



# BLACKHAWK BULLETIN

## 2ND SQUADRON, 1ST (ARMORED) CAVALRY ASSOCIATION

### President's Corner: Kansas City area here we come in 2026.

Tom Fey

Another Reunion is complete. This one seemed harder than all the others as so many of our brothers and long-time friends have gone to Fiddlers Green. Yes, we're getting older and slower but keep up the good fight, never give up. The 2024 reunion was not without its complications, the hotel had recently changed ownership and brought in new regulations which included the bar setup and scheduling. This was due to a previous gathering where a drunk fell, was hospitalized and a lawsuit pending. We also had more attend the banquet than had registered but that was okay as we had the meals covered just not enough table space. All in all, the reunion was a success as we got to see each other.

The **Memorial Committee** has developed a plan for the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Memorial. Now the committee needs donations to bring that plan to fruition. Send your memorial donations to our new treasurer, Heather Wright, designated as Cavalry Memorial.

For those who wanted to order the 2/1 Cav shoes: 1st Cavalry Regiment shoes, contact - [Lovemyfamilyforever.com](http://Lovemyfamilyforever.com)

I've had several inquiries on the coffee cup (tumblers) that Mike Murray had at the reunion. If you're interested in obtaining one contact his daughter Letitia MacMillan at: Tish MacMillan 239-887-2771 or [Tishmac1972@gmail.com](mailto:Tishmac1972@gmail.com)

**The after-action reports have chosen the Kansas City Area for our 2026 Reunion.** Those individuals living in the KC vicinity must now step forward and assist your officer team in selecting a reunion hotel and do some local footwork which will save the association travel time and money. And, speaking of money don't forget to send our new treasurer your dues and donations! Her address at the bottom of her article below and on the back page with your other new troop representatives.

### Treasurer

Heather Wright

I'm Heather Wright, and I'm honored to be your new treasurer. My father, Warner Lee Wright, served in the 2-1 Cavalry D troop in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. I know how much this organization meant to him and to all of you. After my father's death in January and hearing of your need, I was inspired to honor his memory and your sacrifices by serving as your treasurer. I'm the sole proprietor of Blackwater Bookkeeping Services in Mardela Springs, Maryland. I have an associate's degree in accounting, and in past 15 years, I've worked with local nonprofits, including serving as treasurer for my local PTA, Executive Director for Lower Shore Support Services, and full-service bookkeeper for Furnace Town. I'm filling the shoes of two long-standing 2-1 Cav treasurers, Tom Fey and Stu McDiarmid. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this great organization!

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### Vice President

Warren Roach

Well, we got another Reunion under our belts; it was great to see all my fellow troopers and their families. Things to report: the membership voted to place a monument at Patton Park at Fort Moore, GA. I am working to get plans drawn up and get this project moving, but we need donations. So, if you send one, please mail it to our new Treasurer: Heather Wright. Make sure you designate to the 2/1 CAV monument fund. Our monument design will be a powerful tribute to the ones who have fallen and the ones that serve all wars, the design will bridge our past and present. Offering a peaceful, non-political monument to honor the ones that sacrificed that all 2/1 Cavalry give and carry on our legacy. The estimated cost is going to be \$12,000. I want to thank the Troopers that have already donated. In closing, Rose and I want to wish everyone the best Thanksgiving, Christmas and Happy New Year and God bless you all and donate – it's your Legacy.

Scouts Out

### Secretary

Kaylene Vobelt

Our 2024 2/1 Cav Reunion in Colorado Springs was mostly a success. There were a few bumps in our plans that was caused by the hotel, but we made it through them. The most important thing was that we got to see and visit with each other. That's what our reunions are all about. I am already looking forward to our 2026 Reunion. Until then stay safe and healthy.

God bless

# Troop Reports

## A TROOP

Brian Kosteck

A-Troop has no formal report on the last reunion. For the most part, things moved very timely and I fielded no major complaints. Some troopers had to change rooms for personal reasons. The trip to the fort being the activity that had most people questioning the amount of time, delays because of bus issues; again, nothing that isn't the norm HURRY UP AND WAIT! Some troopers, myself included, questioned the late set up of the bar area the night of the dinner and dance. I, and other troopers, questioned the lack of a happy hour or any happy hour at all upon the return from the bus ride. The young Captain, if memory serves me right, had way more information in her presentation than there was time for or value added. Anxious to hear which city was selected for the next reunion.

As for the new officer/treasurer and troop Reps; I believe they can reach out to any of us regarding questions/concerns. Good Luck and Enjoy.

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## B TROOP

Gene Rouse

Greetings Blackhawks, my name is Gene Rouse and I am your new B Troop rep. I was in B Troop in 67-68 and a boat person. My address is 31946 Highway 72, Golden CO 80403. My phone number is 303-642-7260, and cell is 720-229-8869. You can e-mail me at generousef@aol.com. If you have any B Troop news to report, please send it to me. It is my pleasure to serve you and looking forward to hearing from you.

## C TROOP

Thom Cap

Hello this is Thom Cap of Charlie Troop class of 1969 from Vietnam University. I will be the new rep and will try my best at this position to the best of my ability. Colorado was very enjoyable and made new friends Richard Elders and Cpl. Medico of the 2/1 Cav Color Guard. Have happy holidays and Merry Christmas. Say hello to our veterans and God Bless. It's the Cleveland Indians. My cell phone is 440-554-7732; address 4146 Tudor Ave., Brunswick, OH 44212; email: bapathom2@aol.com

## D TROOP - WEST COAST

Mike Addison

Harold Michael Addison, most people just call me Mike. My address is: 19920 Diamond Rd, Lebanon, MO 65536; cell number 417-991-8355; email: sgmhma@yahoo.com

I'm not good with email but I'm one of the dual D-Troop Reps and will be glad to help and 2/1 Cav Trooper in any way I can. I hope and pray everyone has a blessed time until we meet again. May God bless you all richly.

## D TROOP - EAST COAST

Henry Coic

No report.

## HHT TROOP

Lloyd Wirkkala

I, Lloyd Wirkkala, am now the HHT representative. I served in Sqdn Maint as 5-ton wrecker operator 3/68 to 3/69. If any trooper has any questions don't be afraid to contact me. We are all getting older so it's good to keep in touch with each other. Have a good Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

*Always a Blackhawk*

## Quarter Master

Diana Watson

Hello from central Missouri. It's time to put the 2024 2/1 Cav Reunion in the books. It was great to see everyone who attended. But it was also sad that we missed several of the ones that have attended in the past.

All the shirts and hats have been mailed. If you ordered something and haven't received it, please let me know, and I'll check it out. Thanks to everyone that helped to make it special.

From the Watson family, we hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season and a great New Year!

Diana Watson  
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**To me from Brad Dunham:** (his video is on the Facebook page)

It was great meeting you last weekend at the reunion. I am glad I was able to go to spend time with my dad and mom (Warren & Susan Dunham).

Here are the most recent pictures of the Vietnam War area in my classroom. If you would like to post them and put them on the website or in the newsletter for people to see what I do in my classroom for my students. I also have artifacts from The Civil War, WWI, WWII and the Korean War. If you would like pictures of those, I can send you those also.

Here is my email and cell number if anyone would like to donate to my collection in my classroom for my students.

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701-261-7267 (cell)

Thanks,

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# 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry Association

1ST 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): \_\_\_\_\_

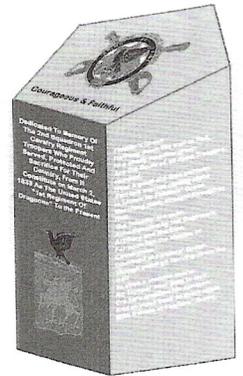
Troop/Platoon: \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL TO:

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## Cavalry Monument

Here are a couple renditions of what our Cavalry Monument will look like. We need to raise between \$12,000 - \$15,000 to fund this undertaking. Once we commit to the Armor Association, we have a relative short time frame to raise the money. **Remember every dollar counts!**



The Creed of a Blackhawk Knight

"A Knight of the Black hawk is a soldier sans reproach. He is brave, yet gentle, truthful and honorable. He strives constantly to improve in efficiency and he spurns and despises all that is mean and petty.

"He is loyal to his country, his regiment and to the motto "Animo Et Fide". He zealously guards his character because he has been recognized as being worthy, and a Black Hawk Knight never betrays nor disappoints."

"He is prompt and persevering in his defense of honor and justice"

**BLACKHAWKS**

MEXICAN WAR	WORLD WAR I
INDIAN WAR	VIETNAM
CIVIL WAR	OPERATION DESERT STORM
WAR WITH SPAIN	OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION	OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

**SINCE 1833**



Dedicated to The Memory of  
2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry  
Regiment Troopers who  
proudly served, protected and  
sacrificed for their country.

Fiddlers' Green  
Halfway down the trail to Hell,  
in a shady meadow green  
Are the Souls of all dead Troopers camped.  
Near a good old-time canteen.  
And this eternal resting place  
is known as Fiddlers' Green.  
Marching past, straight through to Hell  
The Infantry are seen.  
Accompanied by the Engineers,  
Artillery and Marines.  
For none but the shades of Cavalrymen  
Dismount at Fiddlers' Green  
Though some go curving down the trail  
To seek a warmer scene.  
No Trooper ever gets to Hell  
Ere he is emptied his canteen.  
And so rides back to drink again  
With friends at Fiddlers' Green

Donate by the 2/1  
Cavalry Association of  
the Vietnam  
Veterans  
1967-1970