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Richie Rebel says, "Rebel pride lives here."

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Life & Times of the Rebels of '69

Thornton Fractional Township High School South, Class of 1969, Lansing, Illinois

New TFS Veterans Wall of Honor

An Exceptional Display

by **Michael J. Sanow** (TFS '90)

Sergeant First Class U. S. Army 1995 to present



I want to take this opportunity to say thank you and congratulate TFS teacher Mr. Chris Roberts and the TF South History Club for their tremendous effort

and honor of honoring the Fallen Heroes, those who served, and those who continue to serve in our Nation's Military by commemorating them to the Rebels Remembered Wall of Honor. There was a great turnout May 27, 2017 of students (young and old) and of Lansing residents for this historic and memorable occasion.

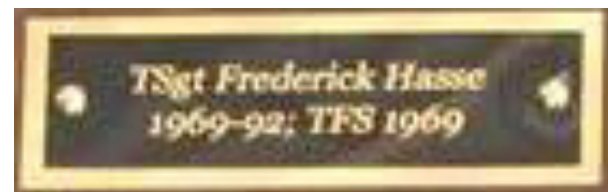
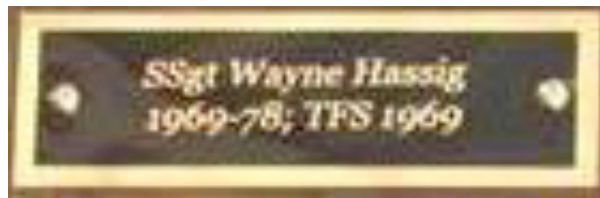
To be perfectly honest, I've been to my fair share of ceremonies in my time, and this ranks up there as one of the better ones in my memory. It was very special and heartfelt. I especially enjoyed the speech from TFS student and outgoing History Club President Miranda Manis, Class of 2017. How proud you must be, and deservedly so, to have accomplished this achievement before you graduated.

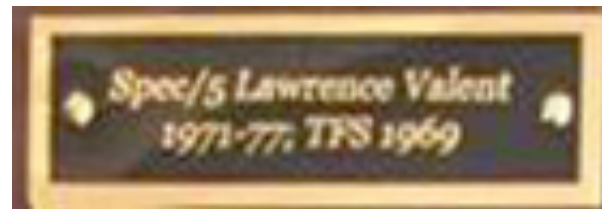
There were also moving speeches by Mayor Patty Eidam and School Board President Richard Dust (TFS '65). As always, the Lansing Veterans Memorial Ceremonial Honor Guard did a great job posting colors.

So much effort was put into putting this together and it was so nice to see so many friends and neighbors. I encourage you to see it, especially if you know or knew someone whose name is on the wall.

As Mr. Dust and Principal Jacob Gourley say, "Rebel Pride is alive and well at TF South." Today was no exception. Rather, it was exceptionally on display.

13 TFS Class of '69 Veterans Honored on the Wall





Rebels Remembered Project Continues

by **Mr. Chris Roberts**

TFS Social Studies Teacher and History Club Sponsor

Thank you to all those who continue to support this project! This is an ongoing project in which we are still collecting names. We will continue to update our records and make sure that we have the correct information. We will make sure that everyone is made aware of when the next engraving and installation will be completed.

TO SUBMIT INFORMATION: If you are a TFS graduate and served or are serving in

our Nation's Military but you haven't submitted your information, you may email your information—

Name, Rank, Branch of Service, Years of Service, and Graduation Year

to me, Chris Roberts, CRoberts@tfd215.org.

Please email your information now, as the next engraving deadline is July 3.

TO VIEW THE WALL: If you are interested in viewing the Wall of Honor in the TFS Grand Lobby, please call the main office before planning your visit. The phone number is 708-585-2007. The Wall of Honor will be open to viewing Monday–Thursday from 1:30–3:30 during the summer. Also, remember to bring a photo I.D. to enter the building.

TO DONATE: We are continuing to collect donations. We hope to add lighting and stanchions in front of the walls to protect them. If you would like to donate, checks payable to T.F. South History Club may be mailed to

T.F. South High School History Club

c/o Chris Roberts

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FACEBOOK PAGE: [Rebels Remembered Veterans Project](#)



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)
a video interview with Mr. Chris Roberts, as he talks about the mission of the TFS Rebels Remembered Veterans Project.

Can You Help? Classmate **Greg Bossick**, an Air Force veteran, passed away in 2011. We'd like to see Greg honored for his service on the new TFS Veterans Remembered Wall of Honor, but to have Greg's name engraved, we need his rank and years of service. If you have this information, please email **TEAM69** at TFSouth69@gmail.com Thank you.

Classmates Hit the Road and Reconnect

Ken Jayne (Illinois), **Dennis Knoerzer** (Missouri), and wives Zeny and Cindy get together every so often,

and this time it was in St. Charles, Missouri. Ken had an itch to do some go-kart racing, so they did a couple of races at Boschertown Grand Prix Racing followed by a visit to Fast Lane Classic Cars. Dennis reminds us that "these cars were brand new when we were young." The next visit will be in Ken's neighborhood.



Bill's Photos Chosen for Indiana Health Center



Twenty-eight photographic images of our own *Life & Times* photographer **Bill Hutchison** (Indiana) will be on public display at Ascension's new St. Vincent's ambulatory care center in Brownsburg, Indiana. Great American Art, a design company that provides art for healthcare facilities and offices, chose Bill's beautiful nature photos to hang throughout the non-emergency care facility.

What's in Your Vista?

Our TFS classmates are scattered around the world. Let's find out what we love about our homes. Send us a city, nature, or landscape photo that shows what is special about where you live for our new focus feature "This Is My Vista." Please avoid showing people if you can and briefly describe your vista and why you love it. TEAM69 is excited to see your photo! Send it to TFSouth69@gmail.com Here's our first one.

This Is My Vista

Pat Walsh (Arizona) shares this June 2017 photo of two bobcat kittens playing in her Catalina Foothills yard.



Mama bobcat was nearby watching closely. What's special about her southeast Arizona home? Pat says, "The wildlife, the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert, and close-to-home surprises like this."

TFS **TEAM69** Heard from...

Denise Steinberg Johnson (North Carolina)—Just got the new issue and read it already. Jack and Carol Bendell Wier's "love story" was incredible and brought back many memories of those great years. Amazing how they reconnected. ["The Ultimate Google," *Life & Times* June 2017]. So happy for Pat Walsh on getting her story published in the Chicken Soup book. Quite an accomplishment. ["Life & Times Story Chosen for New Book," *Life & Times* June 2017] Love reading the newsletter and staying in touch. Nice use of our cyber-world technologies. Stay happy and healthy.



Marilyn Rea Beyer (Massachusetts)—What an artful retelling of the story of Jack & Carol, a tale I know well ["The Ultimate Google," *Life & Times* June 2017]. It was a joy to be with them at their Hawaii wedding in 2007... Time has flown, but their hearts still flutter for one another! (I'm reading this on June 1, the 31st anniversary of my own wedding to Rick Beyer. Love is grand.) Thanks for the uplifting class news, including the tender remembrances of those who have left this beautiful planet. Sending love to all my TFS friends.

Grace Demanuele Talbot (California)—Loved reading about Jack & Carol Wiers's reunion story! ["The Ultimate Google," *Life & Times* June 2017] Romantic and Sweet! Thank you for the wonderful Newsletters you all so beautifully put together to keep us informed of our classmates! Bless you all.

Jerry Fritz (Virginia)—Wasn't Jack Wier's full-circle love story with Carol the best?! ["The Ultimate Google," *Life & Times* June 2017] I was subsumed in the detail and the long played-out flicker of the torch rekindled into a blaze.

Donna Torgerson Clark (Illinois)—Loved the story of Jack and Carol!! ["The Ultimate Google," *Life & Times* June 2017] I'm so glad you found each other! Really, too cute for words. 😊

Michael Sailor (Illinois)—Another Top Notch issue worthy of being read from the rooftop of the world.

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Greetings from Nepal to all the 69er Rebels.



Happy July Birthday!

Robert J. Murray, Glenn Wierzbicki, Jack Wiers, Al Greenfield, Dan White, Rob Garrison, Tom Stephen, Nancy Horvatic Tschischik, Deb Ruth Mazzocco, Mike Wright, Robert Hanink, Mark Feigenbaum, Sandy Fritz Zaborski

June Anniversaries Celebrated

Rick & **Marilyn Rea Beyer** (Massachusetts)—31 years

Sue Taylor & **Fred Hasse** (Kentucky)—17 years

Pam Miller (TFS '71) & **Ron Schultz** (Illinois)—16 years

Carol Bendell (TFS '69.5) & **Jack Wiers** (Hawaii)—11 years

Ed & Peggy Peacock Kubic (South Carolina)—44 years

Chuck & **Lauri McVicker Norris** (Illinois)—44 years



Welcome Grandbaby!

Jane (TFS '73) and **Dave Kats** (Indiana) welcome new grandson, Henry David, to the family. Henry was born in June to daughter-in-law Sarah and son Jesse and joins big sister Chloe, who also makes Dave smile.

Congratulations 2017 Graduate

Evan Wierzbicki, son of proud dad **Glenn**



Wierzbicki (Illinois), graduated in May with Honors from the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. Evan shares his talents by playing bass at his church and has a job lined up at the Boston Apple Store.

Our Heartfelt Condolences to...

Debra and Rich Wold (Indiana) and their family on the passing of Rich's mother, Rita, in June. Mrs. Wold, 87, was a tireless volunteer at St. Ann's Church and served as Lansing Village Clerk from 1981–85. If anyone had a servant's heart, it was Mrs. Wold.



Hey, TFS '67 Siblings & Friends—

The Class of 1967's 50th Reunion Will Be Sept. 16, 2017

TFS Class of 1967 will hold its 50th (yes, FIVE-OH!) Reunion Saturday, September 16, 2017. Linda Eckstein Todd (TFS '67) encourages members of her class to register at the reunion website <http://www.tfsouth67.reunionmanager.com> or contact the class through their Facebook page, [TF SOUTH - Class of 1967](#).

Looking for Classmates

Help us connect with our classmates with whom we've lost contact. If you know them, please invite them to get in touch and subscribe to our monthly TFS Class of 1969 *Life & Times* e-newsletter. Classmates can reach us through our website tfsclassof69.weebly.com, email address TFSouth69@gmail.com, or Facebook page [Tfsouth Classofsixty-nine](#).

Here's who we would like to hear from this month—

Kristine Anderson Barrett
Karen Anderson Hasselbring
Norma Alberson Koch
Sharon Alberson Scudder
John Albert
Gregg Abell

Denise Zygowicz Gordon
Mary Zych Malinsky
Erica Zimmerman Ryan
Marcia Yuskowitz Irvin
Roger Yochem
Ken Yates

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Stay in Touch!

Our 208 subscribers stay in touch through our free monthly e-newsletter, the *Life & Times of the Rebels of '69*. Send us your comments, news, photos, classmate re-connections,

questions, stories, story ideas, and reflections on the past, present, or future to TFSouth69@gmail.com or message us through our Facebook page [Tfsouth Classofsixty-nine](#).

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Need to Update?

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 **Tfsouth Classofsixty-nine**

 **@TFSTeam69**

Our Mission: To promote and grow our network of TFS Class of 1969 friendships by sharing information and planning reunion events to keep the spirit of the 40th Reunion alive and vibrant.

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