservations Department **866-527-1498 option #1** for Hotel La Quinta Inns & Suites San Antonio Riverwalk (property #0501) to make your individual reservations. Provide our group name: "**Hotel 2/5 Reunion 2019"** to get your **discounted group rate of $126.00 + 16.75%** (for government taxes) per night stay. Be prepared to provide your credit card information to guarantee reservations. This rate is also guaranteed for up to three days prior stay and three days stay beyond our event date range for those of you wanting to stay longer than the three night stay. Please note: Due to a changeover in their computer systems coming up in April, automated electronic on-line reservations are not accepted. If you call the hotel front desk directly, provide them with our group name. They will not give you our group rate if you don't give them the group name.

Make your reservations early to ensure that you get a room at the discount rate.

Order of March

Itinerary for the 2019 San Antonio, Texas is as follows:

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – (optional) Dinner among early reunion arrivals at a local restaurant (call ahead for details).

Thursday, November 7, 2019

TBD Navy Corpsmen only – Tour of nursing school at Sam Houston Army Base, see Dennis Noah for details

1300 – 1800 Registration opens in our Hospitality Room (Crockett West)

1700 – 1800 Meet and Greet in Hospitality Room (Crockett West) including sandwiches and munchies, sodas, water and ice tea

1800 – 2000 Formal Meeting for information agenda and greeting new comers

2100 – 2230 Vietnam War presentation by – Larry Tyler

2000 – 2400 Our bar is open in the Founder's Parlor (15th floor) for alcohol drinking. BYOB

Friday, November 8, 2019

0630 – 0930 Complimentary full, hot breakfast for all staying at this hotel

0800 – 1100 Hospitality room (Crockett West) open

1130 – 1330 Meet at LoneStar Café overlooking "The San Antonio RiverWalk" for a group luncheon: "Taste of Texas" The bar opens there at 1100

1400 – 2400 Hospitality Room (Crockett West) open

1800 – 2400 Founder's Parlor (15th floor) is open BYOB

Saturday, November 9, 2019

0630 – 0930 Complimentary full, hot breakfast for all staying at this hotel

0800 – 1600 Hospitality room (Crockett West) open

1900 – 2300 Semi-formal Hotel 2/5 Banquet Dinner in Fiesta ABC Banquet room with Guest Speaker – John Baines

2200 – ???? Founder's Parlor (15th floor) open BYOB

Sunday, November 10, 2019 – Marine Corps Birthday!

0630 – 0930 Complimentary full, hot breakfast for all staying at this hotel

0800 – 1200 Hospitality Room (Crockett West) is open

0900 – 0945 Annual Business Meeting in Hospitality Room (Crocket West)

1200 Reunion Event is over.

New Photos Up Online

I have a photo page that is a free site with limited space. Recently Nikon granted a free upgrade giving me a bunch of space. I am still limited by the internet speed that I have so uploading is a pain in the ass.

Charlie McMahon sent me some photos and I have finally been able to get them up for viewing. Here is a description of the photos provided by Charlie:

Photos 1 and 2 are the site of the graveyard fight. Note the air strikes in the distance.
Copy: Photo 1 cropped and enhanced
Photo 3: Wade, Labbe, McCormick, M60 gun team at the boy's school in Hue
Photo 4: Wade, Labbe, McCormick in Phu Bai
Photo 5: Corpsman Leroy Morin
Photo 6: Corpsman Leroy Morin in Troui River Valley

You can see them at: http://img.gg/2e4uNKI

Your going to need the password. It is: Semper Fi Type it in or cut and paste. Spelling counts and you need to capitalize the first letter in each word.

Other photos from Hotel Company guys and some of the reunion photos that have been up for sometime now are listed below. The password for all of the pages is the same. Semper Fi

You should be able to go to the site just by clicking on the URL. If not, copy and paste.

Each of the photos can be downloaded to your own computer.

If you have any trouble getting in to view just let me know.

Hotel DOD Photos:

http://img.gg/wz9Elcf

Barry Broman's Photos:

http://img.gg/ltoz9Id

Dr. Bailey's Photos:

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Doc Rod Rood's Photos:

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Carlos "Paco" Armenta's Photos:

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Capt. Drez's Photos:

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Doc Noah Photos:

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Doc Noah Camp Del Mar:

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Dennis Kuftic's Photos:

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Thomas Whitey Boggs

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Lt. Homer "Bo" Brookshire

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Larry DeClerck Photos

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Robert Dash's Photos:

http://img.gg/KDs9CYf

2018 Reunion Auction

A lot of items were presented for auction in Charleston. Money was generously donated for these items by Hotel Company members and their friends and family. Raddy is the proud owner of one of the treasured items that followed us from Pensacola.



Raddy's Prize Pelican



Hotel 2/5 Blanket by Lois Casey

Carolin and Carlie hold a blanket crafted by Lois Casey, Dennis Casey's wife. I would love to get the story behind the finished product for the next newsletter. I can only imagine the time spent.

The next two blankets were donated by Linda Koerber, wife of Frank Koerber, first time attendees. I don't know the whole story but I do know that Linda got the inspiration from the ribbons embroidered on Frank's hat. The Vietnam Campaign Ribbon blanket was auctioned at the reunion. The Combat Action Ribbon blanket was under construction at the time of the reunion and wasn't finished because of time constraints and her hands got sore. I arranged a silent auction and snagged it for myself.

A huge thanks goes out to each and everyone who donated.

More stories to follow about other items in future issues.



Vietnam Campaign Ribbon Blanket by Linda Koerber



Combat Action Ribbon Blanket by Linda Koerber

One of the auction items was a hand made Black Walnut pen and pencil set turned on the lathe using wood from a local tree given to me by a great buddy of mine who showed up one morning on my doorstep with half a tree and asked me if I wanted some wood.



Parts



A real man does not read the instructions

Larry ended up with the highest bid and asked for some form of authenticity paperwork so I decided to write this up for the newsletter.

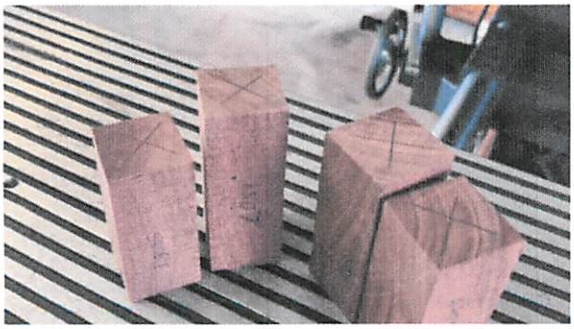


Drill Press

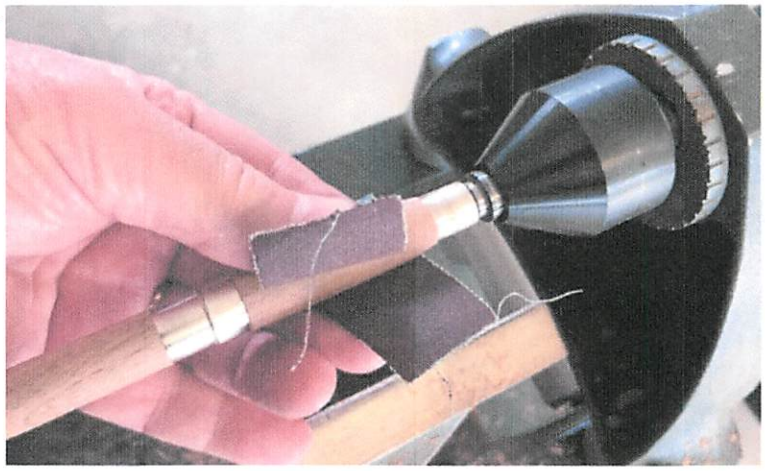
The pen and pencil start out in my garage as just a bunch of parts and a couple of blocks of wood. Next the wood is cut and drilled. The wood is then turned on the lathe until it is the appropriate size. Sanding is next.



Just the beginning



Black Walnut wood blanks whittled down from a tree branch



Rough Sanding



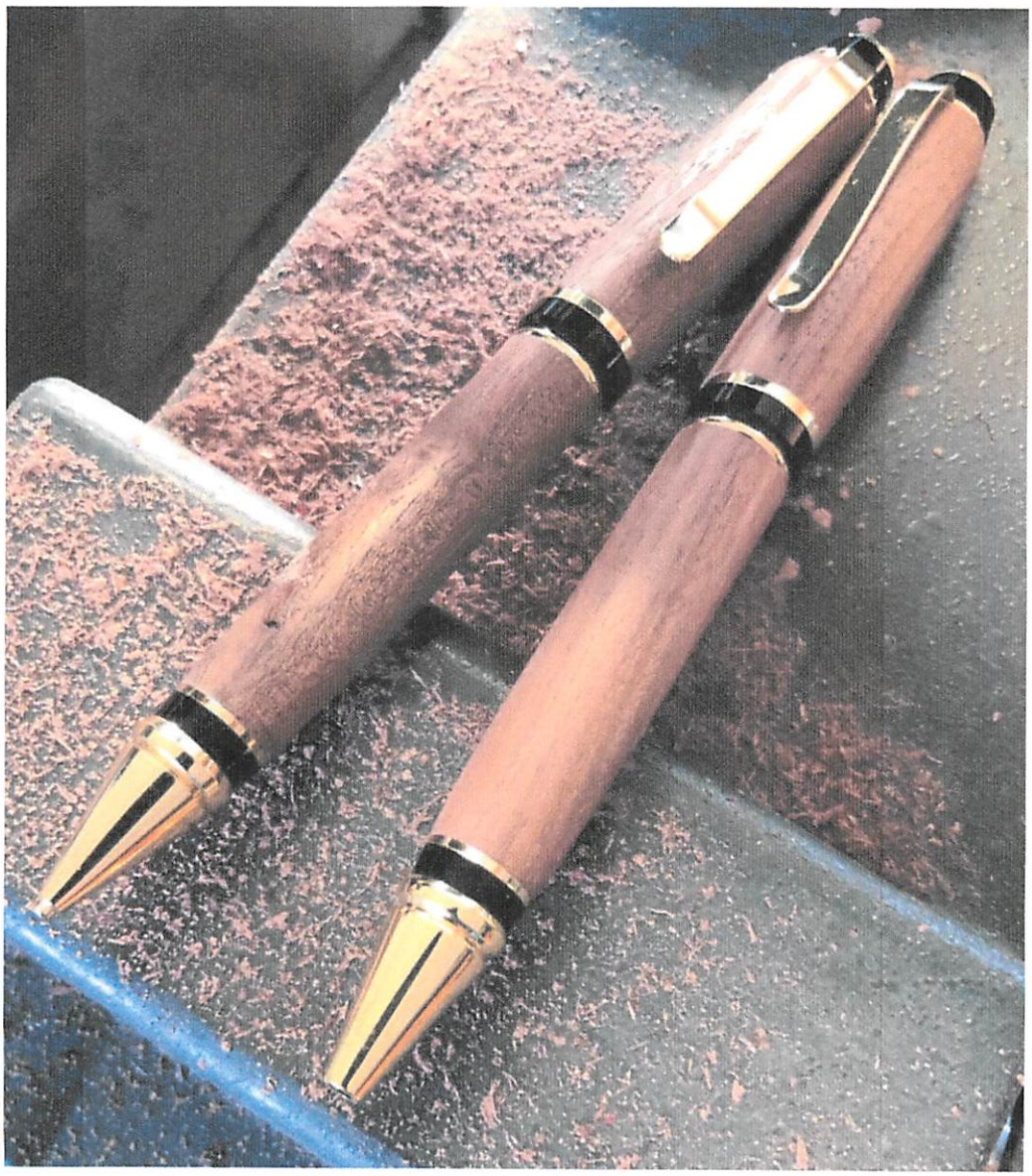
Fine sanding with steel wool



Final wipe down before assembly

The parts are then assembled into the wood.

They will be in the mail to Larry on Monday or Tuesday.



Assembled Pen and Pencil