



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

Summer 2016

President's Corner

— Tom Fey

It's **Blackhawk Reunion** time in less than two months (**25-28 August**); have you filled out your registration forms and mailed them to our treasurer? It is time and don't forget to mark the box for a fort pass to tour the motor pool to see the new vehicles. Also don't forget your hotel reservations, they have to be done by July 29th to receive our rate of \$109+ tax. After our cutoff date, the rates will be \$130 plus. Call the hotel direct at 719-576-5900 and mention the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry and/or reference ID#1091199. You can also use the link listed below and be directed to the landing page.

http://www.reseze.net/cassets/mkt/mcmelegante/landing_pages/MCM_Colorado_2nd_Squadron_1st_Cavalry_Reunion.html

I was also able to attend the 2/1 Cav Memorial and the Blackhawk Ball at Ft. Carson. At the Memorial, names of our fallen brothers from Viet Nam to the present were read. This also included those from the 7/10 Cavalry since we (2/1) absorbed the 7/10 Cav. The Blackhawk Ball followed in the evening where a great time was had by all. My hope is that you troopers from Viet Nam will someday get to attend a function of the current squadron.

It's been amazing and fun serving as your president. Working with the current squadron has been an education: in the vocabulary of new terms, the ceremonies and the training these troops receive. I believe the current troopers are much better trained and better prepared than we Viet Nam troopers ever were. I've been treated as a VIP at all times and for a trooper, it has been amazing.

As many of you know, Vice President Lance Lake will not continue in this role due to health concerns. Because of this, after much soul searching, I am willing to continue as president, if elected, for one more term to provide guidance for the new VP so he will be able to take the reins as president in 2018. Feel free to call or email Lance or me if you have any questions on the position.

I look forward to seeing you at the Reunion!

REUNION INFORMATION

25-28 August 2016

Hotel Elegante'

2886 S Circle Dr.

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Phone: (719) 576-5900

Reference ID#: 1091199

Internet reservation:

www.reseze.net/cassets/mkt/mcmelegante/landing_pages/MCM_Colorado_2nd_Squadron_1st_Cavalry_Reunion.html

Room rate: \$109+tax

(be sure to mention the 2/1Cavalry Reunion for this room rate)

2016 Memorial at Ft. Carson



Troop Reports

A Troop

By *Brian Kosteck*

Just a short note to all of you who are wondering “should I stay or should I go?”; none of us is getting any younger. Unfortunately, I am reminded of this only too often when a fellow A Trooper calls to tell me that yet another of our “Brothers” has gone to Fiddler’s Green. Colorado Springs is a beautiful part of this country with much to see and do in the local and surrounding area. What a great time to catch-up on old experiences and create some new memories with some other people who have been in Vietnam as the only common denominator. Today, make the decision to fill out the form, call the hotel, and let’s get together once again in a friendlier environment than the first time we met.

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 me. 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 in the ‘Troop Representatives’ section.

B Troop

By *Warren Roach*

Well Troopers, not much to report. But it is hard to believe that we are already approaching another reunion and we will be enjoying each other’s company again. You

need to make your plans now! You don’t want to miss this one. Also, just a gentle reminder that it only takes a short note, postcard, e-mail or a phone call. I need your feedback about what is going on in your world and with your fellow troopers. Please STAY IN TOUCH. Anyway hope to see you all at Fort Carson. Scouts out.

C Troop

By *Wayne Hook*

Looking forward to the reunion. Will bring stickers-magnets with me. Just waiting for info on challenge coins. Should have coins with me at reunion. Nothing else to report on now. *Hooker*

D Troop

By *Raymond Marple*

To all the smiling D Troopers out there, we were smiling because it was better to tear our butts around in a chopper than to be humping a ruck around, wasn't it? I hope you are all busy making plans for Ft. Carson in August, I know that Peg is getting excited about going because I leave most of the planning up to Her. I'm looking forward to seeing the home of the 4th. ID myself, not that I don't get to help in the planning. It looks to be an interesting area to explore. I'm also looking to get together with my old Pals so we can tell war stories, scratch and spit, and all the other amenities' that go along with aforementioned.

Once again, if you have any questions that you think I might be able to help with, call me any time. If I don't have the answer I do know where to get it.

HHT Troop

By *Oscar Olson*

For better or worse, here goes;

The ice is off the lake and the grass is beginning to green up. The weather hasn’t warmed yet so when we get a little wind it gets pretty chilly and out comes the Carhartt’s. I had big plans for fishing this summer, but I had a mole on my neck that turned out to be Melanoma so I have been busy “doctoring”. The surgeon said that it hadn’t spread, but I have to take shots to keep it that way. It is a bit dis-heartening to learn of all the Fiddlers Green additions, but we’re all getting older. It has been nearly 50 years since we “enjoyed” the lovely orient. We have a bit of “culture” here in the middle of nowhere so it was not too surprising that we had a show on Vietnam. A local boy (not so much a “boy” anymore) named James R. Thompson had been in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968. His hobby was photography and he took a lot of pictures. He filed them away and pretty much forgot about them after his discharge. He went to school for graphic arts and started restoring his nearly forgotten negatives. His work has been displayed at the University of Minnesota among other venues. The local “arts community” presented his work at the Jacques Art Center here in Aitkin. I talked to the curator who told me that the show would go from February 26th to April 9th. The show was very well received as we have quite a few veterans in the area. I was able to display my memorabilia along with Thompson’s pictures so the 2/1 was prominently represented. I have not heard from many Troopers but I intend to keep trying. I will be unable to attend the reunion, but my thoughts will be with you all. Scouts out. *Oscar*

Vice President's Report

— Lance Lake

Hello to all, Well this is the last one of these Jo will have to type for me. You all know I will not be running for office and pray that someone is already thinking of taking my place that will do a much better job than I. Jo and I love you all and will always be there to help the next ones to step forward.

There are so many people that will be there to help new officers that will be taking the President, Vice President and any other positions at the upcoming reunion. This organization has been the result of many people willing to step up. Let's make sure we continue this organization, not only for us, but for those who serve us today.

Cannot wait to meet and talk with the young soldiers at our reunion. We are so blessed. So that means if you have not already made your plans, sign up today and send in those registration forms and make your reservations.

I was welcomed into this organization long ago. I cannot tell you what it has meant to me and Jo. As most of you know PTSD and other issues makes it difficult for the women in our lives. Jo says all the other ladies that were there long before her has helped her to understand what we all go through each day. Physically, mentally and emotionally it has been a struggle, but I know none who served would have had it any other way and all of our families know that has made us the men we are today. Love of God, country and family.

We love each and every one of you and cannot wait to see you all. Remember to bring your southern translation book to help you understand Jo. Let's have a lot of door prizes and auction items brought to share. We need to make sure we can continue to have our reunions in years to come. Every little bit that you give helps us in continuing our association.

Thank you all for letting me serve you in this capacity. *Lance and Jo*

Fiddler's Green

Obituary details (if available) can be found on the 2-1 CAV webpage — <http://www.2-1cavalry.com>

NAME	FIRST NAME	TROOP	IN COUNTRY	DATE OF DEATH	STATE
ADCOCK	EDWARD	A	1968-1969	11/17/2007	OH
BRISENDINE	JOSEPH	A	1968-1969	12/26/2015	GA
BROWN	NOLAN	B	1968-1969	12/6/2015	MD
COLBERT	WILLIAM	D	1970	1/29/2016	MO
CRONIN	PAUL	C	1968-1969	3/1/2004	MA
GUILLEMETTE	STEVEN	HHT	1970	5/4/2016	FL
INGRAM	RONALD	B		8/22/2015	OH
LEDERER	JORDAN	A	1970	10/26/2014	CA
MCDUGALL	RONALD	A	1970	3/7/2016	WA
PATTERSON	LARRY	HHT	1970	2010	
SANCHEZ	PETER	C	1968-1969	4/28/2016	NM
SILVERTHORN	RICHARD	HHT	1968-1969	5/14/2015	NY
TEETS	GEORGE	D	1969-1970	12/10/2014	WV

Firebase Barker

Reunion time is upon us to enjoy two exciting opportunities this summer. First, Base Camp Fort Carson, Colorado, August 25-28, 2016 will feature us: the Old 2/1 Cavalry, as well as the current active duty Troopers I lovingly refer to as the New/One Cavalry. A mere 19 days later, September 16-18, 2016 Firebase Barker will commence operations. Firebase is always a less formal affair, so ladies, you can leave your Ao Dai at home. While in Indy, cammies are the uniform of the day.

There are two important additions this year. First, there will be a handicapped accessible latrine available. Lastly, all unpleasant details will be assigned to personnel whose last names begin with letters at the END of the alphabet. Justice at last, even if it did take 50 years!

Command staff always appreciates an accurate body count for planning purposes. Information can be obtained at 317-607-8015 or firebasebarker@gmail.com So grab your war bonnets, pick-up your bullet launchers, lock and load, saddle-up and move out for Firebase Barker in September. Until then, don't forget your General Orders, maintain proper intervals, and remember... *It's a jungle out there!*

CHAPLAIN

Sacrifice and Heroism: Hallmarks of Memorial Day Ceremonies

— Dennis Scott

As we share this reminder of Memorial Day, let us all continue to remember the price paid by our comrades-in-arms on a daily basis. This holiday invokes us all to rally 'round the Colors in a way that none of the other 'veterans' celebrations can do. And, despite the 150th anniversary of this holiday (1886-2016), most of the Blackhawks that I have had the honor of serving with remember their brothers and sisters on a more regular basis. Many of us include those men and women who gave their 'last full measure' to the cause for which they believed in and were ready to die for.

Here, in St. Johns, Michigan; the traditions of our celebrations are date-based and not subject to the whims and pressures of government and its legislative process. Just as we honor all veterans at 11 am, on the 11th day of the 11th month, Veterans Day; so it is with Memorial Day. It will continue to be recognized on May 30th, no matter the day that our elected officials chose for the beginning of their long weekend. That's tradition! And tradition is History. And History Demands Accuracy!

As the 546 casket flags transformed Mt. Rest Cemetery into the Avenue of Flags for our Memorial Day observance this year, this obligation serves to remind each of us that this Flag belonged to a Patriot. We may not recognize the name, or be able to put a face with it, or even know the family involved; but these things will be of value to each of us who has served because they are formed beneath the folds of red, white and blue. They have been forged from the steel of the blacksmith's anvil and tempered in the blood of our mothers and fathers; then consecrated in the faith of our fellow man and God. No one can ever take that blessing from us.

So let us be cheerful as our Colorado Springs/Ft. Carson Reunion gets nearer and nearer. It will be a great time for each of us, I'm assured by the committee. Part of this time will be occupied with meeting and greeting our active Blackhawk brothers. But, for those of us (and them) that have memory; don't be surprised if it comes with remembrances of times past on this Memorial Day, every day. God Bless us all.

Honorary 2-1 CAV Members

We wish to advise everyone that upon the death of a trooper, we place the living spouse on our Active 2-1 CAV membership roster as Honorary. If we are notified, we also add any other family member(s) to the roster so they are eligible to personally receive the *Blackhawk Bulletin* and attend our reunions and Firebase Barker. We appreciate our honorary members, as many have offered not only spiritual, but financial support to the Association in past years.

If you are an honorary member, and will be attending Colorado Springs Reunion this year, please fill out the registration form as a **Guest**. If you desire to be in the 2-1 CAV uniform, simply order your shirt and hat within the "Extra Shirt and Hat" section.



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

Treasurer

— Tom Schluchter

Our thanks goes out to those that have paid their 2016 dues and/or sent in a monetary donation. Your financial support is very much appreciated. 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, PO Box 87, Bay City, MI 48707-0087**.

As for another wish, please help us keep up-to-date membership records. We have about 1,994 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 as doing so helps us to defray unnecessary expenses.

Quarter Masters

— Paul and Diana Watson

We are busy with shirts and hats for the Colorado Reunion. Ladies, if you would like a ladies' t-shirt with the small, screen printed Blackhawk logo on the left pocket area, please let us know by the 25th of July. That way, we can get them ordered and bring them to the Reunion. They are available in sizes small - 3X. The colors available are gold, black and grey. **Since these are a specialty item, they must be ordered in advance if you want them for the reunion.** You can call us at 660-537-5833 or 573-289-8917 or email us at jpd_watson@hotmail.com. See you at Colorado Springs. Thanks, Diana and Paul.

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