



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

2012 Spring/Summer (Reunion Edition)

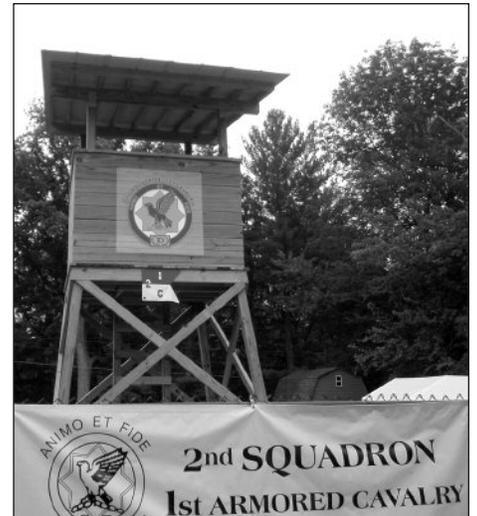
Register NOW for Reunion 2012 in Gettysburg!

By Tom Fey

The Reunion hotel is the Wyndham Gettysburg and they're looking forward to hosting the 2/1 Cavalry Association. If you are planning to attend the 2012 Reunion in Gettysburg and have not returned your registration form, **please take time to fill it out and enclose the required fees and mail it today!** You'll find your registration form in this newsletter. Be sure to fill out both sides of the form so we'll have the information we need to complete all the tasks that need to be done in the short time remaining before the Reunion. Please include your payment as we have contract obligations that need to be met prior to our Reunion. Please make your own hotel reservations by calling the hotel. The hotel information is in the *Headquarters Hotel Wyndham Gettysburg* article on page 4.

We also need your attendance information for shirt/hat orders and name tags so that we have the proper size shirts and we correctly print your name tags. Your registration includes one shirt and hat but if you want additional items, you can fill out the "extras" portion of the form and include those fees with your registration. A limited number of extra shirts and hats will be available on a first come first served basis.

Remember to bring a 1.5" X 2" picture of yourself "in-country", we'll try to have a space on your name tag to place the photo.



FIRE MISSION from Firebase Barker

By Jerry Barker

2012 Firebase Barker/Kokomo,
30th Annual Vietnam Veterans
Reunion September 13-15.

You know the drill! OIC Elaine needs a heads up on numbers of troopers, support personnel and your expected ETA's. Call (317) 607-8015 or email firebasebarker@gmail.com for information. Hotel reservations are going quickly due to competing events in the Indianapolis area.

Remember, this is the only officially sanctioned post Base Camp Gettysburg party, so sober up, show up and let's do it again! The tower awaits, because *It's a Jungle Out There!*



Troop Representatives

A Troop

By *Brian Kosteck*

If the old adage that “no news is good news” is valid; then A-Troop is doing well. Most troopers are anxiously awaiting the reunion in Gettysburg. A couple of the guys made a visit to a former member of A-Troop who has not yet made it to any of the reunions, hopefully their visit will provide the impetus for this trooper to make this year’s journey to Pennsylvania. For the rest of us who have made it to some of the reunions; this year will once again allow the chance to revisit the same old stories or create new ones. It never ceases to amaze me how the stories get embellished from one reunion to the next. For those of you who have not made it to a reunion for one reason or another; be assured there is always room for one more. For many of us, it is just the pure pleasure of being able to revisit that period of time that was so very long ago. Many of you bring photos that allow all of us to think back on and to reflect upon a more youthful time in our lives. For all of us, Vietnam is the one thing we share. How each of us cares to remember the experience is each person’s choice. The reunion allows each of us the chance to share those thoughts with each other. This exchange allows each of us to strengthen the bond that keeps us coming back.

One of our fellow troopers, who wishes to remain anonymous, (we’ll refer to him only as MAX), has noted that John Chapla’s book, *The Men of Alpha Company*, has a reference to A-Troop 2/1 in the

book. “MAX” feels his personal input to Mr. Chapla regarding same said reference should qualify him for some distinction, a Pulitzer perhaps. Maybe we could have some sort of special book signing session and “MAX” could share his thoughts and knowledge of the referenced material.

Again, since I am new at this position as A-Troop Rep, 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 or use snail mail. 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 on the back page.

B Troop

By *Warren Roach*

Come to the Gettysburg Reunion and we will enjoy each other’s company again. Jeanne Simon the wife of Gary Simon called to let us know that Gary has had a heart attack and is on the road to recovering. If any of you would like to drop him a card his address is as follow: 28765 Malvina, Warren, MI 48088 or give a call at 586-774-9851. Gary served in 1st Platoon 68-69 on Track 1-9.

Well, Troopers not much to report, but it is hard to believe that we are already approaching another reunion. Just a gentle reminder that it only takes a short note, postcard, e-mail or a phone call to keep us informed. I need your feedback

about what is going on in your world and with your fellow troopers. STAY IN TOUCH. Anyway hope you all have a nice and safe spring and summer.

Scouts Out!!!

C Troop

By *Wayne (Hooker) Hook*

For those who did not know, Bob Brothersen passed away March 27 2012. The memorial service was April 9. It was a very nice service. 2-1 Association was well represented by Janet & Dennis Scott; Linda & Tom Schluchter; Ruth & Marlin Pint; Jody, Joe, Jessica & Alivia Indermuehle; Bonnie & Art Wright; Tom Fey and Wayne Hook. I received word that Harry A Walp SSG C-troop 68-69 died 1-26-2012. He was 87 years old. Also please remember Janet Scott & Diana Watson as they both recently lost their mothers. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Gettysburg.

D Troop

By *Ray Marple*

Greetings Brother D Troopers, well it’s about time to start packing our rucks for the next mission. Our next sortie is at LZ Wyndham in Gettysburg and its coming up sooner than I thought. I know the past few years have been hard financially but I am hoping to see all of you in August.

I manage to talk with a few of you during the time between reunions and enjoy it even though I’m not much of a phone person. I will return any calls that I get.

You all should think about

meeting at Firebase Barker's in Indianapolis in Sept. It's a more relaxed get together where we can sit around; tell lies, scratch, and spit if you know what I mean.

And everyone's opinion is always welcome at the business meeting held there. This is really quite a well-run organization once you've seen them in action you can really appreciate the work that the board does for us.

So the Scouts are out on recon, get the Hueys running and get ready for Gettysburg.

HHT Troop

By Lloyd Wirkkala

Calling all HHT troopers!!! It is time to start getting serious about attending 2012 Reunion. A great time can be had. There is much to do and see. There are many new things since the last time we were at Gettysburg. Let's have a good gathering for HHT.

Vice President – Lance Lake

Well the next time you all hear from me we will be at the reunion. Jo and I are so excited that the time is almost here. You know that the first Calvary Unit fought there and it is a very special place for those of you that were not there last time. Please make sure to do tours on your own. You will learn a lot about this area and I know it will touch you like it did me. It is a beautiful area of this great country of ours and you will all enjoy it very much. Please make your reservations now and call me if you need any more information or help.

Our President and others have this all laid out to be a wonderful

Ladies Night

By Joe Lake

Ladies remember the social we always have on Thursday night when the men have their first business meeting. We also want to make sure all those attending for the first time are there, so any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. We want everyone to come and have a great time and become a part of this family called the Blackhawks.

GayAnne and I will be greeting everyone and will have our own business meeting to discuss the men. Yes, that is right we will be going over very important things that you all need to pay attention to when dealing with your spouse. Seriously, we will be talking and sharing information concerning the health of our men and what can be done to help them both physically and mentally. Getting them signed up with your local VA is one of the most important things that we can do. We will have information available that will help in this matter.

You are the ones that hold your family together and we want to have some time with all of you and hopefully we can help each other. That is what this family is all about. There are no strangers at these reunions because of the bond that is already there by us being married to our veterans.

See you in Gettysburg.

time for all. We also know that this will be a sad time because of our friends that will not be there. Please keep all the sick and the families of our fellow comrades that are gone in your prayers.

We have a new Grandson that was born December 30, 2011. Like his three year old brother he is great and has been lots of fun. We also took a trip to Texas the first week in April to see my Brother in Arms John Parten. He and his wife Sherri showed us a great time and lots of beautiful sites in Texas. We had never been there and it was a treat. John and I did some more healing by talking in great length about our time together in Nam. "Those were the days" HA. We had a lot of quiet time at their ranch in Texas where we reflected and remember things we had not recalled before.

They took us to Santa Fe and while there we went out to eat, and

of course I had on my Veterans attire, and a young man with a family asked me about where I was when I served. This led into a conversation about our time in Viet Nam. We found out this man (who was born there) was on the last plane taking refugees out of Nam. He could recall his Mother's crying that they were not going to make it out and his dad was ready to go home but she would not. They were fortunate enough to be there for that last plane out. He was very thankful to us. It just goes to show how we all live in a small world and we could actually meet this man and for him to have a chance to say *Thank You*.

I am retired now and Jo's retirement date is May 31st so we are starting a new chapter in our life and are really looking forward to it. She wants to assure the guys and gals that the Bloody Marys will be ready for Friday Morning.

President's Corner

In March, I lost my good Friend Bob Brothersen. Although he was born in Mississippi he grew up an Iowa farm boy loving "Tall Corn and Black cows", while I, coming from Kansas, liked Golden Wheat and Red and White (Hereford) cows. Although work seemed to always get in the way of stopping to have coffee together, we'd often phone each other.

We became friends at the Induction/Reception Center at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. He was the first friend I made in the Army and has remained so since August 1966. Bob and I became 1st Platoon, Charlie Troopers when we got off the bus in Ft. Hood, TX to begin basic training. After Basic and before his new wife, Barbi came to Texas, Bob spent many evenings and weekends at our apartment where Gay Anne, Bob, and I would play some card game that he would make up. Of course we would lose because he made the rules as the game went along. What fun we had!

We remained in 1st Platoon of Charlie into VN. Several years after coming home, as one of the "boat guys", he helped get the Charlie Troop Reunion started. As he and Deacon Indermuhle drove their trucks across country they would find troopers and "gather them in", so 1st and 2nd platoons began gathering in Kansas a long time ago. As the years and reunions passed, the Charlie Troop Reunion with Bob's help, became the 2/1 Cavalry Association bringing together the entire Squadron. Without our Brother Bob we would not have our 2/1 Cav Association. Bob loved his brothers and the reunions and his spirit will be with us in Gettysburg. I sorely miss my friend and brother.

— Tom Fey



Headquarters Hotel Wyndham Gettysburg



Our Headquarters Hotel for our **16-19 August 2012** reunion is the Wyndham Gettysburg located at 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325. It's off of US Hwy 15 and US Hwy 30 (York Road). When you make your room

reservations make sure to say you are with the 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Association block of rooms. We are allowed three (3) days prior to and after the Reunion at the block room rate. The room rate is \$104.00 single and double rate, plus tax (currently 9%). The block room rates are available until **5 PM (1700 hrs) on Tuesday, 27 July 2012**. You may make your hotel reservations by calling the hotel directly at 717-339-0020 or on the internet at www.wyndhamgettysburg.com. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!** There is much to see and do in Gettysburg so take advantage of these good room rates.



Business Meeting in Gettysburg

During the Association business meeting Thursday evening we will vote on a change in the By-Laws, address the tabled motion of making a donation to the Armored Museum and hold election of officers

BY-LAWS CHANGE:

The By-Laws Committee has reviewed our Association By-Laws amended on 05 September 2006; replacing the original document approved 02 September 2000. The reasoning behind the review was that although the 2006 amendment opened the Association membership up to all who served with the 2/1 CAV prior to and after Viet Nam, those memberships did not develop. It was thought that it was time to “return to our roots”. Our current By-Laws are on the 2/1 CAV website to compare to the proposed changes which are:

- **Front Cover:** Proposed changes *submitted* to membership at the 2012 Reunion.
- **Page 1, C:** The term “Active Class Members” means those persons who honorably served in the 2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry in Vietnam.
- **Page 1, D:** The term “Associate Class Members” means those persons that wish to support the Corporation and participate in its activities, including family, friends or *other persons who are selected for membership by a majority of Active members present.*
- **Page 13, Article XI, Approval:** Active Class Members of the Corporation on the *day of approval 2012.*

These amendments will be presented and voted on in Gettysburg during our business meeting. Please review these changes and refer to the standing By-Laws located on the 2/1 CAV website:

www.2-1cavalry.com.

John Movan and Lloyd Wirkkala sent in a couple of interesting websites on our current squadron

John sent this website in:

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/87805/wwii-veteran-bestows-words-wisdom-junior-leaders#.T6Mqkm6htFw.email>

Lloyd sent these two sites:

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10150655747427261&set=a.399835407260.181561.93241047260&type=1&theater>

<http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=15201>

Reunion Schedule

- **Thursday, 16 August**, will be Registration Day where you'll receive your paperwork and have the rest of the afternoon to spend visiting in the Hospitality Room or go see the sights around Gettysburg. Please bring a picture of yourself/spouse from the “Old Days” to put on the name tags! Troop Meetings and Association Business meeting and the Ladies Social will be that evening.
- **Friday, 17 August**, 10 am will be our Memorial Service on the hotel patio where we'll have chairs or move inside for inclement weather. The afternoon is free to visit or tour.
- **Saturday, 18 August**, is an open day until the Banquet. We will be visiting the Gettysburg Battle Field and possibly Pickets Charge (*there will **not** be busses*). If you would like to participate in the charge, you need to sign up during registration and please bring your state flag to carry. The Banquet Happy Hour starts at six and will let us relax and find our seats before the raffle and silent auction begins.
- All too quickly it will be **Sunday** and it will be our 9 am farewell meeting and checkout.

Fiddler's Green

Gentlemen, I wanted to tell you that my husband, **Larry E. Schaughnessy, HHT 67-68 - Over on the Boat – Maintenance**, died on May 20, 2010, and 49 days later on July 14, 2010 our grandson, Sgt. Zachary Michael Fisher, United States Army, Age 24 of Ballwin, MO was killed in Afghanistan. He also served a year in Iraq. - *Betty Schaughnessy*

Cathy Powers sent us a letter stating her father, **Jessie L Hobbs, HHT 69-70 of Monticello, GA** passed away on April 10, 2008. He was born in 1924. He served in WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam twice.

Ryan Montgomery notified us that his father, **Capt. Patrick Montgomery, HHT 67-68** died December 4th, 2011 in Durango, Colorado. A graveside service with full military honors was held at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Diana Watson lost her loving mother, **Maxine Bueker**, 1 April 2012. Her mother was a gracious and talented lady who helped out our Association in many ways over the years. She made cookies, flags, and crafts for our reunions and enjoyed being a silent CAV ambassador for many years. We wish the family comfort in knowing we too hold special memories for Maxine.

Bob Brothersen, C-Troop 67-68 (Over on Boat) passed away 27 March 2012 and was given a full military ceremony at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colorado on 9 April 2012. Bob's wife, Barbi and Family, sent a thank you to the 2/1 CAV for the beautiful yellow floral arrangement which was taken to the ceremony and left at the Columbarium. Attending the services were Tom Fey, Dennis and Janet Scott, Art and Bonnie Wright, Wayne Hook, Marlin and Ruth Pint, Jody Indermuehle and her son Joe and his wife and their daughter, and Tom and Linda Schluchter. Jerry and Elaine Barker were with the family when Bob passed away.

Raffle and Auction Items

By Tom Schluchter

A huge fund raiser for our Reunion is the raffle and silent auction held throughout the event, concluding Saturday evening after dinner. If not for the generosity of our troopers and guests, who donate items and bid on them, we would not be able to keep our reunion in the black. We ask that you consider bringing your wares so we may once again offer many, many raffle and silent auction items for consideration.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, please contact our past president, Dennis Scott, at 989-224-2601 to arrange getting your gift to Gettysburg to be included in this fund raising activity. Your thoughtfulness and gifts are appreciated. We cannot do this and be successful without your continued help and support troopers.

As Lloyd Wirkkala searches for new 2/1 CAV members, he sadly learns of those who served and have passed on. Below are names and their known information so we may include them in our memorial services.

Lewis G Jones

Died 1-26-2010
A Trp 67-68 11E40
Mora, MN

Andrew Minar

Died 5-10-2005
A Trp 68-70
Youngstown, OH

Vendral G Mullins

Died 2-26-2009
A Trp 69-70 11E40 SSG
Eureka, CA

Laclain C Guyton

Died 10-22-2008
B Trp 69
Terry, MS

Richard B Kelley

Died 2-1996
B Trp 67-68 31G20 Tactical Como
Chief
Shirley, NY

Marvin R Preston

Died 2-25-2011
B Trp 69-70
Alpine, AL

Harry A Walp

Died 1-26-2012
C trp 68-69 SSG
Springfield, OH (87 yrs old)

Rodney C Gibson

Died 11/14/2008
HHT 68-69 Medic
Deltona, FL

Please provide Lloyd with any original military orders or documents that will assist him in locating lost brothers who served with the 2-1 Calvary.



2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Association

Regiment of Dragoons

Trooper Registration/Change of Address

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Spouse Name: (optional) _____

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

Theater/Area of Operation (s): _____

Troop/Platoon: _____

Mail to:

2/1 CAV • PO Box 87 • Bay City, MI 48707-0087

Financial Support

For those who are financially able, we suggest annual dues of \$10 to help operate the Association and to get the *Blackhawk Bulletin* printed, published, and mailed twice each year.

Please know your 2012 dues and donations are accepted anytime. Just make your check payable to 2/1 CAV and mail it to the Association's postal box: 2/1 CAV, PO Box 87, Bay City, MI 48707-0087.

Your dues and donations are very much appreciated.

Communicate Your Move

Please, please keep your mailing information up-to-date. It would greatly help the organization. We are at over 2,000 members that receive the *Blackhawk Bulletin* and for every trooper that moves, and does not notify us, it costs the Association to locate you again. Please help us defray unnecessary mailing fees by communicating your home address change so you continue to get the *Blackhawk Bulletin*. Your help in this is much appreciated.

Shirt and Hat Orders

Shirts and hats are available to all people, whether attending the 2012 Reunion or not. Please fill out the part of the registration form that pertains to Shirts/Hats, be sure to include your address for shipping. Check must be made payable to 2/1 CAV and mailed to PO Box 87, Bay City, MI 48707-0087. Your order will be mailed out AFTER the Reunion in Gettysburg. For those attending the Reunion your extra shirts and hats will be given to you during registration.

Remember... It's never too late to attend your Reunion!

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Registration and Extra Shirt/Hat Order and Mail Order Form

Blackhawk Reunion • August 16-19, 2012 • Gettysburg Reunion

Registration fee for Trooper \$60.00* \$ _____

**This fee covers hospitality expenses (beverages and snacks) miscellaneous hotel expenses, fees, permit costs and includes (1) shirt and a hat for the trooper only. The shirt is an Anvil shirt (forest green) with the tank and sabers on it. The hat is a regular ball cap style; khaki with a dark green bill.*

If sending in registration fee, please **check YOUR** shirt size here:

Small Medium Large XLarge XXLarge XXXLarge

Note: If attending and you wish to order an extra shirt or hat, please do so in the EXTRA SHIRT & HAT ORDER section. For those not attending, place your order for shirts/hats in this same area.

Family/Guest Registration Fee for 21 years and older \$15.00 per person
Number of guests _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Will you be staying at the Wyndham Gettysburg? Yes No

Banquet and Raffle

Saturday evening, Doors Open at 6 pm and Dinner at 7pm

*Note: This will be a plated dinner assembled specifically for Military Reunions. Price includes dinner, sales tax, and gratuities. It is **extremely** important that we know how many of each meal to order before our cut off date of August 1st. Please provide this information and the meal charges when you remit your registration fees. Your entrée choices are:*

Sautéed Breast of Chicken Picca Number of meals _____ x \$38.00 ea. = \$ _____

Flat Iron Steak w/Peppercorn Sauce Number of meals _____ x \$38.00 ea. = \$ _____

Banquet Meal Total \$ _____

Extra Shirt & Hat and Mail Orders

(Deadline to Order Items is August 1, 2012)

Shirts:

_____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XLarge \$15.00 per shirt x _____ = \$ _____

_____ XXLarge _____ XXXLarge \$18.00 per shirt x _____ = \$ _____

Hats: One size fits all \$10.00 per hat x _____ = \$ _____

If not attending, please enclose \$5 postage for first item ordered and \$1 postage for each additional item. Items will be mailed to you after the Reunion.

Mail Order Shipping Fee is \$5.00 \$ _____

Additional Item Shipping Fee is \$1 x ea. _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION, BANQUET and EXTRA SHIRT/HAT ORDER: \$ _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN OVER THIS FORM AND FILL OUT THE OTHER SIDE

Please make all checks and money orders payable to: 2/1 CAV
Mail Check and Registration Form to: 2/1 CAV, P.O. Box 87, Bay City, MI 48707-0087

Return by July 27, 2012 as this will help us do our planning. But it's never too late to attend!



Trooper Informational Update

Trooper's Name: _____ Name for Tag: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ Name for Tag: _____

Additional Guest: _____ Name for Tag: _____

Additional Guest: _____ Name for Tag: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: (optional) _____

Email Address: _____

PRIMARY TROOP: _____

Note: We are aware that some of you served in more than one troop and/or unit. Please list all the information you are comfortable with providing, but list your primary troop first.

**REMEMBER TO BRING A 1.5" x 2" PICTURE
OF YOUR "YOUNGER" SELF FOR YOUR NAMETAG!**

Don't forget to bring your photos, VCR tapes, DVD's and other items you would like to display in the Hospitality Room. Make sure that your items are clearly marked as yours.

**REUNION REMINDER ... YOU MUST MAKE YOUR WYNDAM GETTYSBURG
RESERVATION NO LATER THAN JULY 27, 2012 TO GET THE 2/1 CALVARY
ASSOCIATION HOTEL ROOM RATE OF \$104 (plus taxes).**