



# Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

Summer 2013



## President's Corner - Reunion 2014

— Tom Fey

It's time to start saving your money for the **2014 2/1 Cavalry Association Reunion** to be held in Milwaukee at the Downtown Hilton. The Committee, Wayne Hook, Tom Schluchter, and I have been working diligently to put together the best possible reunion.

Here is information on our hotel. Watch the 2/1 Webpage and expect an email from our webmaster, Fred Lohr, that the hotel is ready to take your reservation. The hotel webpage link will be built the week of September 9, 2013. Our contact is Jennifer Pretschold | Catering Manager

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In the mean time, prepare for Firebase Barker.



## New Amendment to the By-Laws

During the business meeting at 2012 Firebase Barker, an amendment to the Association By-Laws was made and passed; to be voted on at the next business meeting, which will be at Firebase Barker in September 2013. **The amendment states that we remove the Office of Secretary and replace that position with a Recording Secretary to be appointed by the president at meetings for recording purposes.**

This is the second announcement of this By-Law change and will be voted on during the business meeting at Firebase Barker 2013. If you have questions on this amendment, you may contact the association president.

# Troop Reports

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## A Troop

By Brian Kosteck

Well, the good news is in!! The site for the next reunion is going to be Milwaukee, WI. I cannot speak to the historical/military importance of this selection, but I can state there is much to see and do in this city. From the Pabst Mansion to the Harley-Davidson Museum, there is something for everyone. The Henry Maier Festival Park down along the Lake is the site of many attractions and events and is just a beautiful place to walk around. I suggest you Google "Milwaukee things to do" prior to packing up for this next reunion.

A-Troop should hopefully have a few new faces as I heard from yet another trooper, William "Bill"

Sandberg. Bill was the company clerk for a period in the '69-70 era before Dick Hays became the group clerk. Bill is currently living in Georgia and is retired from the teaching profession. The great thing about new faces, at reunions, is the stories and memories as they remember them.

A-Troop wants to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Tom Fey, President for his willingness to accept the role of President for another term. The time commitment and sacrifice that this position requires is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU, TOM!!!

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 emails 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:

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## B Troop

By Warren Roach

Well Troopers, we're quickly approaching summertime. It will not be too much longer and it will be time for Firebase Barker. The only thing I have to report is that Col. Don Moreau, Squadron Commander in 1968, has been under the weather, but seeing what has been put on facebook by Linda (his wife), he is back on the road to recovering. Okay troopers, I need your feedback about what is going on in your world and your fellow troopers. STAY IN TOUCH! Anyway, hope you all have a nice summer. Scouts Out!!!

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## C Troop

By Wayne (Hooker) Hook

James Wolfe, Bay City MI, C-TRP 68-69 died March-2013; Kenneth Partayan, San Fransico CA, HHT-A TRP 68-69 died January 2013. Memorials were made to both.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Firebase Barker.

## D Troop

By Ray Marple

Well fellow D Troopers, it's time to start thinking about migrating to Firebase Barker the third weekend of September. That's Sept. 20th-22nd for our annual business meeting and convoy to Greentown, IN for the Big VVA weekend. And I mean all of you Blues too.

It seems like the older we are getting the faster time seems to pass. Before long we will all be planning the trek to Wisconsin. I've never been there and am anxious to find out what is offered, besides the Dells.

Once again, if you have anything you need help with, I can try to find out the answers for you. Sometimes I'm lucky and know them without having to do too much research. Yours in Brotherhood, Ray Marple

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## HHT Troop

By Tom Fey

**I received an email from HHT Representative, Lloyd Wirkkala saying he no longer wants to represent HHT. So we need an HHT Trooper to step forward in that position. It's not much work. Please give me a call or email me.**

# Mail Order Apology

— Tom Schluchter

Unfortunately the last group of 2012 Reunion shirt and hat mail orders was lost, and for that we apologize. I do have the original order forms so we do know what you ordered and paid for, I just need to know if you **DID NOT** get your merchandise.

Please contact me at 989.684.4380 or by email: tom\_linda@charter.net so the problem can be taken care of for you.

## 2/1 CAV Merchandise

If you are interested in purchasing any 2/1 CAV shirts, hats, or other embroidered items, please contact the Watson's:

**Paul:** 660-537-5833 or

**Diana:** 573-289-8197

or **email** them at:

**jpd\_watson@hotmail.com**

# Firebase Barker 2013 Deployment

— Jerry Barker

CSM Elaine and I invite you to bivouac again this year at Firebase Barker, September 20-22, 2013. It promises to be a big event, coming on the off year from the national reunion. Look at it as an IG Inspection to assess combat readiness for deployment to Milwaukee in 2014.

We will again convoy north to the Howard County Vietnam Veterans Organization's 31st annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion. The base camp was originally located in Kokomo, Indiana. Some years ago it was relocated to Greentown in order to accommodate what has become the oldest and largest event of its' kind anywhere.

The advance party will be working hard to insure that all is ready here in Indy. **WE NEED NUMBERS AND ETA'S!!!** The mess sergeant gets surly when the head count is off. Let us know your intentions or you will forfeit your three-day pass and be stuck pulling KP instead. We have already started to put the roster together, so don't be MIA! You can contact HQ at firebasebarker@gmail.com, or call 317-607-8015.

Remember.... We are not as young as we used to be and IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!

# Vice President

— Lance Lake

Hey everyone, I hope you are having a great year so far. There are many people suffering from tornadoes, floods, and other acts of nature this year and I pray for you all. Remember to pray for our country and our brothers and sisters who are serving now.

For those who are reading this and have never made contact with your brothers of the 2/1 CAV, I encourage you to do that at this time. Start planning now for the next reunion in 2014 and let us make it the biggest and best ever. Nothing compares to the love and fellowship we get to have when we are all together.

Reminder: Remember to always contact any of your officers with any information or questions you might have. It is always hard to know what is going on with all of you without your help.

Check out this web site: <http://www.dvidshub.net/> This is *Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System* and it has a lot of current information concerning the CAV and other military units.

# Current Active Squadron

The Squadron is still in Afghanistan working/training the national Afghan forces. They will be coming home this summer and are making this print of their deployment available to members of our association.



To order the print, send your check to:

2/1 CAV  
Building 3218  
JBLM  
Washington, 98433  
c/o LTC Lombardo

The price to pay via PayPal is \$69.50 (includes shipping) or the price for sending a check is \$67.50 (includes shipping). If you send a check please place ATTN CPT Dennis on the envelope. Shipping will be direct from the Artist, Jody Harmon.



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## Blackhawk Squadron Ball

We, of the 2/1 Cavalry Association, have been invited to their **2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment Squadron Ball**. The Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment Invite you to join us for a camaraderie-filled evening with Troopers of the Blackhawk Squadron. Dance the night away to the live DJ, have your photograph taken by a professional photographer, and enjoy an evening of fine dining in great company.

**Date:** 8 August 2013, Cocktail Hour begins at 1730 followed by receiving line at 1830.

**Location:** Forrest Ballroom, Red Lion Hotel | 2300 Evergreen Park Drive | Olympia, WA 98502

**Price:** \$20 a ticket for Soldiers E6 and below, \$25 a ticket for E-7 and above and civilians

Complete meal selection form and submit payments to your Troop Representative NLT 2 August. Tickets may be purchased using cash or checks made to: **JT SQDN Ball Fund**.

Red Lion Hotel rooms can be booked online, or by phone at 360-252-0973.

Use the promo code: **21CAV0808** and book a sleeping room for the special rate of \$89.

**Questions:** 1LT Anne Danczyk

**NIPR:** 303-551-5601

**Email:** anne.danczyk.mil@mail.mil

**Dress:** Formal Dress Mess or ASU (Stetsons and Spurs)

# Fiddler's Green

## KEN J. PARTOYAN



Kenneth James Partoyan passed away suddenly on Jan 22, 2013. "Kenny" was a kind man, who gave generously of his time & talents to family & friend alike. He is survived by his loving sister, Karen Partoyan-Holleran & her husband Walt, his beloved niece & nephew, Carla Frances Holleran & William Kenneth Holleran. Kenny was born in San Francisco in 1947 to James & Evangeline Partoyan; his family relocated to San Bruno when he was ten, where he has lived since. Ken graduated from Crestmoor High School in 1966, & served in the U.S. Army (1st Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division) in Vietnam (Feb '68 - Sep '69); he was proud of the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) he received, but (in honor of his fallen friends) he refused the Purple Heart medal for serious wounds he received during combat. Ken worked in various trades, ultimately becoming a dedicated member of the Sprinkler Fitters Union (Local 483) for 33 yrs. Ken was a multitasking individual, proficient as a machinist, welder, & auto mechanic. He was able to repair or build nearly anything. He most-enjoyed being playful with his niece & nephew, & spending time on his land in the Sierra foothills, where he built a summer retreat. Like his father, Ken became an active member of St. John Armenian Church, where he felt a strong sense of community. Ken appreciated the excellent care he received from the SF & Palo Alto VA Medical Centers. His fun-loving & generous spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

## THOMAS ROBERT PRINCE



Tom Prince, 67, of Ann Arbor, passed away Sept. 19, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Banana River, FL, to Robert, who precedes him in death, and Mary Prince of Grand Rapids. He also is preceded in death by his brother, Bill (Kathy), of East Lansing. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Helena Prince; his son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Jodi Prince, grandchildren, Isaac, Mia and Shelby, of Kenosha, WI; daughter, Sarah Prince of Ann Arbor; brothers, Richard (Brenda) Prince of Grand Rapids, and David (Patrice) Prince of Platte, SD; and sister, Jan (John) Gebben of Rockford; and 13 nieces and nephews. Tom and Helena met as students at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, and married in 1966, prior to their senior year. In 1968, Tom was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He served for 10 months before being wounded in combat. In spite of the loss of his legs, he returned to his loving wife in Ann Arbor, received an MBA from Eastern Michigan University, and went to work at Edwards Brothers in Ann Arbor. After 23 years at EB, Tom retired as a sales executive, and went to work part-time at the University of Michigan Golf Course, where he was a starter for 14 years. He was an athlete in his youth, and an excellent golfer later in life, winning the Michigan Amputee Golf Tournament twice. Tom was a kind, generous, caring and humble man with a great sense of humor. He made friends everywhere he went, particularly in his work at EB and the UM Golf Course, at restaurants he frequented, and in pursuit of his hobbies of collecting coins and blues and jazz CDs. He will be deeply missed by his family and the many people who knew and loved him. A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions can be made to Friends In Deed, 1196 Ecorse, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198. Please visit Tom's personal webpage at [www.niefuneralhomes.com](http://www.niefuneralhomes.com) to leave a memory.

## GORDON DOUGLAS HOUCK (28 November 1945 – 8 May 2013)



I don't know if any of the readers remember my wonderful husband Gordon Houck. Perhaps you remember him with less of the wonderful? ☺. Sadly at only 67, Gordon passed away on 8 May 2013. He had hoped to hook up with some of his old buddies but it didn't work out for him, so I asked the team on the *Blackhawk Bulletin* if I could just say hi to you all and tell you a little about him.

# Fiddler's Green

Gordon was born and lived in Norwich, NY; he also lived for a time in Sanford and Debarry, FL. He moved to Riseley, England where we married and enjoyed a peaceful and happy life.

Gordon served in the US Army from 1966 to 1968. He was kitted out at Fort Dix, NJ then shipped out to Fort Hood, TX for his basic training with A troop 2/1st CAV, 2nd Armoured Division. He did a good share of KP at Fort Hood including on his first day and I know he enjoyed a party or two. One story he retold often was of an (unauthorised) A Troop party that ended up with B Troop taking the wrap from the MPs for all the trash (his version was much longer than mine).

He shipped out to Vietnam in August 1967 as a member of A troop 2/1st CAV, 4th Infantry Division where he served as a gunner on a track. Gordon was always ready to tell his many funny stories such as rifle and bayonet training where he "just followed orders" and his "favourite" sergeant falling in a hole and breaking his leg, but he didn't talk much to family and friends about his actual service in Vietnam. It was a painful time for him, as it was for many others. He did share with me, so I can understand why it left a lasting effect on him which was with him to the end. We visited DC only last year for his first visit to The Wall – it had taken him a long time to go there, but was pleased that he finally had a chance to salute his friends.

He received the Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart for the wounds he received when his track was hit by rockets, just north of Kontum during the Tet Offensive in 1968. He recovered physically and served the rest of his time in Vietnam, shipping back in August 1968 via Fort Lewis, WA.

He was very proud to have served his country and honoured that he was eligible for burial in Arlington National Cemetery and I will be taking Gordon's ashes from England to Arlington, VA once the scheduled date has been agreed.

He loved life and celebrated the beauty of the world around him every day, bringing laughter and love into the lives of his family and friends. I will miss him every day and I am and always will be so very proud of him.

If anyone remembers Gordon and would like to get in touch I would love to hear from you at [kehouch@sky.com](mailto:kehouch@sky.com) and if you find yourself in sunny England drop me a line, perhaps we can meet up to share pictures and stories.

*Thank you all for your service,*

*Karen Houck (June 2013)*

## JAMES WOLFE, C-TROOP



James passed away early Saturday morning, March 16, 2013 at Mid-Michigan Regional Medical Center in Midland at the age of 69 years. The son of the late Charles E. and Anna (Neal) Wolfe was born February 10, 1944 in Saginaw, MI. James retired from Saginaw Steering Gear in Saginaw. He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, drawing cartoon art and building small projects. James and his wife owned the only licensed therapy horse in the State of Michigan. James served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

He is survived by his wife the former Sally J. Falkenberg whom he married December 27, 1991. He is also survived by one daughter; Kimberly Wolfe, two sisters and one brother; Kathy Moody, Bill Wolfe, Wendy Wolfe, sister-in-law; Geri Ault.

Military Honors will take place with the family at **Great Lakes National Cemetery** in Holly, MI. Those planning and expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to wishes of the family.



# 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Association

## Regiment of Dragoons

### Trooper Registration/Change of Address

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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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## Communicate Your Move

It greatly helps the Association if you keep your mailing information up-to-date. The *Blackhawk Bulletin* goes out to over 2,050 members and for every trooper that moves, and does not notify us, it costs the Association to locate you again. Please help us defray mailing fees by communicating your home address change so you may continue to get the *Blackhawk Bulletin*. Thank you for helping us out in this area.

### 2013 Association Dues

For those financially able, we suggest 2/1 CAV annual dues of \$10 to help operate the Association and to get the *Blackhawk Bulletin* printed, published, and mailed twice each year. Please make your check payable to 2/1 CAV and mail it to the Association's postal box:

**2/1 CAV**  
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All 2013 dues and donations are very much appreciated.

Please help us keep up-to-date membership records. We have 2,050 members and it is really hard to keep accurate phone numbers, mail and email addresses on our members. We need you to keep us informed of any changes; doing so helps us defray unnecessary expenses.

– Tom Schluchter

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