



BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

2ND SQUADRON, 1ST (ARMORED) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

President's Corner

Tom Fey

The 2022 Reunion in Columbus, GA was a success and the hotel staff was the nicest we've ever encountered. So now it's on to 2024 in Colorado Springs and Fort Carson, Colorado. Your Leadership Team will start looking for reunion venues (*the hotel we used in 2016/18 has been turned into apartments*) to house our next reunion.

I have been informed that **there will not be a Firebase Barker this year**. Read Jerry's report in the *Firebase Barker* article.

I had some sad news that prior to our reunion — our Chaplain, Richard "the Reverend" Hines, was killed in a car accident. True to Cavalry tradition, another Trooper stepped forward to assume those duties. Emmett Goodson has accepted the responsibilities of our Chaplain and provided his services during the reunion. Thanks Goodie.

The membership decided that should the 2/1 Cavalry Association ever be dissolved, any remaining treasury monies after debt settlement should be divided equally between the Disabled American Veterans, Army Emergency Relief Fund, National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Association and the Army National Museum in Washington, DC.

These changes will be made to our By-Laws and registered in Michigan.

Vice President

Warren Roach

Columbus Fort Benning Reunion was a success!! If it was any more enjoyable, I couldn't stand it. All the team's work paid off and it came together like a symphony. I received all good comments from Troopers and guests. The hotel did an outstanding job working with us and I'd like to give a special thanks to Wanda who worked the front desk, she helped us a lot. I am told, Rosemary's ladies Ice Cream Social was a big success on Thursday evening. We all saddled up on Friday morning for the bus tour to the National Infantry Museum, the Fort Benning PX for lunch and then traveled for the best part: The National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Collection and Restoration Storage Building which maintains and stores a collection of 260 armor and cavalry combat vehicles and equipment. It was outstanding and to make it even better, our tour guides Ashley Woitena and her partner Carter from *Visit Columbus Center* kept the party going so we didn't get bored in between locations. On Saturday morning, Tom brought us all together for the Memorial Service. It's hard to hold back the tears with the reading of the names, so many names. That night was the Dragoon Banquet and Ball followed by a dance. For me it was a great time and it was good seeing us all together again. Until we meet again... *Scouts Out!*

Secretary

Kaylene Vobelt

I think summer is finally here in northern Indiana. It has been so beastly hot here!

It was great seeing everyone that was able to make it to Columbus, Georgia. I hope those that attended enjoyed themselves, I know I did. My military star card sure took a beating at the exchange in Fort Benning. That's just the way it is when you don't live close to a military installation. You go nuts when you get close to one. Plus, I had two of the best shopping buddies, Rose Roach and Ruthanne Loder.

I'm already getting excited about our next reunion in Colorado Springs in 2024. It'll be here before we know it.

Treasurer

Stu McDiarmid

Due to a few medical issues in the past year or so I have not been able to attend the last *Firebase* or the *Reunion* in Columbus Georgia. *Firebase* is always a great time, and I have received a number of calls from Troopers that attended the *Reunion* with reports of what a great time was had by all that attended. I plan on being at Fort Carson in 2024, see you there!

Dues and donations are always accepted 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*)

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Secretary's Minutes: 2022 Reunion

2/1 Cavalry Reunion Columbus, GA Thursday, May 12, 2022

President Tom Fey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The National Anthem was played followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Emmett Goodson led us in prayer.

The *Secretary's Report* was read and accepted.

The *Treasurer's Report* was read by Tom in the absence of Stu due to health issues.

A motion was made to adjourn for 10 minutes for troop meetings. The troops were instructed to discuss: where they would like the 2024 Reunion; what to do with the money and other items belonging to the association if the association would have to be dissolved in the future; and assign readers for the memorial service. The meeting was called back to order at 7:49pm.

Jessie Paul Watson was wished a happy birthday.

Tom announced that General Abrams' family was receiving the *Sullivan Cup Award* for what the general did for the Cavalry. Tom announced that our Chaplain, Richard Hines was killed in a car accident and that we are in need of a new Chaplain.

The entire list of the troopers that have gone to Fiddler's Green will not be read. A motion was made that if anyone wanted to honor their loved one, they could do so during the Memorial.

Troops suggested that if the Association were to be dissolved, they would like everything to go to the:

1. Army Emergency Relief (AER) Fund
2. Disabled American Veterans
3. Army National Museum in D.C.
4. National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Association

If the Association dissolves, monies will be divided in equal amounts to these 4 organizations. This will be added to the Association By-Laws.

Reunion sites suggested were:

- HHT: San Antonio, Texas
- A: Las Vegas, Nevada
- B: Colorado Springs
- C: Colorado Springs
- D: Colorado Springs

Reunion 2024 will be held in Colorado Springs, CO after Labor Day.

Chaplain

Emmet Goodson

Emmet Goodson passed word to Tom Fey that he'd catch you next time, and that he wishes all of his brothers and sisters safe and well until we meet again in Colorado Springs in 2024.

Troop Reports

A TROOP

Brian Kosteck

Nothing to report from/for A- Troop.

B TROOP

Fred Leyba

This report is not just for B-Troop, but for all troops and troopers. The 2022 Reunion was a great success, and all had a good time. Plus, many great memories were made in Georgia. I hope that it won't be the last. I know my wife, Judy, enjoyed doing the raffle... especially the drawing. I apologize for being under the weather and all my coughing. I am grateful though that two Covid tests came back negative. Sunday morning however was not so pleasant as I was rushed to the hospital with a breathing problem. I was well taken care of there and was able to return home on Thursday.

I wish to thank all the troopers that contributed to Judy's extended stay at the hotel. Thanks also to Tom Fey, Warren and Rosemary Roach for looking after her the next couple of days. Also, thanks go to Bill and Ruthanne Loder for checking on Judy at the hospital and making sure she would be okay. Your concern, thoughts and prayers give new meaning to the phrase, "No Man Left Behind ". Thanks again to the 2/1 CAV.

C TROOP

Wayne Hook

I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend the gathering in Columbus, I sure missed everyone. Stay safe and I'll see you in Colorado Springs.

D TROOP

Raymond Marple

No Report.

HHT TROOP

Raymond Muller

No Report.



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Firebase Barker

Jerry Barker

Unfortunately, we are forced to cancel Firebase Barker 2022, as I realize that I am still a little lost in the jungle from my brain injury in December. Given inflation and the cost of gas/everything, this is an opportunity to save some money for necessities.

At least we were all together in 2022 in Georgia. It was very pleasant and therapeutic to see everyone. Stay tuned for future events, but take it from me... ***It's still a jungle out there!***

Webmaster

Fred Lohr

Spammers and other nasty people are constantly trying to infiltrate our website: **2-1cavalry.com** and post messages to our Guestbook. I had to turn off the ability to see messages that are newly posted. As administrator, I can see these messages and delete the spam and reveal the good entries.

If you want to post a message, go ahead and post it. I will be able to allow it to be seen by everyone who visits the webpage. Spammers eventually give up when they don't see their posts.

I also had to disable the USER registration part of the Cav Lounge due to spam bots registering at the rate of over 100 a day! If you need to register or need help with anything like lost passwords or other things, email me directly at: **admin@2-1cavalry.com**. I can register you and solve most any of your problems.



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