



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

Winter 2017

President's Corner

— Tom Fey

Gay Anne and I thank you for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration during our Blackhawk Reunion banquet last August. It is hard to believe we've been together that long and that includes our brothers of first platoon of Charlie troop who frequently came to our apartment on weekends while at Ft. Hood. We were all broke but looking back we had great times with great friends.

Speaking of weekends, as per the associations request to return to Colorado Springs for the 2018 reunion, I met with Heather at the Hotel Elegante' and we have set the time for the 2018 reunion to be the weekend of **30 August – 02 September 2018**. I have also been in contact with the CSM and SCO to figure possible activities with the squadron at Fort Carson.

Following the reunion was a rainy but fun time at Firebase Barker. Elaine and Jerry always provide lots of food, liquid refreshments and great companionship. Since our Treasurer, Tom Schluchter, was unable to attend the 2016 Reunion and the current Squadron Commander had nominated him to the Order of Saint George, we who were already Knighted were able to induct him into the Knighthood.

A big thank you to our retired Vice President, Lance Lake and his lovely wife Jo, for six years of faithful service to our association. I appreciate all the things they did for me and the association. Jo has graciously agreed to continue to organize the spouse's social for 2018. Also, a hardy welcome to our new Vice President, Warren Roach. I look forward to working with Warren toward our 2018 reunion.

Those who attended the reunion will remember Nathan Matlock and Rose Campbell from Regis University's Center for War Experience. Nathan has told me that working with and recording your stories was a

fantastic experience and he is looking forward to our 2018 reunion. The Center is donating \$500.00 to the 2/1 Cavalry Association during the Spring semester of his class. He also wanted me to let you know that those who have emailed or called him and he has not responded is due to a tech problem at the university when the entire system went down and all emails and voice mails were lost. Call or email him again. You can check out recordings of his class at: <http://www.regis.edu/About-Regis-University/Centers-and-Institutes/Center-for-the-Study-of-War-Experience.aspx>

Gay Anne talked to the wives at the spouse social during the reunion about this timeline we did following a Regis University Center for War Experience panel discussion. We found it a revealing picture for our family of the impact of the Vietnam experience. There were many small bumps in the road, along with a major ten-year plunge, which lead me to the Vet Center, ultimately saving my life and our family. I hope you'll use a similar tool as a conversation starter with your family.



I've been informed the USNS Walker Exhibit will have a huge display in New York's Central Park sometime in October 2017. We will forward date information as soon as possible.

We, actually our webmaster Fred Lohr, continues to get an enormous amount of returned membership emails. Please check the Association roster to see if your email is correct, if it is not or you have changed your email please let us know ASAP. The problem with so many returned emails is we get known as spammers and shut down. **Please check now and let us know.**

Troop Reports

HHT Troop

By Oscar Olson

Greetings from Minnesota. Winter is officially here with our first snow of the season at 8 to 24 inches across the Northland. It was a proverbial "heart attack snow" with a lot of moisture and wind drifting. This past year has been a poor one for me, thanks in part to Agent Orange and old age. My time was divided between the VA clinic in Brainerd (16 miles away), the VA hospital in St. Cloud (75 miles away), and the Minneapolis VA (130 miles away). Despite the negativity attached to the VA I can honestly say that the care I have received has been second to none.

I kind of enjoy going to the VA (despite the reason I'm there) just because of the people watching and the occasional interaction with fellow Vets. It seems that the facilities are undergoing almost constant remodeling and expansion, I suppose because of so many of us approaching that magical age where life catches up with us. I had an eye appointment a few weeks ago, and while sitting in the waiting room I noticed a cap that had 1/1 Cavalry displayed on the front. For those who may not remember, the 1/1 deployed with us on the Walker from Fort Hood. He told me that they had just had their reunion at Fort Hood Texas just a few months ago. He said that he very much enjoyed it and was treated very well by the active duty personnel. I really hope I can make the next one.

Another "side benefit" is the presence of many bookcases where books can be dropped off or borrowed from. I recently picked one up called *Tank Sergeant* (copyright 1986) which describes a Sergeant's tour in Vietnam with the 1/69th Armor. He refers to the 2/1 as most of his activity was in and around Pleiku. Getting back to the waiting room, I also got to visit with a veteran of the Normandy invasion, not many of those guys around anymore, I felt honored.

I have not heard much from any troopers but maybe in time. I got a phone call from a Joe Magee, he was in HHT from Jul 68 to Jan 69. He was looking a LT John Morales (HOR Chino CA). I could find nothing on him. Perhaps someone who reads the bulletin could help.

Scouts out.

A Troop

By Brian Kosteck

Well, Thanksgiving has just passed and I hope all of you ate more than you should have. I do not want to be the only one who just can't resist one more helping of this and a little more of that before I have dessert. Next up is Christmas and then another new year is in the making. The Colorado Springs Reunion was a great experience again and plans are in place for another go at this place in 2018.

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, there is a convoy to Kokomo, Indiana to the Vietnam Veterans

Reunion. It is about an hour drive. 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 Barker's 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 to 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 to let me know you have sent me something.

B Troop

By Fred Leyba

Hello troopers. I am your new B Troop Rep since Warren Roach took on the responsibility as our 2/1 Cav Vice President. As this is my first Troop Report, I want to let you know who I am. My name is Fred Leyba and my wife's name is Judy. We reside in Springdale, Arkansas. I went over on the boat and was the driver on track 34.

I hope most of you attended the reunion this past August. If you missed it, I'm so sorry because it was a fantastic time had by all. Colorado Springs is an ideal location for military reunions. To

wait another two years to be with you guys again will be tough.

Since there really is no new news to report, this will be short. I would like to invite all of B Troop to feel free to email me with anything you would like to share. A phone call would be quite acceptable also. Looking forward to hearing from you troopers. Until then.... Scouts out.

C Troop

By Wayne (Hooker) Hook

Hope everyone had a good Holiday season. I want to thank everyone who donated items for the raffle and auction. I think it was a success. If needed, I do have stickers and magnetic signs, just let me know. Have a great 2017.

Hooker

D Troop

By Raymond Marple

Fellow D Troopers, well it hasn't been long since the reunion at Ft. Carson; what a beautiful setting and the troopers on station there couldn't have been more friendly than they were. Makes me look forward to returning there in 2018.

There really isn't too much to relate right now, so this will be short. We had a great time at Firebase Barker this year. It kind of reminded me of monsoon season in country (heavy rain). Hospitality and food was great, camaraderie was also great. If you haven't made it to Barker's yet you ought to really try in 2017.

As always, if you need answers to something, and if I don't know, I know how to find out and I'll try to get you an answer.

As ever, Ray

Vice President's Report

— Warren Roach

I want to thank Jerry and Elaine for Firebase Barker this past September. As always the weekend was outstanding with plenty of food, drinks and a good time for all. After Fort Carson and once I got back home, it came to me in the night, "Now see what you have gone and did. You dumb ass, what are you going to do now that you opened your big mouth and stood up." Well, my plan is I will be putting my heart into working with Tom to keep the Association alive and moving forward which means helping keep my #1 boss, (Rose) happy and working hard for my #2, (Tom).

Right now, Rose and I are sitting in the warm sun at Jim Jordan's ranch in AZ. On our way here we stopped by and visited my old TC on track #33, Ken Buschard who is now living in the Fayetteville Care and Rehabilitation Center, 4081 Thornton Taylor Parkway, Fayetteville TN. 37334. If you think about it, drop Ken a line or two or anyone else, you know who is in that same situation. I hope everyone had a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Scouts out

PS: Yesterday, January 1st, Ken Buschard passed away. He was with B-Troop from 10-68 to 10-69. This information came from his son Ken Buschard Jr., not the best way to start the new year.

Hello to all: Past Vice President

— Lance Lake

In this my final newsletter, I just want to tell you all how very humbled I was to serve as your Vice President. I am passing it on to Warren who I know will do a much better job than me. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that 2017 will bring you all the joy you wished for. Cannot wait to see you all soon. Already planning for next reunion. And, I cannot forget all the beautiful ladies we have. Love you and appreciate you all for putting up with us.

Love you all Brothers, Lance Lake

Cav members make sure you update your present 2-1 CAV contact information appropriately. There are people, emails, and street address changes for several Officers and Troop Reps. Please refer to the Officer Call and Troop Representative section of this edition.

Thank you.

Chaplain's Corner

— Dennis Scott

A Memorial Celebration of Fay Ryan's life was held at the Cazenovia American Legion Post 88 on December 8th, 2016. He had passed away November 25, 2016. Three Blackhawks were in attendance and participated in Fay's Memorial Celebration. They were, Tom Fey, Association President, Jerry Barker, Association Historian and Dennis Scott, Association Chaplain.



Fiddler's Green

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

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	STATE	TROOP	IN COUNTRY
1/1/2017	KEN BUSCHARD	AL	B	68-69
12/14/2015	WILLIAM DENNIS GULLIFORD	AZ	HHT	67-68
12/25/2015	JERRY WADE HOGAN	SC	A	67-68
12/15/2016	CHARLES E POE	LA	D	67-69
11/25/2016	FAY P RYAN	NY	C	67-68
08/00/2016	WILLIAM D. TRUITT	WA	HHT	68-69
4/3/2016	MARCOS J. ZAMORA	TX	C	68-69

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

Firestore Barker

– After Action Report

— Jerry Barker

Winter is here! I don't know about you, but I could use a little jungle heat. Greetings from Indy where another raucous firebase was held in September (always third weekend). Seventy-nine persons; thirty-one vets, turned out for an old fashioned cavalry shindig. A huge "thank you" to everyone for contributing to a successful bivouac.

Special ceremonies were conducted. Long serving 2/1 Cavalry Treasurer, Tom Schluchter, was awarded the BLACK MEDALLION OF THE ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE and the ORDER OF THE SPUR. Presented by fellow 2/1 Cavalry Knights, the official orders were signed by LTC Jason H Rosenstrauch, BLACKHAWK 6, Ft. Carson, Colorado.



Two Honorary Blackhawks were created. Marvin and Becky Garrett were recognized for "outstanding support in maintaining the highest and most distinguished traditions of the 1st United States Cavalry Regiment of Dragoons." Marvin is the Son of Ronald Garrett, beloved Platoon Sergeant of 2nd Platoon, C Troop, 2/1 Cavalry, 2nd Armored/4th Infantry Divisions. Marvin humbly refers to himself as a cattle farmer. We all prefer the term "Texas Rancher."

Marvin and his lovely wife, Becky, graciously contributed \$1000 towards Firebase Expenses. THANK YOU!

All past and current Dragoon officers, including newly elected Vice President Warren Roach, B Troop, were present for the festivities. These included our traditional Cav Communion and a ladies champagne toast. A new addition to the motor pool is a 1967 M151A1 command radio jeep which joins her 1968 sister jeep.

I will close with this:

***Fate whispers to the warrior
"you cannot withstand the storm"
and the warrior whispers back
"I am the storm"***

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

Reunion Highlights





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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. The 2017 dues are accepted and appreciated at any time during the year. Please make your check or money order payable to: 2/1CAV and mail it to P.O. Box 87, Bay City, MI, 48707-0087.

Again, we thank and have great appreciation for Kendra Scott who volunteers her time and talents to lay out our newsletter then gets it printed and mailed. Thank You, Kendra!

Quarter Masters

— Jesse Paul and Diana Watson

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are working on a new flyer and hope to have it out soon. If anyone wants one, when it's finished, just let us know. As always, we appreciate your business and are always open to suggestions for what you would like to see at the next reunion in 2018. Thanks again.

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