



# BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

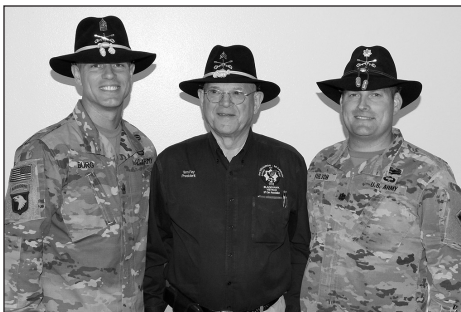
2ND SQUADRON, 1ST (ARMORED) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

## President's Corner

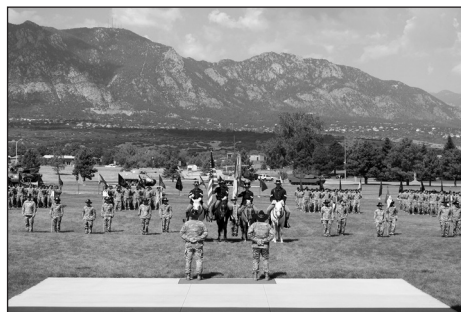
Tom Fey

Your officer team has worked diligently in securing the best possible reunion contract. In order for that to happen in San Antonio, Texas we had to move from our normal time frame; **the 2020 2/1 Cavalry Association Reunion will be 18-21 August.** We have secured rooms for \$119 plus tax with the three days prior and post at the same rate for those of you wishing to come early or stay late. It will be rather warm at this time of year but we're on the River Walk at the **Holiday Inn River Walk** ([www.hiriverwalk.com](http://www.hiriverwalk.com)). You can start making your reservations anytime by calling (210) 224-2500; when calling please reference the group's block code: **CAV**, or going online at **2 1 Cavalry Association**.

In August I had the privilege to address the current unit's leadership team (E5 and up) comparing our training to what they currently do. I also compared our leadership to the current style and their deployment of going and coming as a unit without replacements. It was a fun afternoon with many questions. The following day I represented the Association at the Change of Command when our Friend LTC David Fulton turned the unit over to LTC William Chastain.



CSM Burg, Fey, LTC Fulton



Change of Command

We're looking for a backup spouse for Jo Lake in handling the spouse's group and silent auction items. We're also thinking of enlisting a spouse to be the contact person for all our ladies that could pass on information and concerns to the officer team and put information in the Blackhawk Bulletin, please contact me if you're interested in this needed position,

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in San Antonio and until then be safe. Scouts Out!

## Vice President

Warren Roach

Well Troopers it getting closer to the 2020 reunion. The 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment Blackhawks makes sh#?t happen, so let's get this party going. For all of you that are reading this and have never been to a reunion, I encourage you, if at all possible, to do so. You will be amazed at the love and respect you will get from your comrades, you need to make your plans now. You don't want to miss out on the San Antonio reunion. I would like to thank Elaine and Jerry Barker for the exciting time Rosemary and I had at Fire Base Barker, as always there was plenty food, drinks and a good time for all. There were many familiar faces and a few new ones. I appreciate the awesome job that the Barker's put into the Kokomo pilgrimage.

Stay in touch. And have a safe and happy holiday. Scouts out!



## Secretary

Kaylene Vobelt

The 2018 secretary report was read at Firebase and it's available on the website.

# Troop Reports

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## HHT

*John Hasenauer*

Fellow troopers,

When I see the 2/1 deploy today overseas to hostile lands then return home, I am a bit envious. Even though the Blackhawks deployed as a unit in 1967 to Vietnam within a few months' replacements began filling positions and thus began that individual lone arrival of new troopers and then the individual departure.

I arrived alone in August of 1968 and a year later departed alone and traveled on the same plane home with fellow lone warriors each having a story to be told but mostly we traveled in silence.

We arrived home with no marching band or ceremony. Very few folks greeted us as having achieved an individual effort of having served our country. Of course, there were the war protestors and family and friends that would want a hasty round-up of what Nam was like.

Do you remember after returning home those restless nights of trying to sleep? Of being irritable or having emotions of not quite fitting in with old friends? Or that close family member asking: "what is the matter with you, you just don't seem to be yourself?"

Do you still have moments like that even today?

My WWII combat veteran father-in-law occasionally reminded me that once a soldier always a soldier until the day buried—it's in your soul and blood. Well yea, I am a bit envious of troopers coming home today from new hostile lands and then being welcomed home with ceremony and awards and all shared with family. But let's not kid each other even these modern-day volunteer warriors also have some adjustment concerns. And as troopers of another era we can

share our past experiences with them and they shall share their experiences and emotions with us—that makes us all troopers of the same Blackhawk team.

So, after nearly fifty years of "Coming Home" those that have attended a 2/1 Cav regiment reunion know about the brotherhood of sharing the cause of "Welcome Home." And now with the clock of life rapidly passing, now is a good opportunity to fulfill that personal mission of reuniting in reunion with your fellow troopers — Welcome home brother. Hope to see you at the 2020 reunion.

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## A TROOP

*Brian Kosteck*

I guess the phrase "no news is good news" comes to mind at this time. Fiddler's Green has not come knocking for a while. Other than the proficient history which Max provides reminding us of those earlier days; I have not had many calls or e-mails about concerns or questions.

So, with that said; let's all start to get ready for yet another reunion. Max, as always, your re-collection of events and the timeliness of same is so greatly appreciated. Thanks for being the "unofficial" but greatly appreciated historian for A-Troop.

Again, I welcome any and all advice and commentary you may have. If you have any ideas or suggestions for things to be included in the Blackhawk Bulletin, you can call me; e-mail me, snail mail or any combination. I am not the greatest person for timely reviewing e-mails so if you send something, don't be afraid to call me to let me know you have sent me something. My contact information is shown below.

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## B TROOP

*Fred Leyba*

Well troopers, Fall is here and cooler weather. That's the way it is here in Northwest Arkansas anyway. Firebase Barker is behind us and a good time was had by all that made it. This was my wife Judy's, first trip to Firebase Barker, which she truly enjoyed. We all enjoyed the great company and great food. We want to thank Jerry, Elaine and all those who worked hard to bring it together. Now we start looking forward to our next get togethers, the 2020 reunion and Firebase Barker. Hope to see y'all there.

Please, B-Troopers, let me know what is happening in your lives that you would like passed on to the Association. No other B-Troop news at this time.

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## C TROOP

*Wayne Hook*

Had a great time at Barkers. The time sure flies by. I now have some hats (They have crossed sabers) and pins with crossed sabers available. Looking forward to San Antonio.

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## D TROOP

*Raymond Marple*

No report due to the death of Peggy's Father.



## CSM

Good afternoon Blackhawks, past and present. My name is Kevin Burg and I am a proud Blackhawk Soldier. I assumed Responsibility for the 2-1 Cav Blackhawk Squadron in May 2019 under LTC Fulton. In August 2019, we held a Change of Command at Fort Carson and LTC William B. Chastain took Command. There have been multiple leaders changing out since my arrival, to include, the Brigade Commander and Command Sergeant Major as well as the Commanding General of Fort Carson. Since these changes, we have been training continuously in preparation for another tour to Afghanistan. In the last four months, we have completed one Gunnery, a Staff Ride to Little Big Horn, all troops have conducted multiple training exercises with focus on both team and squad individual tasks. All troops have conducted progressive training up to Squad Live Fires. They continue executing multiple ranges from Anti-Tank weapons, crew serve, and small arms weapons. Key leaders were also tasked to evaluation 3-61 Cav Squadron as they prepared for a deployment. Currently we are in the field conducting Crew Level Gunnery and will be in the field through next week.

I am proud to say we had nine Staff Sergeants selected for Sergeant First Class on this past E7 List. My focus is continued professional development of our NCOs and we have been sending Soldiers to school relentlessly to enhance our lethality and reconnaissance capability.

One of my current initiatives is to provide Blackhawk Sweat Shirts free of charge to the Soldiers and Leaders of the Squadron. I would like to see them all wear our logo proudly on the PT field. The SCO and I remain heavily engaged with our Soldiers and Leaders. Our goal is to provide them with confidence to survive the worst day of their lives as one lethal and unforgettable unit to any adversary that we face.

Our family's care and well-being are our utmost priority. Blackhawk Leaders strive to ensure family members are informed and able to take full advantage of Army Programs and support functions as well as the state of the Squadron.

Our hearts go out to all of you and your families. We only hope to build upon this great organization of mounted riflemen and women. **Blackhawks!**

*Kevin A. Burg*

*Command Sergeant Major*

*2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment*

*kevin.a.burg.mil@mail.mil*

## Chaplain

*Dennis Scott*

We have recently been getting together with extended family and old high school friends we haven't seen in a long time. It has been great to visit with these folks to reminisce and to catch up on what is happening currently in each of our lives. One thing we have discovered in this: If you don't make an effort to plan and get a date on the calendar, it won't happen!

That being said, you will find all the information about the 2020 Reunion in San Antonio TX in this Newsletter. My advice is to stop what you are doing right now and get the dates on your calendar. You will not want to miss seeing those old friends and perhaps making some new ones.

Time seems to go by so quickly after we reach a certain age and truthfully most of us have more time behind us than we do ahead. The hourglass has turned over and the sand seems to be racing through to the other side. Don't miss this opportunity in San Antonio.

If you need to contact me, please note that my e-mail has changed to: **7jkscott@gmail.com**

## Treasurer

*Stu McDiarmid*

Firebase Barker was as always, a good time to meet and greet new and old Troopers and their families. This was Number 30 for Jerry and Elaine welcoming the Blackhawks into their home; they work very hard putting this event together every year. They sure do love the 2-1 Cavalry Blackhawks!

The San Antonio 2020 reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk it has nice guest rooms and a newly remodeled meeting area (<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=Y2hks9pqFiZ>) is their website which has the layout and pictures of the area we will have our gathering it's a nice tour check it out. We have placed the registration form for the 2020 reunion online at <http://www.2-1cavalry.com/> should you want to view it or fill it out and mail it to me.

Just a reminder should you move, change telephone number or email address fill out the change of address form in this bulletin and mail it to me or email it to me at **macstu@sbcglobal.net** and I will update our records.

2019 dues and donations are accepted and appreciated at any time. Please make your check or money order payable to 2/1 Cav and mail it to: 2/1 CAV, 22158 Chelsea Lane, Woodhaven MI 48183.

See you in San Antonio on the Riverwalk!

# Webmaster

Fred Lohr, Webmaster 2-1cavalry.com

I recently received an email from an Air Force Vet from Vietnam who is looking for information on the whereabouts of enemy soldier burial locations. His name is Bob Conner and his email is **bobconnor1101@gmail.com**. His email to me follows:

*Looking for details of the **Battle at Song Mao 4/1/70**.*

*This link will detail how & why this project started. [http://www.philly.com/philly/news/special\\_packages/How\\_a\\_Google\\_Earth\\_search\\_led\\_a\\_veteran\\_back\\_to\\_Vietnam\\_to\\_track\\_down\\_mass\\_graves.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/special_packages/How_a_Google_Earth_search_led_a_veteran_back_to_Vietnam_to_track_down_mass_graves.html)*

*Since this started we have provided information of approx 5,500 remains with an additional 800+ spread out over 5 different battles.*

*With the help of a former helicopter pilot, we search the sites for battle details then try to reach out to soldiers who were there to help pin point the grave(s) actual location. The Vietnamese prefer us to seek out two such witnesses.*

*In addition we have 3 former VC and 1 NVA helping us to find between 9-13 US MIAs. One grave has already been excavated that is supposed to contain 2 US Army soldiers.*

*For the American witnesses they seem to all agree, doing this is putting a positive end to an ugly war.*

*The VN witnesses come to us directly vs. the U.S. Government because they trust us. They have seen or heard of the Inquirer article or have heard the BBC News taped interview in Vietnamese.*

*All of these MIA Families deserve closure.*

*Please let me know.*

**WELCOME HOME!**

*Sincerely,*

*Bob Connor*

*3rd Security Police SQD*

*Bien Hoa Air Base 4/67 - 4/68*

# Fiddler's Green

Obituary details (if available) can be found on the 2-1 CAV webpage — <http://www.2-1cavalry.com>

NAME	TROOP	IN COUNTRY	DATE OF DEATH	STATE
Wylie W Anderson	D	69-70	10/27/2018	MD
Andrew C Anderson	B	75-77 Ger	12/12/2012	CA
Sheppard Arluck	HHT	68-69	12/9/2009	NY
Alton R Balensiefen	C	70-71	7/24/2018	TX
Dillard Barnett	B	67-68	4/16/2019	TX
Randy Barnhart	D	71-72	10/12/2011	MO
Homer S Brower	D	70-71	11/26/2018	NY
Frank Cancilla	518th	68-69	4/12/2006	PA
Louis Caputo	A	67-68	1/24/2019	NY
Roger L Casey	A	67-68	5/15/2017	OH
Michael E Connely	C	67-68	3/16/2018	FL
Michael Everhart	B	70-71	6/4/2018	OH
Col John Mayer Fairey	HHT	69-70	3/8/2019	KY
Col Joseph M Gay	HHT	67-68	4/5/2018	NJ
Ronnie Griffin	C	70-71	1/17/2016	LA
Walter Grys	HHT	67-68	4/18/2017	PA
Jackie Hayes	A	70-71	6/3/2009	TN
Leroy Kay	HHT	68-69	5/25/2013	NV
Edmund H Kurek	B	68-69	1/30/2017	AR
Robert Mansfield	C	69-70	7/11/2018	MA
Glen R McMurrin	C	67-68	2/16/2006	VA
Gregory J Paganini	A	67-68	4/13/2018	SC
George W Teicheira	HHT	67-68	3/17/2018	CA
William D Whitmill	A HHT	69-70	1/10/2018	NC
Gary L Petrone	B	67-68	5/8/2015	NY
Ross J Osborne	D	68-69	6/26/2019	ME



# Quartermaster

Jesse Paul and Diana Watson

Not much to report, we had a wonderful time at Firebase Barker this last weekend. Looking forward to San Antonio next year. We would like to thank all who have ordered shirts and hats this past year. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

See you in San Antonio next August.



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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Service Dates (from/to) with 2/1 Cav: \_\_\_\_\_

Theater/Area of Operation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Platoon: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Firebase

*Jerry Barker*

Our 30th anniversary Cav Family Reunion has now come and gone. One for the record books.

Now it is time to tear down and stow away our T.O.&E. gear for next year.

Eighty-one essential personnel were on hand, including five widowed spouses and twenty-nine veterans. It was a resounding success in spite of the heat and humidity reminiscent of Viet Nam Cong Hoa.

Thank you, one and all, for your generous contributions. It is truly much appreciated.

This year Don Miod had the distinction of traveling the farthest, all the way from California. He was also the last to depart on Sunday afternoon.

All Association officers were present and accounted for. An off-year business meeting was conducted in just under one hour, probably because a delicious meal was fast approaching. After supper group photos were taken, followed by Cavalry Communion and the Ladies Toast. "If you ain't Cav - - -!"

The commemorative challenge coins and ditty bags were meant to convey the gratitude Lady Elaine and I feel for the outpouring of love and camaraderie these past thirty years of hosting Firebase Barker.

Kudos to our Association recon team who made the long trip to San Antonio, Texas. Tom, Warren and Stu have planned a memorable reunion for us in 2020. See you all there!

In the meantime, don't forget to "Remember the Alamo" and be safe. It's a jungle out there!



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