



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

Winter 2016

President's Corner

— Tom Fey

Our reunion is only a few months away. Are you ready to attend the **2/1 CAVALRY ASSOCIATION REUNION** in Colorado Springs and Fort Carson? The current squadron, based at Fort Carson, is going to be an active participant in our activities. They will lead us in things we've never heard of or participated in during our "time" and we can initiate them in CAV Communion. One of the activities is going to the Motor pool and having a look at the new Striker vehicle variants. You'll need a special post pass for this so don't forget to mark on your reunion registration form if you want to attend this activity. I think you'll enjoy all of their activities at our reunion.

You can begin your hotel reservation process at any time by calling the hotel direct at 719-576-5900 and mentioning you are with the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry and/or referencing Reservation ID #1091199. You can also click on the link below and be directed to the landing page.

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Are you on our Facebook page? We currently have over 320 members watching and posting on our page. Join us! (www.facebook.com/groups/753312394715562/) If you haven't signed up, please do so and add your pictures and comments.

Have you sent in your association dues? If not, do it now, it's only \$10. You can actually send more if you're able as the cost of printing and mailing your *Blackhawk Bulletin* does not get cheaper.

As a reminder; have you been thinking of who to nominate as your next Officer Team? We, the retiring officers will assist your new team as they move into their leadership roles. See you at the reunion.

Scouts Out

Blackhawk Helicopter Dedication



Here's a picture from former Charlie Troop CO, Gerald T. Cecil (black pullover) to his left is Lofin Rice (former door gunner w/2-1 CAV) and his brother along with a Kentucky National Guardsman at the dedication of the new Blackhawk helicopters for the KYNG. Cecil deployed the unit to VN while on orders to the 173rd, but met up with us between Kontum and DAK TO in 1968. Glad to see you sir!

Troop Reports

HHT Troop

By Oscar Olson

Well, here is my effort for this newsletter; it is a good thing that I keep all of the previous newsletters so I don't repeat myself (too often).

I did receive a nice E-mail from Jay Crane. Jay worked for S-3 and drove the ACAV (among other things). Reading his E-mail (as is often the case) brought back memories. As I had said before, it was an adventure, especially the "boat ride", 4 decks down and right over the engine room. Many of the troopers did not fare so well once we crossed the continental shelf into the deep ocean (the action in the latrines was spectacular). I recall some troopers getting into trouble for diving off the ship as we entered Subic Bay in the Philippines. A great many of us volunteered to give blood as it allowed us to get off the ship, plus a shot of Whiskey. Our road march to Camp Enari was mostly uneventful but it did make us aware that it was all "for real" as we were escorted by spotter planes and passed through some ROK positions. We were advised to minimize contact with the ROK's as they were not the fun loving types and took their duties pretty seriously. Camp Enari was still under construction so our billeting arrangements were quite crude and the mud and dust were everywhere. PFC Ohlrich (a Wisconsin kid) happened to be a carpenter and wound up doing a lot of the construction of the Squadron Headquarters. A, B, and C troops quickly dispersed to their fire bases along the highway to the An Khe pass. The most intense event was an ambush of a convoy headed for Dak To which C troop cleaned up very quickly with 50 NVA killed (no casualties amongst the troopers, but

one convoy member killed.

Today marks the official start of fall/winter here in Aitkin with the beginning of Deer season. It is quite an event with most of the businesses closing and Orange being the prevalent color along the roads and in town. I have been haunting the pawn shops looking for DVDs to fill the time and found one that I especially liked called "True War Stories" which consists of interviews of soldiers from WWII up through Desert Storm. I was pleased to see an interview with a kid who was at Camp Enari when I was there.

I hope that this finds you all well and I encourage all who have not done so to check on their VA benefits; it can be well worth it... not only for the Vet, but for their families as well.

P.S. let me know if I can do anything else to make my report more interesting or informative.

A Troop

By Brian Kosteck

Today is Veterans Day. What a great time to be putting together another note for the bulletin. Janet and I had an opportunity to spend a couple of days with "LT" John Mavon and his wonderful bride, Judy. We re-hashed a few memories and had a lot of laughs over a couple of adult beverages; while we talked at length about the upcoming reunion.

Hopefully you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas... Now is the time to plan for warmer weather in Colorado Springs. Tom Fey is actively putting together a great program for us at Fort Carson. If you have never been to this part of the country; it is truly glorious. The last time Fort Carson hosted us; it was memorable. Now that the 2/1 Cav is headquartered there; it should be interesting to see how different the Cav works today. Don't delay in getting your

information filled out and sent in for the reunion. It sure makes it easier on those trying to plan this event. Given the changes caused by 9/11, give the planners as much time as possible to coordinate the various activities and space.

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 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: Brian Kosteck, 1223 Providence Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; Home Phone - 260-493-2701; E-mail - jbkosteck@frontier.com

B Troop

By Warren Roach

I attended Fire Base Barker for the Association's annual meeting for 2015. As always, Jerry and Elaine did an outstanding job. How they put this thing together is unbelievable. Thank you guys.

Tom said this is the time to give elections and appointments serious thought. All positions are opened as the present officers will be stepping down in 2016. C-Troop has been caring for all of the troops for more than 30 years, not that it has been a bad thing, but we all have been hanging onto C-Troop coat tails while they did all the work. Yes it's been fun, but it's time for a change, so it's time for the other Troops to step up to the plate. We have outstanding leadership amongst all Troops, B-Troop, Officers, and NCO and members with management skills who could take over these positions. So... what positions are you interested in? And what skills or talents can you bring to an office? If nobody stands

up and takes the bull by the horns, this could be the end of the Association as we know it! So please give this some thought and put your name in the hat. If you are the man to fill a position, get in touch with me so I can pass it on to the nomination committee.

Also, some troopers are not paid up on their membership dues. The dues help get the *Blackhawk Bulletin* out to keep you informed on what is happening in the Association.

Merry Christmas, Scouts out.

C Troop

By Wayne (Hooker) Hook

I don't have any news to report. Several of us have been working on trying to locate lost guys. I've not been having a lot of luck, but Jody Indermuehle has located several. Hope all have a great holiday season and we will be looking forward to Colorado. Hooker

D Troop

By Raymond Marple

Greetings fellow rotor winged warriors. We had a good meeting at Barker's this year, and I'm looking forward to Fort Carson next fall. I've never been to Carson, but have made a couple of trips to Denver and the surrounding area on my motorcycle in the past. The scenery is almost breathtaking from the saddle of a bike. I've been told that much of Carson is just like that. Can't wait to find out for myself; would do the bike thing again, but we aren't getting any younger.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you ALL again. Maybe we will have a larger turnout this year. If anyone has any questions, feel free to give me a call. As I've said, if I don't have the answer I know where to get it.

Vice President's Report

— Lance Lake

Well summer has been hot Well the holidays are approaching fast and I pray all of you will have a Blessed season. Jo and I will be praying especially for those who have lost a loved one because we know at this time of the year it can get really hard.

On October the 22nd I was honored at a ceremony with about 250 other Vietnam Veterans here in Newnan, Georgia. We received a certificate signed by the Governor of Georgia and the Commissioner of Veterans Service. There was also a copy of the proclamation of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War made by the President of the United States. I also received a lapel pin for this occasion. I hope all of your communities will make sure you all are honored in the same grand fashion we were. It was all very nicely set up by our local VFW Post, American Legion Post, and Newnan High School History Department. The school does a Vietnam history course and other vets and I have participated in the class through the years. They really do a good job and it has always been a great experience for me.

Our reunion will be coming up next year and again I hope all of you plan to attend because we all want to see you very much.

One last thing, as mentioned in the last Newsletter, you have got to get a new President and Vice President. Tom Schluchter, our Treasurer (there's been no one else as treasurer), would also like to get that special person to take his position. Please consider this knowing that we will all be there to help you as we continue to serve all our fellow soldiers. You know we want all the new guys and gals to come aboard so we will have them to carry on when we are not around. God Bless

Quarter Masters

— Jesse Paul and Diana Watson

Mirror Images (Jessee Paul and Diana Watson) would like to thank all for the inquiries and orders. If anyone has suggestions for us, please get in touch with either of us. You can e-mail us at jpd_watson@hotmail.com or call us at 660-537-5833 (Jessee Paul) or 537-289-8197 (Diana). Once again thanks. Hope to see some of you at the 2016 Reunion in Colorado Springs.

Happy
New Year!

Fiddler's Green

With the numbers of our brothers who have "Ridden on" to Fiddlers Green, we have to start a new process. We will list them in our bulletin and have obituaries on our 2-1 web page.

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	STATE	TROOP	IN COUNTRY
04/28/15	TERRY BABLER	WI	Honorary	
07/01/15	JEFFREY BARRON	OR	C, D	69-70
08/28/15	HAL M BREASHEARS	AL	B	68-69
06/05/14	CHESTER R BREWSTER	TX	B	1969
01/30/14	JAMES M BUTLER	TX	A	69-70
07/16/15	DONALD CANTRELL	AL	C	67-68
08/02/09	STEPHEN COGBURN	AR	C	68-69
09/10/15	PAUL M COMEAU	CA	B	1970
03/09/14	JOHN A CONTRERA	FL	B	69-70
05/12/14	JOHN CREEK	OH	A	68-69
04/11/10	WILLIAM E DORMINEY	AL	C	1970
01/06/08	RICHARD L DOUGHTY	IL	B	1970
07/18/15	MARGIE GARRETT	LA	Honorary	C-Widow
06/13/15	LESLIE M GAY	TX	Honorary	C-Wife
07/10/15	DAVID L GRAHAM	OK	C	67-68
09/16/15	FRANK HAMPSHIRE	NC	D	
06/01/07	GEORGE H HUTTER	PA	HHT	1970
12/16/14	DONALD LARGE	IA	C	69-69
12/04/09	EDWARD LYDIC	PA	C	1970
11/04/09	TERRY L MANIS	CA	D	69-70
02/20/04	HERMAN MCLOON	GA	B	1970
12/06/07	EDWARD (Skip) M MIXON, JR	OH	A, C	69-70
09/01/15	LARRY MORTENSON	MN boat	C	67-68
01/27/07	PHILLIP R NICHOLS	MA	A	1970
10/23/14	CHARLES K OSWALT	AR	B	67-68
09/01/15	ROBERT (Bob) E REINHARDT	OH	B, HHT	69-70
12/30/11	CHESTER D ROBINSON	GA	D	69-70
05/12/15	CHARLES K SCHWARZ	MO	A	1970
09/01/10	MICHAEL STOCK	OK boat	C	1967
02/23/08	VIVION E TEMPLIN	OH	C, Boat	67-68
03/17/15	JERRY B TIBBS	AL boat	A	69-70
10/23/08	HAROLD S TRAINUM	VA boat	C	1967
12/09/13	BYRON W VINCENT	NV	A, HHT	69-70

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

Chaplain's Corner

— Dennis Scott

Greetings Brothers,

I hope that your holidays were enjoyable and filled with the blessings of being with family and good friends. It has been my prayer this season that we all may experience peace for ourselves and for those whom we love.

May we also never forget the passing of our brother Blackhawks. We must remember these men on a daily basis, celebrating their courage and sacrifices. This edition of the *Blackhawk Bulletin* contains the names of 30-plus troopers who have joined the brotherhood at Fiddlers Green. The addition of their names to this group brings our total of deceased 'Hawks to 635-plus men. When combined with our current mailing list of troopers, we are saddened by the 25% mortality rate of the 2/1 CAV. For a complete list of our deceased and KIA's, you may access our website. And, please should you have any additional information on names that should be included, get that information to me as soon as possible.

The following poem was written by Lee Baldrige, an honorary Blackhawk, in tribute to several of the men he has known over the years, all members of the 2/1 Cavalry who served in Vietnam.

Here's to the Men of the 2/1 CAV

This poem was written by Lee Baldrige, Honorary C-Troop, and delivered at 2015 Firebase Barker.

Here's to the men of the 2/1 Cav

No truer patriots will this nation ever have.

Called to a war from which many would run

They marshaled their courage and moved toward the sound of the gun.

They fought their war in a jungle clime

Through monsoon rain and knee deep slime.

The Cong dressed in black was stealthy and mean

But an enemy in orange went completely unseen.

At war's end they left Charlie in the jungle to roam

But that orange bastard followed them home.

Where he patiently waited for the healing to begin

And for them to believe their war could truly end

Then he struck again and again.

The son of a bitch is striking still

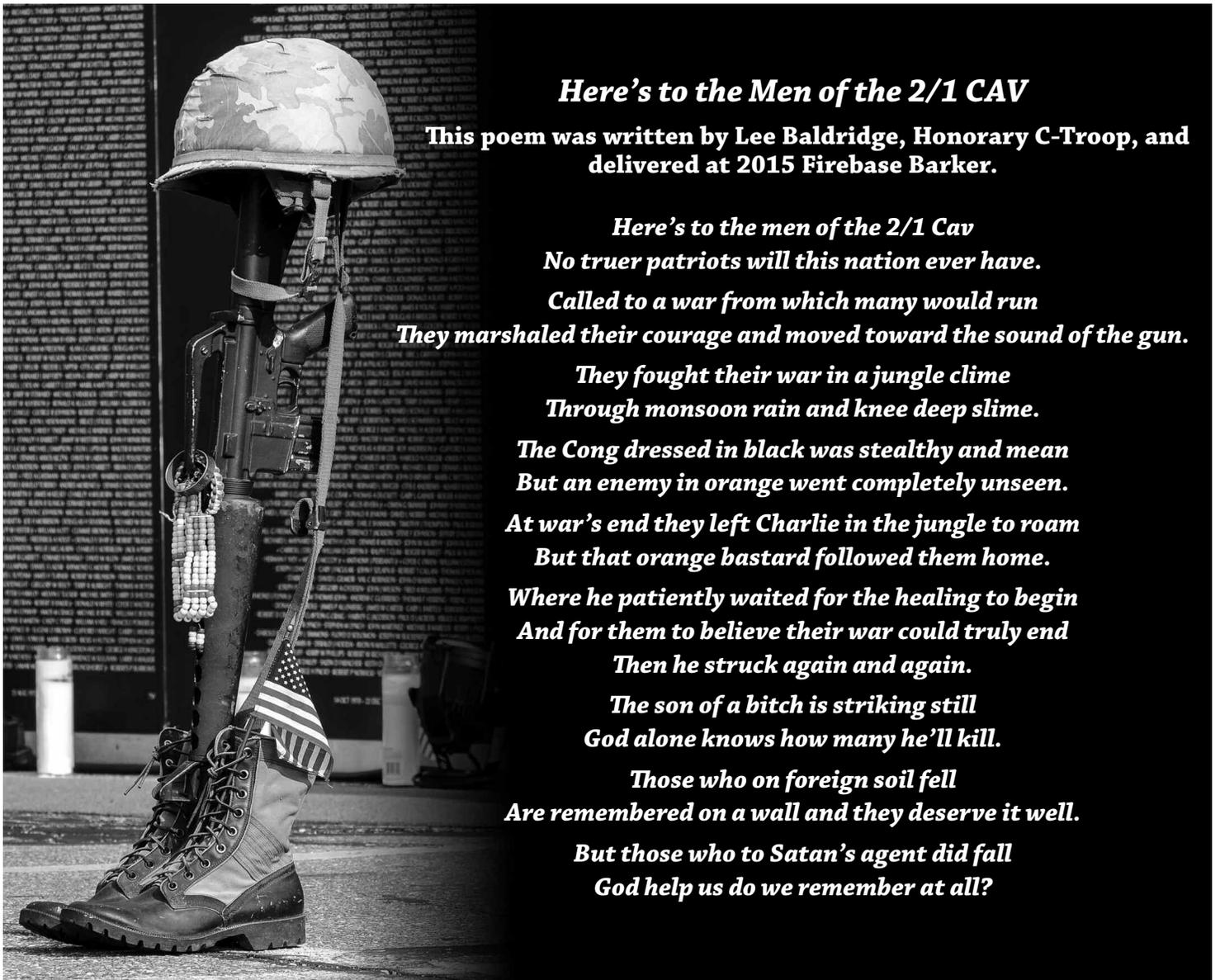
God alone knows how many he'll kill.

Those who on foreign soil fell

Are remembered on a wall and they deserve it well.

But those who to Satan's agent did fall

God help us do we remember at all?



Firebase Barker – After Action Report

— Jerry Barker

Another enjoyable firebase has come and gone. Elaine and I would like to thank everyone for making our time together so special. All 2/1 Cavalry Association Officers were present for our annual meeting. Many important topics were discussed. Most importantly, there was no cost to the Association this year.

We welcomed Jerry Kaiser, an original “boat person” for his first ever visit. Other first-timers included Bill and Ruth Ann Loder from Connecticut, who graciously accompanied Kaylene Vobelt to Indy. Rolf’s spirit will always dwell among us. Don and Jamie Miod traveled the greatest distance, all the way from California! There were 32 2/1 Cavalry troopers out of 38 veterans present; 89 persons all together. It has been said that Firebase Barker has evolved into a sort of family reunion. An example... Deacon and Jody Indermuehle’s son Joe brought his wife Jessica and their two young children. The beat goes on. The legacy lives. As I write this article, it is the middle of November and I’m just getting around to putting all the bamboo away and remembering that... “It’s a jungle out there.”

Business Meeting Minutes from Firebase Barker (Sept. 2015)

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Fey at 1730 hours; The Pledge of Allegiance was said then Chaplain Dennis Scott led us in prayer. Treasurer, Tom Schluchter gave his report. Jerry Barker welcomed us to the 30th reunion of “C” Troop and shared how much it means to him and Elaine.

Old Business: Fey reiterated the need for people to step forward to lead this organization for the next term as he and Vice President Lance Lake cannot and will not run for another term as officers. Treasurer, Schluchter stated that he cannot attend the reunion in Colorado Springs due to health reasons and as for the treasurer office, “I’ve done it for as long as I can”. WE WILL assist the new officer team in any way possible. If someone does not step forward, it could be the end of our Association and in that case, what money we currently have, will be donated to charity.

New Business: The reunion plans for 25-28 August 2016 are going well. James Lattau, A-Troop in 1970, has assisted your president in the hotel search and working with the current squadron. The current squadron will be going to the National Training Center through the month of September so we will meet again in October or early November. We want to include the current troopers for a come together of the “Old and New”. We will introduce them to our CAV Communion and they will perform the “Grog Ceremony” (both alcoholic and non alcoholic). We’ll also have the horse troopers present and remove the colors at the banquet.

Lee Baldrige read a poem, “Here’s to the men of the 2/1 Cav” that he wrote (the poem is attached elsewhere in the bulletin).

We need volunteers to help locate unaccounted for troopers, as we are having numerous returned bulletins. If one person from each state would contact troopers in their state, we could update our roster.

The official shirts for the reunion will have the option for our D-Troopers in that they can have a helicopter on the sleeve. Ray Marple stated that he was the first D-Trooper to attend a reunion and he’s proud to be a part of this association and proud of the D-troopers who have joined.

Meeting adjourned at 1810 hours.





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City: _____

State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

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Theater/Area of Operation (s): _____

Troop/Platoon: _____

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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. 2016 dues and donations are accepted and appreciated at any time during the year. Please make your check or money order payable to: 2/1 CAV and mail it to PO Box 87, Bay City, MI 48707-0087.

I'd like to thank Jody Indermuehle for doing a lot for the Association. She helped clean up our membership roster by finding most of the 'Deceased since Nam' listed in this newsletter. We thank her for all the time she spent on this project.

At the 2016 Reunion, election of Officers will be held. As mentioned at Barker's, I am unable to attend the Reunion, but have agreed to leave my name on the ballot to continue to serve as Treasurer for one more term, stepping down in 2018. Some of the duties I have taken on as your Treasurer are to maintain the 2-1 CAV Membership Roster, List of Those to be Found, and a list of Deceased Since Nam; take care of all the financials for incoming and outgoing monies; contribute in getting the newsletter created and sent out; serve on the Reunion Committee; receive all the Registration Forms and tally them for use by the appropriate reunion committees: trooper and guest attendance and hotel room counts, meal choices, shirt sizes and hat orders, list of names for name tags, the handouts for our meetings, (daily activity agenda, business meeting agenda, closing meeting agenda, after action report, financial report, for inclusion in the welcome packets).

For those that may not know, I have an enormous appreciation for Kendra Scott as she volunteers her time and talents to layout our newsletter, and with me supplying her a file of active member addresses, she coordinates with MHA to print and mail the *Blackhawk Bulletin* out. By her doing this, it saves me about three days of labor. If ever something should happen that we lose her, the sticking on of address labels and postage stamps would (as of this time) fall back under the Treasurer duties.

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