



# BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

2ND SQUADRON, 1ST (ARMORED) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

## 2020 REUNION HAS BEEN CANCELLED

### President's Corner

Tom Fey

WOW, COVID-19 has really affected everything around the world, even us in the 2/1 Cavalry Association. Your Leadership Team was set to be in San Antonio on April 15 -17 to finalize plans for our August reunion. Instead, on March 26 we had a conference call with your troop reps and we all agreed we were responsible for the safety of all our members and must therefore cancel the 2020 reunion.

Instead, Firebase Barker, September 17-20 2020, will host the annual meeting, **as long as the pandemic has subsided**. Because of the cancellation, Firebase becomes the official 2020 annual meeting of the 2/1 Cavalry Association and a larger number is expected to attend Firebase. Therefore, we need a firm count on the number attending for such items as food, snacks, paper products, etc. We are asking you to complete and return the enclosed registration form in this bulletin.

As this will be the Official meeting for 2020, elections will be held and we encourage you to nominate yourself or someone for the offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer.

With the cancellation of the 2020 reunion it is now time to consider the 2022 reunion location. Do you want to return to San Antonio, go to Ft. Bragg and the Cavalry Museum or somewhere else? Attend Firebase and let your voice be heard.

Be Safe and maintain your social distancing and stay at home. Listen to what the Medical Experts are saying and we can all attend Firebase Barker.

*Scouts Out!*

### Vice President

Warren Roach

Tom sent out an e-mail to get my VP report to him for the Newsletter. As of a couple weeks ago we had things coming together for the 2020 San Antonio reunion and then this Corona virus came into play. I had meet with the public relation people at Fort Sam Houston who was going help us with a lot of activities on the post and help at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk but of right now all of that has come to stop. The post is gearing up to fight the virus. So, the only thing I can report is that Tom is working hard on making a decision on to have the reunion or not. The only advice that I can give everyone is if you can do something to help your friend and neighbors do it. GOD help the world to get through this crisis and stay close to your love ones. Give our government the power and equipment we need to work to get this job done.

GOD bless each and every of one you and stay safe until we meet again.

*GOD Bless America!*

### Secretary

Kaylene Vobelt

WOW!!! Mother Nature sure has been a Fickle Witch with her winter's weather this year. One day we had a foot of snow here in Indiana and two days later it was 50. Just when the weather is getting nice so time can be spent outside along comes the Corona virus and everyone has to be isolated from each other and need to stay inside and pray and do everything humanly possible not to catch it. Not the way I wanted to spend my springtime... Nothing to report from the Secretary corner at this time. I am looking forward to seeing my 2/1 Cav family this summer.

# Troop Reports

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## HHT

John Hasenauer

*You're in trouble! Think quick: do you call in the cavalry, or the calvary?*

When you find yourself facing daunting circumstances and seemingly innumerable foes, you could figuratively sound the trumpets and call in the *Cavalry*.

On the battlefield, one should send in the *cavalry*, which is the original word for an army component mounted on horseback. The similarly spelled word *calvary* however, refers to "an open-air depiction of the crucifixion."

In the early western U.S., when the extent of the government's ability to enforce law and order was relatively weak, the horse-mounted part of the military (i.e., the cavalry) was the only organization of any power that could be quickly sent to impose the rule of law on an unruly populace.

Second, in U.S. "Western" movies of the 1920-50s, whenever a "*deus ex machina*" (Greek-god from the machine) was needed to quell an insurrection or uncontrollable braw, the cavalry was summoned and, with bugles blaring, magically appeared and settled the conflict. If only it was so quick and easy at going into battle!

So, the figure of speech: "*the calling of the cavalry*" is used to describe that of quickly and unexpected appearance of our fellow troopers on the scene and decisively quell the dispute or quarrel of a battle by overwhelming force—by your attendance as a trooper at the 2020 reunion.

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## A TROOP

Brian Kosteck

Well, what a couple of months can do to change the hearts and minds of the American people. Covid-19 is suddenly the only medical term anyone knows. Notwithstanding that few, if any, have a clue what the actual impact will be. Maybe when this goes to print, we will all have a better understanding of Covid-19. For those of you with depression era parents and the stories they use to tell may recall their tale of the radio program *War of the Worlds* with Orson Wells.

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 on the back cover.

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## B TROOP

Fred Leyba

Here we are on the first day of Spring in the sixties and raining in Northwest Arkansas. I am sure everyone is doing what is necessary to avoid the Coronavirus. I hope and pray that it is under control by reunion time and Fire Base Barker. Nothing else to report at this time.

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## C TROOP

Wayne Hook

Nothing to report but take care of yourselves!

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## D TROOP

Raymond Marple

Greetings to my frequent flier brothers in D Troop.

This is going to be a short spot as you will have read everything in the Presidents writings. Please forgive me for the last bulletin but we had both my wife's parents and both of her brother's wife's father and mother pass away within seven weeks of each other.

If you have any ideas about the proposals for the next main reunion let me know and I'll see that they are brought up for consideration I myself am open to both Carson and Benning.

Hope to see you at Firebase Barker in Sept if it still goes on for our business meeting.

Until then you all Lay Dog and keep yourself safe till we get through this catastrophe.

As ever Ray Marple,

**SCOUTS OUT!**

## Chaplain

Dennis Scott

Our chaplain is currently undergoing rehabilitation treatment due to a medical issue earlier in the year. He is getting stronger but he could use some cards and letters of encouragement!

Dennis Scott, Room D-14  
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## Treasurer

Stu McDiarmid

I am sure that by now most of you know that we canceled the 2-1 Cavalry Association reunion in San Antonio Texas, but we will meet at Firebase Barker instead. This decision was made by all of the officers and troop representatives on a conference call on March 26, 2020.

It is required by our by-laws to have a meeting every year and hold elections of officers every two years those elections will be held at Firebase Barker this year. If you haven't been to a Firebase Barker you are missing a few days with the Troopers you have known for over fifty years and making new friends as well. The food and beverages the best! Join in on the 2-1 Cav Convoy to Kokamo for the Vietnam Veterans reunion held there annually.

I have been gathering up *Blackhawk Bulletins* for a few months and still have a few missing, my goal is to make a book that could be reproduced for a hand out at the next reunion. I need your help. If you have a copy of the missing newsletter send it to me and I will return it. I'm missing 1992, 1993, 1995, 2002, 2006.

Now I have two items that are important to this organization:

- 1) Should you move or change phone numbers or email addresses please contact me or your Troop Representative with that information so our mailing list is correct so the *Blackhawk Bulletin* always arrives in your mail box.
- 2) Your Dues are what pays for the printing and mailing of the *Bulletins* to you. 2020 dues and donations are accepted and appreciated at any time. Please make your check or money order payable to the 2/1 Cav and mail it to **2/1 CAV, 22158 Chelsea Lane, Woodhaven, Michigan 48183**

See you at Firebase Barker!

## Firebase Barker

Jerry Barker

GENERAL ORDER...FUBAR...As you have read elsewhere in the *Blackhawk Bulletin*, BaseCamp San Antonio has been cancelled for 2020. Firebase Barker is the new normal and we are preparing to turn our acre of land into a first rate military garrison. In true Cavalry spirit we will do the best we can but we are asking for your patience and cooperation as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Firebase Barker is scheduled for September 17-20 in Indy. My commanding officer, Elaine, and I are hoping that everyone will stay safe and healthy in order to attend.

We will be introducing a new and improved C Ration selection to complement our usual fare. DoD surveys taken during our tour of duty revealed that our favorite B-1, B-2, and B-3 units were pound cake and sliced peaches.

In remembrance of those thrilling days of yesteryear, we will be serving all your heart's desire. Perhaps we can start a new Cavalry Tradition and it won't even require a P-38.

Please feel free to get in touch with any suggestions, questions or concerns you may have: **(317)-607-8015** or **firebasebarker@gmail.com**. This year body counts are more important than ever due to the precarious position we find ourselves in.

While in-country we dealt with a sneaky, resourceful, and often hidden enemy. Today we find ourselves dealing with another equally dangerous enemy; COVID-19. AS before we should always maintain proper intervals. One "round" could get us all. So, don't forget your malaria pills. Be safe, wash your hands and remember...**It's a jungle out there!**

## Quartermaster

Jesse Paul and Diana Watson

This year has definitely had its ups and downs with the weather here in Missouri. One day we have a beautiful sunny day and the next snow. On the up side, we have welcomed a new great-grandson, Bentley James Heiland to our family. He weighed in at 1lb. 14 oz. when he was born 11 ½ weeks early and is now well over 6 ½ pounds. All are doing well and should be home by the time this newsletter hits the mail.

As far as CAV business goes, we would like to thank everyone once again for all the support on the attire we have made for the troopers and their families in the past. This year's shirt should have a new design. We look forward to seeing everyone at Firebase Barker.

# FIREBASE BARKER SEPTEMBER 17-20 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> SQUADRON 1<sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY  
ASSOCIATION



FIRST REGIMENT OF  
DRAGOONS

Registration Fee for Trooper \$50.00 covers hospitality expenses that includes snacks and beverages, miscellaneous expenses, permit costs, and includes a shirt and a hat for the trooper only.

If attending pick your shirt size here:

Small  Medium  Large  X large  2XLarge  3XLarge  4XLarge  5XLarge

Trooper registration fee.....\$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family/Guest Fee for over 21 years old is \$15.00

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ X\$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRA SHIRT AND HAT AND MAIL ORDERS MUST BE ORDERED before AUGUST 1, 2020**

If attending and you want to order extra shirts or hats order here:

SHIRTS  Small  Medium  Large  X Large ..... \$15.00 per shirt X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2XLarge  3XLarge  4XLarge  5XLarge..... \$18.00 per shirt X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are NOT attending and want to order shirts and hats order here:

Small  Medium  Large  X Large..... \$15.00 per shirt X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2X Large  3XLarge  4XLarge  5XLarge..... \$18.00 per shirt X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HATS: One size fits all..... \$10.00 per hat X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If not attending please enclose \$8.00 for postage for the first item and \$3.00 postage  
For each additional item ordered ..... = \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

TOTAL REGISTRATION AND EXTRA SHIRT AND HAT ORDER..... TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send payment to: 2/1 Cav, 22158 Chelsea Lane, Woodhaven MI 48183**

There will be a 2/1 Cavalry Convoy to Kokomo Indiana to the annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion on Saturday departing at 9AM from Firebase Barker.

Some Troopers and their wives bring something special from their region of the Country to share like cheese from Wisconsin or Polish sausage from Hamtramck Michigan, please bring something to share from your part of the Country.

**Firebase Barker is located at 161 Raceway Road, Indianapolis IN 46234**



# 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:**

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## 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	69-60	10/29/2018	MD
Robert I. Aragon	A	68-69	5/28/2003	NM
Bill Billerman	B	67-68	1/27/2020	IN
Lambert T. Brigoli	D	68-69	4/14/2012	CA
Walter Cregger	C	67-68	9/16/2004	TX
David R. Emmons	HHT	70-71	7/23/2012	IL
Ronnie Griffin	C	70-71	1/17/2016	LA
Dale Howdyshell	C	70-70	1/25/2020	OH
Jon F. Moenter	HHT	70-71	8/27/2018	OH
Gregory J. Paganini	A	67-68	4/13/2018	SC



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