



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

Summer 2017

President's Corner

— Tom Fey

Happy Summer my friends, it's finally starting to feel like summer here in the mountains of Colorado after a stormy May with rain, hail and over three feet of snow.

The current 2/1 unit has been doing lots of training so visiting with them has been difficult this spring as you might have noticed from the pictures posted on our Facebook page.

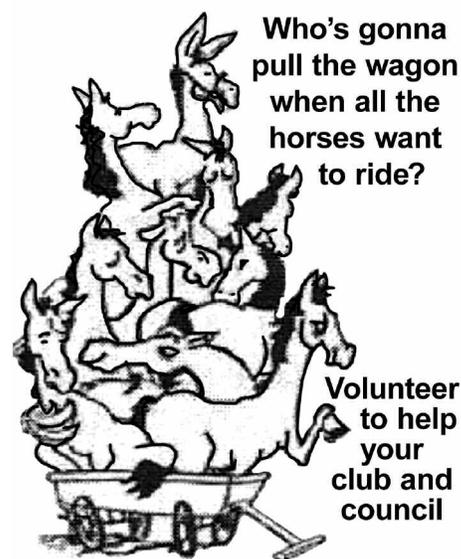
I understand that several troopers would like to order CAV hats so I've visited with the CAV Shop at Fort Carson and they will ship hats. Their phone number is 719-527-0835. Ask for the *Official* CAV hat in your size with yellow braid, Blackhawk pin and your rank (if you want).

It is also time to get ready for Firebase Barker the third weekend of September and I think SGT Barker will have something new for us explore.

The "Boat People" need to check out Barker's "Note from the Orderly Room" and consider attending the Walker Display at the New York museum. Our unit really needs representation at this event.

On a sad note due to the passing of Oscar Olson to Fiddlers Green, we need another Trooper from HHT to step forward to fill the HHT Representative position.

I found this picture and it sure relates to our association. Consider stepping forward as an association officer or troop representative.



Vice President's Report

— Warren Roach

Well summer is here again and it's hot, time to get them short and T shirt on to enjoy the outside. It's great to see all the reunions, past and present, come together each time and I think Tom is going to pull another one out of his cowboy hat in 2018 at Fort Carson. I am sure Tom will get into that with his report. Some of the things that will be happening at the 2018 reunion are the placing of a new Campaign Streamer on our Regimental flag and a meeting for people who are familiar with friends of Bill W. which was formed at reunion 2016. We all need to put the reunion date on our Calendar and place them on your bucket list, we all know why, because we are not getting any younger.

I would like to take this time to offer my sincere condolences to Judy and Fred Leyba on the loss their Granddaughter this past June, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kay Williams, and my heart goes out to her parents. If you know of anyone who is not doing well, please reach out to them and let us know so we can contact them. I hope everyone had a safe and fun summer. God Bless you all, Scouts out.

Troop Reports

HHT Troop

Oscar Olson was called to Fiddler's Green, so there is no report. We need someone from HHT to step forward to represent your troop.

A Troop

By Brian Kosteck

Summer is finally making its way into the Great State of Indiana. The powers to be of the 2/1 Cavalry are hard at work putting together next year's reunion. Colorado Springs is a really great place and if you have not been there in the past; I suggest you give it a try next year.

As I stated in the last bulletin; some A Troopers have expressed an interest in coming to the Firebase Barker Experience in September of 2017. For those of you who have not been in the past; the Firebase is at the "Barker's" Home/Firebase. On Saturday morning, there is a convoy to Kokomo, IN to the Vietnam Veterans Reunion. It is about an hour drive to Kokomo. The Reunion site is an incredible display of tents with numerous activities ranging from Huey flights to browsing for pins, patches and other keepsakes. If you are at all interested in coming/joining the others at this event, let me know and I can put you in touch with a hotel not too awful far away from the Firebase. *(Space at the Barkers' Home is quite naturally limited; so, I advise people*

to just plan to stay at a hotel for a couple of nights; the cost is usually not too outrageous there in Indianapolis.)

Again, I welcome 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 back page of your bulletin.

B Troop

By Fred Leyba

A big hello to all Troopers and your families from North West Arkansas. I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I have no news to report, but I do have a request. I am trying to locate a fellow B-trooper that served in Viet Nam 67-68 and went over on the Walker. His name is Dan Beavers. His last known residence was in Washington state. There is a Dan Beavers listed in the latest roster, but living in Alabama and served with C-troop 69-70. If anybody has information about Dan, please let me know by phone or e-mail. My e-mail address and phone number are listed at the end of this newsletter. Glen Hall is also trying to locate him. You can call Glen at 503-285-8077.

C Troop

By Wayne (Hooker) Hook

NEED HELP: Douglas "MAX" Holleman left his photo album at Gettysburg reunion with a guarantee it would be returned. He still hasn't received it back. Please check through your things to see if you might have it by mistake. Please let me know if you have it. My info is under C troop Reps in this Bulletin. It is an album with walker boat pics-barracks -him in his skivvies. The album is faded yellowish or yellowish-green.

Looking forward for Firebase Barker's in September. Hooker

D Troop

By Raymond Marple

To all my fellow "D Troopers" out there, well it's coming around to that time of year again when we must think about the trek to Firebase Barker's and the yearly business meeting. I hope to see many of you there this year. I'm looking forward to seeing old pals again, and the convoy to the VVA convention in Kokomo. There isn't too much to report about D Troop right now, so if you can't make the Gathering and have some ideas, let me know and I will bring it up before the membership.

As always if you need the answer to a question and I don't know it, I know where to find it. Just drop me an e-mail or call on the land line and I'll try to get you an answer.

Firebase Barker 2017

— Jerry Barker

Greetings! Your friends and neighbors have selected you to appear for induction at FB Barker 14-17 Sept 2017. Start making plans now because a rousing good time is guaranteed to all. Come dedicate and enjoy our new Enlisted Men's Club which will be open for business. As always, we will need an accurate body count. It is an off-year from the National Base Camp Reunion so numbers are more important than usual. We have rations to requisition and Spam to "dig up." Our command staff is expected to be on hand for various ceremonial duties including convoy security to Greentown (formally Kokomo), a short business meeting, dinner and Cavalry Communion.

Side note from the Orderly Room: Boat People listen up! The Viet Nam Graffiti Project travelling exhibit will be featured in a special Viet Nam War exhibition 6 Oct 2017 – 22 Apr 2018 at the New York City Historical Society Museum and Library, located across from Central Park in Manhattan. All 2/1 Cavalry and 1/1 Cavalry are invited to attend a unique behind-the-scenes tour on 6 Oct, opening day. Media is expected to be in attendance. Directors Art and Lee Beltrone have arranged an open mess for all who can make it.

We cannot forget that we are growing older. We have been taking care of one another for over 50 years. We must continue to do so in the short time we have left. Every moment together is a precious one.

Elaine and I hope to see you in September.

FLASHBACK...

Drill Sergeant Question...What kind of bayonet fighters are there?

Answer... The quick and the dead!!!

Question...What kind of bayonet fighters are we?

Be safe...It's a jungle out there.

Quarter Masters

— Jesse Paul and Diana Watson

Not much new going on with the 2/1 Cav merchandise. We have added a 50th Anniversary T-shirt which is charcoal grey with black and gold ink. The design is on the front of the t-shirt. We also have a navy-blue t-shirt with a small 2/1 Cav Blackhawk logo on the front and "If you ain't Cav you ain't sh#t" on the back, all in gold ink. If anyone is interested in these shirts or any of the shirts we have available or just want a brochure to see what we have you can e-mail us at jpd_watson@hotmail.com or call us at **660-537-5833** or **573-289-8197**. Have a great summer!



Treasurer

— Tom Schluchter

For those financially able, we suggest annual dues of \$10 to help operate the Association and to get the *Blackhawk Bulletin* printed, published, and mailed twice each year. 2017 dues and donations are accepted and appreciated at any time. Please make your check or money order payable to: **2/1 CAV** and mail it to **PO Box 87, Bay City, MI 48707-0087**

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
BUTCHO, JOHN	D	68-69	11/14/2011	GA
CARMODY, LTC RUSSELL D	D	1970	11/19/1996	VA
CAULDER, JAMES E	C	68-69	8/24/2013	SC
ELKINS, WILLIAM	C	1970	JAN.2017	IN
GRANSEE, GARY	C	68-69	5/11/2012	WI
GRAVES, JOHN	HHT	68-69	11/28/2016	FL
HECTOR, THOMAS EUGENE	HHT	68-69	8/19/2016	IL
HUNTER, JOHNNIE	B	68-69	7/4/2016	GA
JENKINS, EDWIN	C	69-70	3/9/2017	GA
KUNKEL, ROBERT A	B	68-69	12/11/2016	MN
L'HERAULT, BILLY J	D	69-70	10/29/2007	FL
LYNCH, EMMIT WAYNE	D	69-70	5/14/2013	CO
MOREL, JOHN BRENT	D	68-69	4/9/2001	TX
OLSON, OSCAR	HHT	67-68	5/13/2017	MN
POWELL, NORMAN "ED" EDWARD	B	69-70	5/26/2016	MI
SCHWALENBERG, CPT CRAIG	D	69-70	4/22/1995	WI
SHEREN, KEN	B	70	2/23/2012	MI
VITALE, JOHN	HHT-A	68	SEP.1975	MO
WALKER, CPT ROBERT K	D	69-70	11/16/2007	FL
WESTON, THOMAS	C	67-68	6/20/2014	NY

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



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Regiment of Dragoons

Trooper Registration/Change of Address

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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: _____

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UPDATE YOUR MEMBER INFORMATION



Please take a few minutes to submit your mail and email address to me. Our webmaster, Fred, has been getting undelivered mail notices when making a mass mailing to our 2-1 CAV members. Also include the phone number you use. Most phone numbers we have are landlines or work numbers and I feel many of them are now obsolete.

Keeping our records accurate makes life easier for your officers. Please fill out the Trooper Registration/Change of Address form above and mail it in so your information will be up to date. You can also email the information to me at: **6768schluchter@gmail.com**

Please include your name, mailing address, email address, and phone number when submitting via email. Thank you for taking time to assist with my request.

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