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# *The Kindred Spirit*

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**Stetson**

## **From the President**

As I write my column, the SKOA board meeting is still several weeks away but one of the items on the agenda to be discussed is a dues increase. It has been some time since dues were raised and our ten-dollar annual membership and \$15.00 annual family dues have not kept up with the increased cost of items like postage and printing. Even though any increase in the dues won't take place until next year, I have asked Bob Barlow to "hold the presses" so readers of this issue will know how the vote went.

The Fall issue of the "Kindred Spirit" had a photo of the Sgt. Samuel Stetson house which at the time, was under wraps. Now, the shrink-wrap has been removed and extensive renovation has taken place by students of the North Bennet Street School. In May, Norwell voters will decide at their town meeting what to do with the historic old house: either place it in the new town cemetery adjacent to the Shrine or donate it to the Stetson Kindred. John McNeill is heading up a committee of board members who will study the situation and make a recommendation what to do should the house be offered to the Stetson Kindred. The result of the town's vote and the committee's recommendation will be announced in a future edition of the newsletter.

You will see in this newsletter a message from Bob Barlow that this is his last issue as editor. We are grateful for the excellent job Bob has done over the years editing our family publication. He has been a joy to work with and always found a way to make my long-winded columns fit on one page, include wonderful photos from our annual meetings and lay out interesting articles from our contributing cousins. We are looking for a cousin to take Bob's place as editor (the job offers no pay!) You should have some ability with a computer but Bob has said he will teach an applicant "the ropes." If interested, contact Bob at: [rsbconstable@aol.com](mailto:rsbconstable@aol.com).

Bob comes from a family dedicated to the Kindred. His parents and grandparents served the Kindred as has Bob during his many years as a director and past Kindred president. Bob's children and grandchildren are continuing the family tradition and the Barlows are frequently recognized as the largest family group attending our annual meetings. Besides sending out the newsletter by email, making labels for those getting it by snail mail, printing name tags for the annual meeting, coordinating the catering of our meals and much more, Bob has been actively involved producing the Stetson books.

I don't know much about how our books are produced so I asked the person who knows that subject the best, Barbara Merrick, the author of "Descendants of Cornet Robert Stetson, Volume 4," about Bob's contributions. Barbara replied, "Bob has been a life saver to the Stetson book project. When entering information from applications, names have to be indexed. I had figured out a system to index Volume 4. Bob offered to help and made adaptations to index Volume 5. There was no way I could have done both. Now Bob has what he considers to be enough material for seven more books. He hopes the valuable work he has done will result in benefit to future generations of Stetsons. I wish there were more volunteers like him."

Amen. Thank you, Bob, for all you have done for the Stetson Kindred of America.

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**New Members of the Stetson Kindred**

The Board of Directors extends a warm welcome to the following cousins who were approved for Membership:

**Senior Members:**

<b>Amy Gene Herman</b>	<b>Monticello, IN</b>
<b>Patricia Ann Montgomery</b>	<b>Hanover, MA</b>

**Senior to LIFE:**

<b>W. Stetson Ames</b>	<b>Strafford, NH</b>
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**In Memoriam**

JEANETTE E. MIGRE of Hanover, MA died 9 October 2017 at age 89. Widow of William Bamford Migre, she is survived by her children Maryellen Migre, Terry Davies, Jeff Migre, Samuel Migre, and the late Gael Migre. Jeanette was the official photographer of the Stetson Kindred for many years, her pictures appearing in the *Kindred Spirit*. Jeanette was a registered nurse.

**Bob Barlow Retires!**

Alas it is time for me to step down as *Kindred Spirit* Editor. I have enjoyed putting the letter together and getting it out to all of our family members. Health reasons force me to curtail many of the things I have been doing for some time. I hope there is someone out there among the membership who is willing to take over these duties. The Newsletter helps to keep the organization together and fulfill our mission.

**Notes from Feb. BOD Meeting by Rick Stetson**

Bob Barlow has saved space in this issue so I could include some late news from our President's Day board meeting. Linda Brooks will submit the complete minutes in a future issue but for now, here are a couple of items that were covered at the meeting.

**Dues.** Your board voted to increase dues starting in 2019. They have remained the same for a long time while the cost of items like postage have continued to increase. Our investments have done well (see article in this issue by John McNeill) but you can't run an organization on profits from investments alone (they don't always go up.) So, in 2019, there will be a \$5.00 increase in dues for senior, family, contributing and associate members. The application fee will also be raised to \$15.00.

**Dues notices.** Your 2018 dues are still due. (Special thanks to those who have already paid.) The reminders have been delayed because our treasurer has been switching to a new system but they should be in the mail soon. Dues and donations should be sent to: William W. Stetson, Treasurer SKOA, 57 Forest Edge, Plymouth, MA 02360.

The board approved Registrar Sumner Hunnewell's proposal to create an insignia for the Stetson Kindred. Sumner belongs to a number of genealogical organizations and many have insignias that include the family crest. Sumner was granted permission to use the Stetson crest in an insignia that will be offered for sale at a later date including at our annual meeting. More information about the insignia will be in future newsletters plus on the Stetson Kindred Facebook page. In addition, the board voted to allow Sumner to have the Kindred join the Hereditary Society Community of the USA which should give us additional exposure on the internet. Information about the society can be found at: [www.hereditary.us](http://www.hereditary.us)

Your board is working on several other important items which will be covered in the next newsletter. I'll close by saying special appreciation was expressed by the board to Editor Bob Barlow for his years of dedicated work to bring you this newsletter. Thank you, Bob.

  
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**The Stetson Kindred of America, Inc.**  
**Highlights of Regular BOD Meeting**  
**October 30, 2017, 5:30 PM**

**Stetson House, 514 Hanover Street (Rte 139) Hanover**

**Present:** Rick Stetson, Pres.; Bill Stetson, Treas.; Linda Brooks, Sec.; John McNeill, Judy Grecco, Emilie Green, Beau Dyer, Jennifer Heiss, Staci Kendrick-Jones and Jim R. Stetson. Others: Barbara Merrick, Matt Dyer.

**Absent:** Jim W. Stetson, Beverly Colton-Cochrane.

**Executive Actions**

President Rick Stetson seated the new Board members as follows: Vice President James W. Stetson; Directors: James R. Stetson, Staci Kendrick-Jones and Jennifer Heiss.

The resignation of Beau Dyer from the Board was accepted. Matt Dyer was approved by the Board to fill the vacated seat for the remaining one year of the term.

The following members were approved to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee: John McNeill, Chair; Matt Dyer, Bill Stetson, Jim R. Stetson and Linda Brooks.

The following Committee appointments were approved by the Board: Sumner Hunnewell, Registrar; Jennifer Heiss, Associate Treasurer; Frank Conrad, Auditor; Helen Fankhauser, NE Regional Group Liaison; and Matt Dyer, Conservation Coordinator.

**Presentation/Update on the Samuel Stetson House**

Bob Norris of the Norwell Historical Commission, Town of Norwell, provided the Board with an update on the status of the restoration of the Samuel Stetson House and plans to move it out of the cul-de-sac on Stetson Shrine Lane and to another location. An opportunity exists to move it onto the Kindred Homestead property rather than into the new Stetson Meadows Cemetery. The town already has \$95k set aside for moving the house and building a foundation. The Board requested Bob Norris provide us with a written summary of the conditions of such a proposal for the Board to discuss at a Special Board meeting in the near future.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income from sales at the Annual Meeting was \$881, and another \$460 from the Stetson Hat Raffle. John McNeill reported we have realized a 4% increase in value of our investments since our last meeting in May. As of September 30th, market value of our Merrill Lynch portfolio is \$231,448.93.

**Committee Reports:** Membership reported that since August 20 we added 4 new senior members, 1 Junior and 1 Honorary member. Stetson Store: Stetson crest ornaments are available for sale thru Emilie Green and will be advertised on our Facebook page. Deer Cam Report: Lots of activity but no vandalism to report. Trustees Annual Visit: The Trustees of Reservations performed their annual visit of our property in October. They will send a report. Stetson Center News: The facility is being sold and in about 5 years we will have to find another place to store our property. **Director Comments:** Matt Dyer proposed we consider forming a Strategic Planning Committee to revisit our mission statement.

**Scheduled Meetings:** To be announced in 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Brooks, Secretary

**A Receipt for Indian Pudding by Staci Kendrick-Jones**

When the Mayflower landed at Cape Cod on 11 November 1620, her passengers could not have known they would not have wheat flour to make bread for many generations into the future. The soil was too rocky to grow wheat, and even barley and rye were not plentiful. Corn, on the other hand, was grown in abundance by the local inhabitants, and they had even left a cornfield conveniently plowed before they vanished as a result of an epidemic ahead of the Mayflower's landfall. Luckily for all of us who came after those adventuring ancestors, the friendly native, Squanto, appeared to teach the English settlers how to grow and use corn. It became a dietary staple and cornbread is still served today with New England clam chowder.

Cooking methods were quite primitive in the early years, and "puddings" took the place of bread. A pudding was not a sweet creamy dessert that we think of today when we hear the word "pudding." It was a far different dish cooked in a walk-in fireplace over a large cauldron of boiling stew. The stew might have been fish or fowl or game, but more often than not, it was just a pot of water, and whatever was on hand to thicken it.

To make a sweet boiled bag pudding, the cook (usually the woman of the house but often there were servants as well to help with household management) would cover a large crockery bowl with a muslin towel. This reusable cloth was first soaked in boiling water, then wrung out and sprinkled with corn meal. Making a well in the cloth, the cook would add one pint ground Indian corn, three pints water or milk, salt, and whatever was available to sweeten the mush, such as currants, berries or other fruits. As more sweetening agents became available, puddings were improved by the addition of maple syrup, molasses and spices. Butter and eggs might be added. A savory pudding might have animal blood added, or other pieces of meat left after butchering, or it might be a plain pudding cooked in a savory stew.

The cloth was then tied into a bag and suspended from a fireplace hook or placed into a pot filled with water to boil. With enough water in the pot, this could be left unattended for long stretches of time (say three or four hours) while the cook attended to other chores. The finished pudding should be firm and can be sliced and fried if desired.

Puddings could be served hot or cold, and were part of the main meal until Thomas Jefferson broke from the 'John Adams tradition' and served puddings at the end of the meal. Politics had often been a topic of discussion in the dining room, even concerning food. Puddings remained on the New England menu for over 300 years, and some are still found today, albeit cooked in a gas oven instead of over an open flame.

According to Kathleen Fitzgerald and Keith Stavely's book, America's founding food; *The Story of New England Cooking*, "The first cookbook by an American author was *Amelia Simmon's American Cookery*, published in 1796." It included three receipts (recipes) for Indian Puddings, two which are baked and one to be boiled.

**What a Difference a Day Can Make!! – by John McNeill**

As I write this, the US stock market has suffered its worst day in recent years, plummeting by over 600 points in a single day. It really doesn't matter.

The Kindred Finance Committee, a small group who guide Kindred investment of our reserve funds, has been very fortunate in recent years. Somehow, they have managed to guess correctly in terms of generating income and avoiding risks in the midst of a rather confusing market. Part of the reason has been the SKOA Investment Policy, a collaborative work of the Committee, Treasurer and Board of Directors that sets guidelines for investment activity. Those guidelines include, in order of priority, preserving the reserves we have managed to accumulate over the years, minimize volatility and risk, and generate a rate of income that will continue to allow us to maintain our activities such as Scholarship, support of the Modbury Church and development of genealogical research and publishing, all to preserve the character and history of the Stetson Kindred.



We have been very lucky. Some time ago, the Kindred had invested in a few individual companies and corporate bonds, and carried a good portion of the funds in bank accounts. The Finance Committee, when it became obvious that the results of the Great Recession would persist for a good time, shifted those investments to market index funds and balanced as much as was reasonable out of fixed income investments. We believed that the low interest rate environment boded two effects that made this necessary – low rates of return on fixed income and a much higher market demand for equities, driving stock prices in general upward. This has had the effect of providing the Kindred with much better income from our reserves while increasing the value of holdings substantially. By staying in the index funds, we avoided the higher level of risk from individual company holdings. This all performed quite well until last Friday, when that long ride up turned down. No reason to panic, though, as the downturn has yet to even erase the gains made in January alone.

Looking forward, however, the path remains a puzzle. It is reasonable to assume that fixed income will continue to suffer in both market value and return rates, in a rising interest environment. If you're holding a 2% bond and rates go up, your bond automatically goes down in market value at a corresponding pace. Besides, the Federal Reserve still needs to sell the trillions of dollars of long-term bonds, government and otherwise, that it purchased as part of the quantitative easing, flooding the market and forcing lower prices. Add to that the governments need for new debt to finance recent fiscal actions, and rates are forced even higher. The corresponding effect in the equity markets, though, is likely to be greater volatility than we have seen of late, increasing the risk inherent within that sector. The index fund and heavy equity balance strategy remains valid for best preservation of funds, but we believe we must do more to assure the income from our investments. That income is really the primary goal to keep us able to support the Kindred programs.

In the next few months, we will be focusing on placing a good part of our equity portfolio in funds focused on stocks of large and financially strong US companies with a good history of dividends at competitive levels. The goal to be reached with this modified strategy is to generate income at a level well above that which can be provided by fixed income holdings, and yet allow us to continue participating in reasonable growth of the investments values.

For the record, the below shows the results enjoyed by the Kindred recently in both growth and income. Growth will not continue at the current pace, but should still be healthy, reflecting the basic economy, and we hope that income will perform even better than before. ***Wish us luck!!***

Category	% Growth '15	% Growth '16	% Growth '17	3 Years
Fixed Income	0.04%	-.07%	-1.87%	-1.85%
Equities	-1.1%	7.7%	23.7%	29.7%
Cash Income	-0.7%	7.9%	-39%	N/A

The Current Finance Committee includes: John McNeill, Chair  
James W. Stetson, Robert Stetson, William Stetson (ex-officio)

Meet our 2017 Scholarship Winners!  
by Diane O'Brien

The Kindred had no trouble finding more talented students again this year worthy of financial assistance through our Scholarship program. Our Stetson Hat Raffle at the Annual Reunion brought in an extra \$460, all of which goes to our Scholarship Fund, so many thanks to our members who participated in the raffle.

Pierce McDonnell is a resident of San Francisco and a Freshman this year at Carleton College in



Northfield, MN where he plans to pursue courses in international relations and politics. He is fluent in written and spoken Mandarin Chinese and hopes to one day work for the State Department or National Security

Agency to facilitate Chinese-American relations. He is an Eagle Scout, and the author of a book "J B Stetson: The Story of a Ship" which he wrote while still a junior in high school. Motivated by a family story that his great-grandfather once owned a ship that was destroyed in a storm in 1934, Pierce spent many hours researching the history and giving it life. Copies of his book are currently available for purchase at our Stetson Store.



Claire Kinder is a resident of LaCanada, CA, currently working on her Master's degree in History of Art and Architecture at Boston University. She graduated with highest honors from the University of California at San Diego in 2012. She is

an "A" student and has worked as an intern at the Mingei International Museum, a counseling associate

at Flintridge Preparatory School and is currently a research associate at BU. She is planning to work in the fields of education administration and cultural preservation following graduation this year.



Frank Conrad is currently enrolled as a senior at the University of Michigan, Flint, majoring in social work. He is an above-average student who has a keen interest in social justice issues associated with the LGBT community. He has worked with various groups promoting cooperative

initiatives and partnerships with churches and faith-based groups, and looks forward to a career in school social work following graduation. Frank assisted the Kindred last year by working with our Treasurer to audit our financial records, and we expect he will continue to be involved in the work of the Kindred for many years to come.

Selected by the teachers and Norwell High School staff, Robert



McCarthy is our Cornet Robert and Honour Tucker Stetson scholarship recipient this year. He has a deep love of history, and enjoys creating mental "what if" scenarios and

exploring why historical events played out the way they did and how they forged our current world. He also likes learning about recent discoveries of historical artifacts, buried for centuries but bringing changes to contemporary viewpoints of the past. He plans to continue his history studies in college, and dreams of someday working in a museum where he can share the richness of the past with others.

## California Cousins Make Stetson Heritage Tour by Staci Kendrick Jones

Stetson Cousins live all over the United States and even the world, but for some California Stetsons who journeyed eastward for a Stetson Family Heritage Tour, the States of New York and Massachusetts held much special appeal in October 2017. Ten descendants of Dr. Benjamin Francis Stetson (1860-1940) worked up the family tree to find some mutual descendants of Dr. Ben's great-grandfather, Benjamin Stetson (1757-1831) who settled in the Stockwell area of Sangerfield, New York. Benjamin (1-1-2-1-6-2) was born in Old Plymouth Village, was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, and is buried with his wife Mary Johnson Stetson (1755-1849) in the Stockwell Cemetery in New York. Daniel Eugene Stetson is the current president of the Stockwell Cemetery and his family has resided in the area ever since Benjamin and Mary arrived there after raising their ten children in Vermont. Daniel was on hand to meet Dr. Ben's descendants of California and show his newly-found cousins the cemetery and the family properties where Benjamin and his family have been farming since 1798. In the beginning three investors, Mr. Conger, Benjamin Stetson, and Mr. Stockwell created Conger Town in the southern part of Sangerfield. A map of Sangerfield from 1852 shows the Stetsons were represented on several large parcels in both Sangerfield and Conger Town (which later became the hamlet in Sangerfield known as Stockwell). Each parcel in Sangerfield was to contain, by law, 250 acres each. That was enough land for dairy cows to graze, and sheep were kept for their wool. Hops were a popular crop grown for many years in the area. Several generations of Stetsons owned and operated the cheese box factory which manufactured wooden laminate boxes for dairy cheese, locally made boots and shoes, and other items. Daniel and his Californian cousin Staci Kendrick Jones met for the first time at the intersection of State Routes 12 and 20, along with Daniel's wife Peggy and the entire contingent of California pilgrims: Irene "Kelly" Newman (a new Kindred member in 2017), Luree Stetson, Ben "Tex" and his wife Elinor Stetson, Staci's husband Calvin Jones, Cathy Stetson Brown and her husband Michael Brown, Mary Lee Davey, and her son, Hunter Davey. At the Stockwell Cemetery, Daniel's mother Laura Stetson and cousin Jane also greeted the traveling group. They explored the many Stetson headstones together as Daniel explained relationships until it started to rain. Off they went, caravan style to tour the sites of old Stetson homesteads and finally found welcoming refuge from the cold in the American Legion Hall. Daniel shared many pages of genealogy charts and photos of his family members...some of whom look remarkably similar to the California descendants even going back eight generations to their common ancestor. After warm hugs all around, the California group took off for Massachusetts.

The next day in Scituate, it was a beautiful sunny morning when the California group met with Barbara Merrick, Judy Grecco, and Emilie Bubin Green for breakfast before getting started on a full day of touring. Barbara teased the group with a mystery about Cornet Robert and Honour Stetson's first son, Joseph, and made the group wait until

lunchtime at the Stetson Shrine before reading the briefs of the Plymouth Colony court case between Joseph and his step-mother, Mary Hyland Bryant. Before heading to the Shrine, Emilie led the caravan to the Men of Kent Cemetery, the Second Cliff, the Scituate Lighthouse, and the house with the whistling chimney pot. Next, they went to a lookout for the Minot's Ledge Lighthouse. The Minot Light was important because it was probably in that direction that Captain Anthony Collamore shipwrecked and drowned in 1698. Capt. Collamore was the father of Mary who married Robert Stetson (the Cornet's grandson) in 1692/93. That makes Capt. Collamore a great-grandfather of all who descend from Robert (1-1-2) and Mary Collamore Stetson. In addition to sighting the lighthouse pointing the way to Collamore's Ledge, the Captain's headstone had been found in good repair in the Men of Kent cemetery. Emilie then directed the caravan to the Scituate Library with its historical room full of maps and documents, and the beautiful Lawson Tower nearby. Who would have thought a water tower would look so grand? Afterward, we spent more family time with long-past Stetson ancestors in the First Parish Cemetery. Of course, a highlight of the day was a picnic lunch in the Pavilion and a little trek to the Cornet's spring well. Next, we surveyed the Samuel Stetson House that had finally gotten repairs underway just as the workers from the North Bennett Street School were finishing work for the day. Some amazing work is being done to preserve the structure and the group felt privileged to see work in progress after so many years' delay. Going back through Norwell and into Hanover, the cousins noticed many of the beautiful homes were decorated for Halloween. We arrived at the Stetson House Museum (built c. 1694) for a tour and a brief welcome by Stephen O'Neil of the Hanover Historical Society. Judy told the story about the lovely antique secretary that was firmly installed after being bequeathed to the Kindred by a past member. Next stop: the Hanover Fire Museum to purchase Stetson souvenirs from the store upstairs. After a very long day, Barbara headed off to a meeting while the group treated Judy and Emilie to dinner before saying goodbye with promises to return someday.

Before moving on to visit Plimoth Plantation and the Grist Mill the next day, the California Stetsons made a side trip to North Attleboro – to discover the Angletree Stone. Down the long-wooded trail artfully lit by the Autumn sunlight spilling through leaves of many colors, we found the stone erected to commemorate the designation of the surveying angle between Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies that Cornet Robert Stetson and his survey party had settled upon an ancient white oak tree. We could just make out the carving of the name Robert "Studson." After viewing the monument, we searched for and found a geocache originally hidden by Judy and Joe Grecco nearby at latitude and longitude N 41° 59.110 - W 071° 21.854. This quiet site was a perfect venue for cousins to connect with our Stetson past.



Back: Ben "Tex" + Elinor Stetson, Jane Farr, Peggy + Daniel Stetson, Irene "Kelly" Newman, Cathy Stetson Brown, Laura Stetson.  
Front: Luree Stetson, Mary Lee Davey, Staci Kendrick Jones, Hunter Davey.



Mary Lee Davey, Hunter Davey, Staci Kendrick Jones, Irene "Kelly" Newman, Elinor Stetson, Judy Grecco, Emilie Green, Cathy Stetson Brown, Ben "Tex" Stetson, and Luree Stetson.

**Kenneth Earl Stetson, the only Stetson Killed in the Viet Nam War**  
**by LaVerne Stetson**

It has been over 50 years since the Viet Nam war. The



fact that there was only one Stetson death in that war was not noted by the Stetson Kindred until winter of 2017. Kenneth was my cousin so I volunteered to delve up more information about him.

Kenneth was born in Chadron Nebraska on

Jan. 14 1946 to Lester Stetson and Eleanora Jensen Stetson. He was the third of their five children. His parents farmed in the Chadron and Crawford area until 1959 when they moved to Longmont CO. Kenneth completed high school in Longmont in 1964.



He excelled in football and wrestling and was on the track team. As a sophomore he met the love of his life, Janet Yeager. They were married in June of 1965.

He and Janet discussed the ongoing draft and he elected to get his military

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service over before starting a family. He knew he would probably be drafted so he enlisted in the Marines in August of 1965 in a delayed entry program (DEP). His older brother Everett had previously served in the Marines. He began active duty in

December and was sent to Viet Nam in June of 1967 after finishing boot camp. He was assigned to E Battery of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, of the 11<sup>th</sup> Marines.

Kenneth was wounded in action and sent to a base hospital to recover. He and Janet chose not to go to Hawaii for R & R as he only had 41 days until his tour of duty was over. He returned to his unit and was wounded in action on Feb 17, 1968, dying later that day from his wounds. He was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Longmont CO where his wife had purchased two lots for him and her. She believed her life was virtually over. Kenneth's parents are buried close to Kenneth's grave.

In 1971 Janet married Richard Bosphug. Richard said he didn't come to take Kenneth's place but to make his own place in her life. They will have been married for 47 years in 2018. They had three children, Michelle, Audrey and Aaron. They have purchased grave sites not far from Kenneth's grave. Janet plans to have her name next to Kenneth's with a note of where she is buried.

Kenneth's mother, Eleanora, noted that her grandmother had lost a son in World War I and her mother lost a son in World War II and now she had lost a son in the Viet Nam war. Kenneth's dad, Lester, died Jan 14, 1973, on Kenneth's birthday, almost five years after Kenneth was killed. Eleanora died in May of 2005. Kenneth's younger brother Keith died in 2009. His other brothers, Everett and Larry both still live in Longmont and his sister Lois Millsap lives in Evans, CO. They have all been active in the Nebraska Stetson's Reunions.



**Kenneth Stetson on his Vietnam base. Photo taken by his Commanding Officer**

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Please renew my Membership in the Stetson Kindred of America, Inc. at level indicated below. (Check your mailing label).  
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Family	Confirmed Lineal Descendant & Spouse	\$ 15.00 _____
Contributing	Confirmed Lineal Descendant & Spouse	\$ 25.00 _____
Sustaining	Confirmed Lineal Descendant & Spouse	\$ 50.00 _____
Life	Confirmed Lineal Descendant	\$ 250.00 _____
Associate	Non-Lineal Descendant or Lineage not yet proven but has an interest in the Kindred Association	\$ 10.00 _____

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