



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

REUNION EDITION/Spring 2018

President's Corner

— Tom Fey

It is Reunion Time or, as they said in the olden days, Encampment time. Fred Lohr has reunion information posted on our website along with other interesting items. You can now update your information and PAY your dues or make a donation through PayPal from our website, give it a try. You will also find the reunion registration on the webpage where you can fill it out and print it to be mailed with your check. We cannot use PayPal at this time to pay reunion fees as the cost is too much for our small association.

It's time to make your hotel reservations, do it ASAP. You can go to their website:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1410&skipfirstpage=true&page=1721671> or call the Hotel Elegante' reservations at (719) 576-5900; be sure to mention you are with the 2/1 Cavalry Association Reunion, utilize the **reservation number 1721671**. Our cutoff date for room reservations is **July 30, 2018**. Reserve early; remember they ran out of rooms in 2016.

Mark your reunion registration forms carefully. (**See pages 5-6 for registration form.**) The active Squadron has exciting plans, they are organizing simulator activities used in current training for us to experience. It will be a mild version of what is available. Be sure to mark that line if you're interested in participating as the Army needs to know the specific number interested. Also, the Squadron will perform a spur ceremony for us at the banquet so don't miss this opportunity to receive your combat spurs. All 2/1 CAV VN veterans qualify for combat spurs.

Be sure to check out Squadron Commander, LTC Fulton's contribution to this bulletin. He will keep us updated while the unit is deployed via Facebook postings on the units site as well as ours.

Vice President's Report

— Warren Roach

Now that winter is almost over and spring is about to be sprung, it's time to make your plans for the 2018 Colorado Springs reunion. So, get off your ass and get it done. Tom has worked extremely hard getting things ready for you all; he is very dedicated to keeping your association alive. That brings up another point; each one of us is fighting to stay alive and this could be your last chance to come to one of these reunions. These are some things we all need to think about. We all are at that age where life is getting shorter. On March 16th, I attended COL. Donald (Don) Moreau's Interment at Arlington National Cemetery. He was buried with full Military Honors, Caisson, Horses, Honor Guard and the Army Band. I gave my condolences to his Wife Linda and his son on behalf of the Squadron Association. And then Rosemary and I traveled to Jerry Barker's to meet up with a Squad of C-Troopers, had a couple bowls of Elaine's Chili, good stuff. The next day we all headed to Meta Indiana for a Celebration of life for Trooper James (Jim) Sherrick where we met up with more troopers and Family and Friends of Jim. I think working with Jerry, Scotty and myself we gave Jim an outstanding send off to Fiddler on the Green, he's likely sitting under that tree having a cool one with Heroes long since past. On a good note Rosemary and I were married on March 4th 2018 here at the house with my son Gary as the best man and Deveney Quinney, a good friend of Rosemary, as her bridesmaid. I want and expect an outstanding turn out for Colorado Springs. That's it, see you at the reunion.



Troop Reports

HHT Troop

This position is open due to the death of Oscar Olsen, would a HHT Trooper please step up and fill this opening. Contact any of the officers to be your Troop Representative.

A Troop

By Brian Kosteck

Not much new news to report at this time. Take time to look over the growing numbers of names being added to Fiddler's Green. This should provide you all the incentive you need to make plans to attend this year's reunion. Tomorrow is a gift from God and not all persons will receive it. Don't hesitate; commit. See you all in Colorado. 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 of 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 back page.

B Troop

By Fred Leyba

Hello again from North West Arkansas with another nice sunny day. Two days in a row now with no rain. I have some good news to pass on. I received a letter today from Jim Rennick stating that he, Glen Hall, and Roger Duval will be joining us for their first reunion. These three served with me in B-Troop 3rd platoon from basic and cruised to Nam on the Walker. I was fortunate to visit with them in March of 2017 while traveling to the Portland, Oregon area. I invited them to the reunion then, and found out today that they have already registered at the hotel.

I always look forward to the reunions, but this one will have extra meaning. What could be better than seeing all the Troopers again, three new attendees and in my home state. I wish we all could get

someone new to the reunion. Have a great summer, see you in Colorado Springs and maybe once again at Firebase Barker.

C Troop

By Wayne (Hooker) Hook

Nothing to report. Looking forward to the reunion. There were a couple of inquiries about crests. I returned info but never heard anything back. Please try again. Will have stickers, coins, crests & magnetic signs at the reunion. Hooker

D Troop

By Raymond Marple

Well D Troopers, AT EASE AND LISTEN UP. It's that time of the year when I will be reminding you that the 2018 Re-union is in its planning stages. I have been informed that the reservation forms and information that you need will be in this bulletin, so I'll not dwell on that too much.

I am including in this bulletin the the content of a letter I received from Benny Gutierrez D Troop 69-70, Dated Mar 23rd 2018:

*Friend, Brother, Door-gunner
Had been looking for you for over 40
Years. Thanks to the Black Hawk Assn.
Members; Bill Montgomery, Ray Marple,
Tom Fey and Stu McDairmid, I was able to
locate you. Our reunion at Denny's Rest. was
an emotional and happy one for me. We flew
a lot of Huey missions together. You as Door-
gunner and Me as aCrew Chief/Gunner.*

WELCOME HOME STEVE MC DANIEL

Benny Gutierrez

D Troop 2nd Sq.

1st Cav. Regt.

"Airmobile"

69-70 Phan Thiet, RVN

Every once in a while, I get to help someone out in their endeavors, and that is what having this association is about, helping one another when we can.

Well I am looking forward to the reunion I hope to see you there if possible.

"SCOUTS OUT"

Treasurer

— Stu McDiarmid

For the past 6 months the Troop leaders along with President Tom Fey, myself, and Kaylene Vobelt have been searching for Troopers that have lost contact with us. Some have moved and understandably forgot to give us a change of address, some get a cell phone and disconnect their landline and we have a no telephone contact, and then there are those that pass and family members do not contact us. Recently I found a C Trooper that passed in 2003. For 15 years we have been trying to contact him only to find he passed. Part of our Association's Mission is: *to promote and preserve the memories of those Squadron members who were killed in combat and those who have died since their service with the unit.* This is why we put great effort in finding our stray Troopers. Troopers give us a hand – be sure that your loved ones know how to reach us. In every *Bulletin* there is a change of address form should you move, please use it.

We suggest annual dues of \$10 to help operate the Association and have the *Blackhawk Bulletin* printed, published, and mailed twice a year. Dues and donations are appreciated at any time. You can mail your dues and donations to the 2/1 Cav, 22158 Chelsea Ln., Woodhaven, MI 48183; or use PayPal by logging in to 2-1 cavalry.com and click on pay dues now using PayPal. While you are at 2-1cavalry.com click on the sign up for Cav email and update or add your email address.

See you in Colorado Springs.

Squadron Commander's Corner

— LTC David A. Fulton, "Blackhawk 6"

Dear Blackhawk Veterans and Alumni,

On behalf of Command Sergeant Major LeVares Jackson and I, we'd like to thank the 2-1 Cav Association for the opportunity to provide a quick update on our current 2-1 CAV Troopers. After months of intensive training, the true test for the Blackhawk Squadron lies ahead with our upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

From marksmanship ranges to counter improvised explosive device training, Troopers from 2-1 CAV have dedicated countless hours on their combat readiness. Each Troop in the Squadron has filled its calendar with a number of training events – one of them being live fire exercises that stress the value of individuals operating coherently as a single unit. From this training, Blackhawks have not only become experts in marksmanship, but have also mastered movement techniques, battle drills, and tactics that allow them to gain positions of advantage over their enemies.

2-1 CAV has enhanced its lethality by engaging and destroying targets with the use of the Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station (CROWS), mounted on armored vehicles. This weapon system, consisting of the M2 Caliber 50 and M240 7.62mm Machine Guns, increases target acquisition and allows vehicle gunners to identify and engage their targets remotely. Vehicle crews from 2-1 CAV were tested on their ability to clear, disassemble, reassemble the weapon system, as well as conduct a functions check and correct a malfunction. Finally, they became proficient in collaboratively operating the CROWS during a live fire familiarization exercise. This training, in addition to the squad tactics, has made Troopers of 2-1 CAV masters of mounted and dismounted operations.

In addition to direct fire engagement drills, 2-1 CAV has certified their indirect fire infantrymen (11C) to employ ground mounted 120mm, 81mm, and 60mm mortars. These weapons systems enable this force to engage targets in ranges that extend beyond line of sight.

Blackhawk Troopers gained valuable experiences operating the MAT-V and MaxxPro armored vehicles we will likely use in Afghanistan by using the rollover egress training. The egress trainer uses a mockup of a combat vehicle and rolls it onto its top with the crew strapped inside. Soldiers learned the risk associated in the event of a rollover occurring, not only during combat operations, but in training operations as well. After mounting the vehicle, they experienced three different scenarios that replicate the chaos of a rollover. Soldiers came out of this training knowing how to egress while maintaining accountability of their crew in the event of a vehicle rollover.

Much of 2-1 CAV's training has put an emphasis on counter improvised explosive device (IED) training. Soldiers have learned the types and components of IEDs, as well as the skills necessary to recognize them. Troopers learn ground sign awareness and operate handheld equipment that aid in the detection of IEDs. This training, in conjunction with the fundamentals of reconnaissance, makes 2-1 CAV a true asset to the Brigade, as Scouts are ultimately the ones that describe the operational environment for the Commander.

Training has not been the sole focus for our Soldiers in preparation of deployment. Family involvement has been a top priority to ensure that Soldiers' loved ones remain informed and cared for during this transition. Soldiers

and their families were encouraged to attend the Brigade Pre-Deployment Town Hall Meeting, where they were enlightened on the Brigade's mission as well as the resources provided on Fort Carson. Programs, such as the Family Readiness Group and the Child, Youth, & School Services, have reached out to offer our Soldiers and families support before, during, and after deployment. With these programs and events in place, our Soldiers can focus on the mission at hand, confident that their families are in good hands.

As a reminder, I encourage the Blackhawk community to "Like" the 2-1 CAV Facebook page. The site serves as a bridge for loved ones and their troopers while they are deployed. The strength and support of our Troopers' families and our great veteran community cannot be overstated.

Blackhawks live by 4th ID's philosophy of always being ready, and have been working toward implementing the tactics, skills, standard operating procedures, and camaraderie that will contribute to the success of our operations in country. With deployment rapidly approaching, the training for mission readiness will continue to be the focus. I am confident that these Soldiers are fit, disciplined, inspired, and trained. They have truly embodied the traits of the Cavalry and are prepared to lead the way.

Scouts Out, Courageous and faithful!

**2018 Reunion Registration Forms on
pages 5-6 of this Bulletin.**

Don't miss out, register today!

Firestore Barker

— Jerry Barker

It's time to plan and prepare.

Phase One: Base Camp Colorado Springs with the "new two-one Cav" ...
30 Aug-2 Sep

Phase Two: Firestore Barker with the 2-1 Cav ... 13 Sep-16 Sep

There are only ten days to recover between the two events, short timers, so let's get squared away! Lady Elaine and I promise to do our best to make this year's 3-day pass in Indy a relaxing and enjoyable experience. The usual festivities that you have come to expect will be provided without regard to rank or MOS. This includes the customary road march to Greentown (Kokomo), the biggest all vet's reunion in the country. For D Troopers hankering for the smell of JP-4, Huey rides will again be offered.

As always, a friendly rsvp would be appreciated. Body counts are still in vogue after all these years. Besides, we need to know how much Spam to "requisition."

Questions or assistance? Call the orderly room at (317) 607-8015. Let's have fun together while we still can. In the meantime, don't forget your Malaria tablets because *IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!*

From Linda Schluchter

Unfortunately, Tom did not get his article off to Tom (Fey) to meet the Winter *Blackhawk Bulletins'* deadline.

PASSING THE TORCH

I want all members to know that I have enjoyed my time serving on the 2-1 CAV association as your Treasurer and am grateful for the years I was elected to serve. I will truly miss the relationship I had with my fellow officers, troop reps, cavalry brothers and their families. Sadly, my current health condition makes it impossible to continue to serve you. The support you provided me, during my 30 years of office, was so important in making this organization flourish and profitable.

My appreciation and sincere thanks to Stu McDiarmid for stepping up to replace me. I know he'll do a great job going forward and we can expect positive change for the organization. I wish Stu and the 2-1 cavalry members all the best in the future.

— Tom Schluchter, past treasurer

THANK YOU, DEAR FRIENDS,

The children, (Jenn, Dave, Mark), and I would like to say thank you to the 2-1 CAV family for the support and love given to us during Tom's passing. It meant a lot to each of us hearing from you and especially for those that made the journey to attend and be part of his memorial service and military burial. We were humbled and grateful for the part you played in honoring his life.

Forever Appreciative,
Linda and the Schluchter Family

Fiddler's Green

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

NAME	TROOP	IN COUNTRY	DATE OF DEATH	STATE
Byers, John A	?	70-71	6/5/2008	MS
Cooper, James E.	B	68-69	8/31/2017	WV
Cornelison, James	?	70-71	10/3/2011	IA
Linker, Billy Ray	D	68-69	8/30/2017	NC
McCance, John D	D	68-69	7/23/2017	OH
Quinton, Jimmy Lee	A	68-69	8/17/2017	OK
Sandberg, William	A	68-69	10/5/2017	GA
Sherrick, James	C	67-68	3/14/2018	IN
Schluchter, Tom	C	67-68		MI

NOTE: Please log on to the 2-1 CAV webpage for Obit details on these members.

2018 Blackhawk Reunion Registration Form

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2018 • Hotel Elegaté, Colorado Springs, CO

Registration fee for Trooper \$100* \$ _____

**This fee covers hospitality expenses that includes beverages and snacks, miscellaneous hotel expenses, ladies social, and includes a shirt and a hat for the trooper only. The shirt is a Navy blue polo style with an embroidered logo. The hat is a ball cap style; khaki crown/Navy blue bill with embroidered logo.*

If attending, check YOUR shirt size here, complete Registration form and mail it along with your fees:

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

Note: If attending and you wish to order an extra shirt or hat, please do so in the EXTRA SHIRT & HAT ORDER section. For those not attending, place your order for shirts/hats on the back of this form.

Family/Guest Fee for 21 yrs. and older \$15 per person Number of guests _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

Will you be staying at the HOTEL ELEGANTÉ? Yes No

Would you be interested in operating Stryker and Tank simulators at Ft Carson? Yes No

Would you like to be awarded Combat Spurs and a Certificate by LTC Fulton at an award Ceremony at the Banquet Dinner? Yes No

If YES, please include \$25 for cost of Spurs \$ _____

Banquet and Raffle

Saturday evening: Doors Open at 6 pm and Dinner at 7pm

*Note: This will be a plated dinner. Price includes dinner, sales tax, and gratuities. It is **extremely** important that we know how many of each meal to order before our cut off date of **August 1**. Please provide your meat choice and the meal cost when you remit your registration fees. Your entrée choices are:*

Prime Rib of Beef _____ Meals x \$50 ea. = \$ _____

Chicken Piccata _____ Meals x \$50 ea. = \$ _____

Kids under 12 year will be served Chicken Tenders _____ Meals x \$13 ea. = \$ _____

Banquet Meal Total \$ _____

Extra Shirts & Hats for Reunion Attendees (Use order form on back if not attending.)

Shirts:

_____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XLarge \$15 per shirt x _____ = \$ _____

_____ XXLarge _____ 3X _____ 4X _____ 5X \$18 per shirt x _____ = \$ _____

Hats: One size fits all \$10 per hat x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION, GUESTS, SPURS, BANQUET and EXTRA SHIRT/HAT ORDER: \$ _____

Please make all checks and money orders payable to: **2/1 CAV**
 Mail Check and Registration Form to: **2/1 CAV, 22158 Chelsea Lane, Woodhaven, MI 48183**

TURN OVER THIS FORM TO FILL OUT NAME TAG AND TROOPER UPDATE INFO
Return by August 1, 2018 as this will help us do our planning. But it's never too late to attend!



Name Tag & Trooper Update Information

Trooper's Name: _____ Name for Tag: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ Name for Tag: _____

Additional Guest: _____ Name for Tag: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: (optional) _____

Email Address: _____

PRIMARY TROOP: _____

Note: We are aware that some of you served in more than one troop and/or unit. Please list all the information you are comfortable with providing, but list your primary troop first.

Don't forget to bring your photos, VCR tapes, DVD's and other items you would like to display in the Hospitality Room. Make sure that your items are clearly marked as yours.

ATTENDEES PLEASE BRING A 1.5" x 2" PICTURE OF YOUR "YOUNGER" SELF FOR YOUR NAMETAG!

Mail Orders for Shirts & Hats

Orders will be mailed to you AFTER the Reunion.

Shirts:

____ Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XLarge \$15 per shirt x ____ = \$ _____

____ XXLarge ____ 3X ____ 4X ____ 5X \$18 per shirt x ____ = \$ _____

Hats: One size fits all \$10 per hat x ____ = \$ _____

Please enclose \$7 postage for first item ordered and \$2 postage for each additional item.

Mail Order Shipping Fee is \$7 \$ _____

Additional Item Shipping Fee is \$2 x ea. _____ \$ _____

Please use form above for name and shipping address so we know where to send your order!



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 • 22158 Chelsea Lane • Woodhaven, MI 48183

Web Master

— *Fred Lohr*

Howdy folks... just a few words to inform you of the improvements to help us keep track of the ever-evolving whereabouts of our membership.

I know that your connection to the 2-1 Cav Association can fade in the background as we all fight doctor's appointments, grandkids and the myriad ton of other issues in our lives. Changes in email addresses, home addresses and phone numbers are hard enough to get out to all the people who need to have them. To make it easier for you to keep us informed of your information, we have webpage set up within the <http://2-1cavalry.com> webpage to accept your new data whenever it changes. You can navigate to the page from the home page or use this link: <http://2-1cavalry.com/news/CavEmailDelivery.html>

It is important to make your entries for names, addresses etc. as complete as possible. I forward all of that information to the Treasurer who maintains the master database.

If you are having difficulty or need help, I can directly add you or your changed information to the database. Just send an email with your information to: admin@2-1cavalry.com

This will also enable your electronic newsletter that goes out every once in awhile as an adjunct to the paper newsletter. At the bottom of each electronic newsletter, is a link to enable you to edit your data to keep it up to date.

Help us help you!

Quarter Masters

— *Jesse Paul and Diana Watson*

Greetings from your Quarter Masters. We have been filling orders as they have been coming in and would like to thank everyone that has ordered from us. We will be starting to get the shirts and hats embroidered for the up coming reunion in Colorado. This year's hats will be a navy-blue polo with the Blackhawk crest embroidered on it and the hat will have a tan crown with a navy-blue bill with the crossed sabers on it. Looking forward to Colorado Springs in August.

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