



# BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

2ND SQUADRON, 1ST (ARMORED) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

## To the Blackhawk family:

Thank you, Blackhawks, for the many acts of kindness shown to me and our family at the passing of my beloved husband, Dennis Scott. All the notes, cards and calls were greatly appreciated. I especially want to thank all the troopers and family members (39 by my count) who were able to make the trip to Michigan for the Memorial Service to celebrate his life. You all went "above and beyond" the call of duty to honor him. There really are no words to express how much Dennis' CAV family meant to him. His many years of working with and leading this fine organization were a labor of love of the highest order. Some of his happiest days on this earth were spent in the company of his CAV brothers and sisters; all people delivered by fate but loved like family.



God Bless You All,  
Janet Scott

## President's Corner

Tom Fey

As I write this, my mind goes back to 2010 when you elected me to this position. I was following the footsteps of a dedicated man and leader. Dennis Scott was our leader from the beginning in 1985 at our time at Lake Melvern, KS and his footsteps have been tough to follow. Scotty finally rode to the shade of Fiddler's Green to drink a cold one with friends already there. Troopers traveled many miles to pay their respects at his memorial this last June: Thank you.

Since we had to cancel our 2020 Reunion due to Covid, it's been a long time since we've seen each other. So, as you have requested our 2022 Reunion is around the corner. Mark your calendars for **12-15 May 2022**. Hilton Garden Inn in Coumbus, GA. This is the change in our fall meeting schedule as you requested. You can get your hotel reservations now with the information below:

Our group page has been approved and has been published to the web.

Your web page address is: [https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/C/CSGGHGI-21CAV-20220510/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/C/CSGGHGI-21CAV-20220510/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Group Name: 2022 Reunion of the 2/1 Cavalry Regiment Association

Group Code: 21CAV

Check-in: 10-MAY-2022

Check-out: 15-MAY-2022

Hotel Name: [Hilton Garden Inn Columbus](#)

Hotel Address: 1500 Bradley Lake Boulevard, Columbus, GA 31904

Phone Number: 1-706-660-1000

## Vice President

Warren Roach

Last year the world was attacked by an unforeseen enemy more deadly than any found on a battlefield. As a result, we lost an entire year in which normal routines were disrupted. Thankfully, the incredibly effective vaccine, combined with a significant effort to get people vaccinated, so we could get back to a normal life again. COVID-19 has exceeded the number of those who died in World War 1, 2, Korea and Vietnam War combined. Unfortunately, many of those who succumbed to the virus were family members, friends, loved ones and the Veterans of those all wars. All must be remembered in some way. Personally, I think life will not be the same because of the lives that have been lost. Special Thanks to all the medical personnel who work day and night to help us get through this nightmare.

Remembering the Past President and our first one, Dennis G. Scott, I had the honor to attend Dennis Scott's funeral and celebration of life in the city of St. Johns. Michigan. I was given two duties: one was to be an Honor Guard at his Urn and the other was to carry the Guidon for C-Troop at the cemetery. Dennis was well respected man and he was involved in a whole lot projects and committees one which he started was a War Memorial for the city of St. Johns in the middle of the square. I am glad to have known him and worked with him with the 2/1 Cavalry Association for many years, my heart goes out to the Scott family. He will be missed by all; I know I will.

Now that the world is coming back to life it's time to put on your Cavalry shirt, hat with your boots and head to Columbus, Georgia in the spring for our 2022 Reunion. I am sure Tom will have more about the 2022 Reunion in his report.

*God Bless America. Scouts Out!*

## Treasurer

Stu McDiarmid

**Covid Sucks!** We have lost so much valuable time it has been almost two years since our last gathering at Firebase Barker in September 2019. **Let's do it this September!** If you are going to Firebase contact Jerry to let him know you're coming at [firebasebarker@gmail.com](mailto:firebasebarker@gmail.com)

After Firebase Barker, see you in Columbus Georgia for our National reunion in May 2022.

I would like to thank Lloyd Wirkkala for his efforts in cleaning up our contact list of Troopers. Lloyd spent three months verifying information on the list and found that many of our brothers had passed. RIP.

You can look up our lost brothers in the Fiddler's Green section of our webpage: [www.2-1cavalry.com](http://www.2-1cavalry.com)

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. 2021 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** (Dues can also be paid online through the website [2-1cavalry.com](http://2-1cavalry.com))

See you at Firebase Barker September 15-18, 2021!

## Recording Secretary

Kaylene Vobelt

Hello from Indiana. It has been a crazy spring/summer here in northern Indiana. One day the high is in the 50's and the next day the high is in the 90's. I guess mother nature has her own way of doing things? She doesn't always follow what season.

I had an eye-opening experience. I joined tom and Stu on a trip to the Columbus, GA area to check out motels for our upcoming 2/1 CAV reunion in May. I knew it took time to set up our reunions but I never imagined just how much time, energy and stress it really took? These two men put their hearts and souls into finding the best motel at the best price so the Troopers of the 2/1 CAV association can have the best reunion possible. I hope everyone will be pleased with what we found and are planning.

I am so looking forward to see everyone in Georgia in May. God Bless you all until then.

## Troop Reports

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### A TROOP

Brian Kosteck

In April, 2021, several members of A-Troop met in Arlington, VA to lay to rest our former Captain George K. Webster. George was not only a great soldier but a fine man. The evidence of this could be seen in the number of family and friends that were in attendance for the final good-bye at Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington buries their own with the dignity and pride that reflects the highest honor in which they lay to rest their own. George's infectious smile and laughter will be missed at future 2/1 CAV gatherings.

A-troop it is time we get ready to meet again.

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 on the *Blackhawk Bulletin*.

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### B TROOP

Fred Leyba

Here's hoping all Troopers and families are doing well and staying cool. Judy and I are really looking forward to the reunion next spring and possibly getting to Firebase Barker this September. Other than that, there is nothing new to report from B-Troop.

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### C TROOP

Wayne Hook

Nothing new to report from C-Troop, but it was great seeing all who attended Scotty's funeral. I was honored to stand Honor Guard for my friend and carry his Flag at the funeral.

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### D TROOP

Raymond Marple

Fellow D-Troopers,

Not too much to report on, it's been pretty quiet around here. Thank my higher power for my motorcycle or I probably would have gone stark raving mad.

As usual if you need to know something and can't find the answer, I am pretty good at getting answers. Looking forward to seeing many of you at Firebase Barker this year.

**SCOUTS OUT!**



# 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Association

1ST 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 • 22158 Chelsea Lane • Woodhaven, MI 48183

## Firebase Barker

*Jerry Barker*

**Boots on the ground!** That is what we are looking forward to at 2021 Firebase Barker, 16-19 Sept. 2021.

It will be a much deserved and anticipated R&R after missing out on last year's gathering. Preliminary intelligence points to a well-attended firebase this year. Troopers are hungry to see one another post-COVID.

There have been inquiries about bringing additional family members this time. Elaine and I encourage this in light of what we have just suffered through. For this reason, it is especially important for us to have an accurate body count. We must know how many MRE's to order from supply. Please provide status reports.

We will enjoy our usual fare with the addition of pound cake and peaches, which you have all been longing for since Nam. For those wishing to sample more traditional Vietnamese cuisine there will be NUOC MAM from Pleiku, Gia Lai Provence. Additionally, there are plans for another military surprise at firebase.

For questions, concerns, comments, and participation numbers, please contact us at

firebasebarker@gmail.com or (317)607-8015. You know the drill.

FLASHBACK: General Order #1...I will guard everything within the limits of my post and quit my post only when properly relieved...Safety first! **It's a jungle out there!**

## Quartermaster

*Paul Watson*

Hello troopers, it was wonderful to see the turnout at Dennis Scott's Memorial Service. What a great tribute to a good friend and trooper. If we counted right there were 22 Cav. troopers plus additional family members, that came from 13 states. That says a lot about the man that helped keep the 2/1 CAV Association together all these years.

On a business note, we have been doing a few shirts and hats this year. If you are in need of any shirts or hats, let us know. We will do our best to get them to you as soon as possible.

We will not be bringing our usual large assortment of shirts and hats to Firebase Barker this year. If you want something and know ahead of time, please let us know and we will bring it to Firebase or mail it to you.

Looking forward to Firebase Barker and the 2022 Reunion.

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