



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

Winter 2018

President's Corner

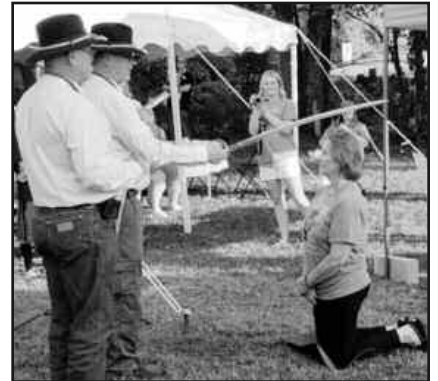
— Tom Fey

I hope and trust everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We are working hard to bring you another great reunion (**30 August-02 September 2018**). I've met with the current squadron leaders (LTC Fulton, CSM Jackson) and they're brainstorming activities for Friday of our reunion. They have some neat ideas they're checking out and will let me know for the spring (reunion) *Bulletin*.

I have also met with the Hotel conference staff, Cortney Cottman, Michele Williams, and they are ready to accept room reservations any time. You may go to their reservation website <https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1410&skipfirstpage=true&page=1721671> or call the Hotel Elegaté reservations at **(719) 576-5900**; be sure to mention you are with the 2/1 Cavalry Association Reunion. Reserve early; remember they ran out of rooms in 2016.

Many thanks go out to Jerry and Elaine Barker for again organizing a great Firebase Barker. Linda Schluchter and Elaine Barker were recognized/Knighted with the Saint Joan D'Arc Medallion by the Cavalry and Armor Association for their years of hard work for the 2/1 Cavalry Association. They were also presented letters of congratulations from General (Captain) Hartman.

Our next *Bulletin* will be the Reunion Registration edition. Get your reunion registration and your Hotel registrations in early.



Vice President's Report

— Warren Roach

Well the Holidays came and went, plus another year has gone by us; I hope everyone had the best Holidays ever and has a Happy New Year in 2018. I attended Firebase Barker this past September, Rose and I had a great time. I would like to thank Elaine and Jerry for an outstanding job making everyone feel right at home, hosting this event must take a lot of hard work and hours of planning but they get it together, as always there was plenty of good food and drinks and a good time for all. I appreciate the awesome job the Barker's and their helper put into this event to make everyone happy. Ok Troopers it's time to get off your ass and on your feet because It's time to start thinking about making your arrangement to attend the 20th anniversary of the association at Fort Carson, Colorado August 30th thru September 2nd. So, let's get it together and get your plans finalized. Be safe and god bless you.

Chaplain's Corner

— Dennis Scott

Brothers, It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our brother, Tom Schluchter on December 26, 2017. Tom was the Treasurer of the 2/1 Cavalry Association for over 30 years and he will be sadly missed. He was a dedicated servant and our organization would not be what it is today without Tom's hard work with keeping all the roster records and keeping us on track financially.

Nineteen troopers and friends of our Association represented the 2/1 CAV at Tom's visitation, funeral or burial at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. At the request of the family, several Troopers participated in Tom's funeral service and burial; a distinct honor for us all.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Tom's wife, Linda, at 5644 Courtland Circle, Bay City MI 48706.

Troop Reports

HHT Troop

No representative/no report.

A Troop

By Brian Kosteck

Winter is falling, literally, on the Great State of Indiana. Christmas will be just a memory by the time this goes to print and I for one will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring. The 2/1 Cavalry reunion for 2018 is slowing coming to fruition. Colorado Springs is the site again this time and it should be a terrific event. If you haven't already thought about and made initial plans to attend; give it some serious consideration now as the details for this gathering will be coming out soon.

On a more personal note; I want to bring all A-Troopers up to date on fellow A-trooper, Bob Denshuick. Bob had called earlier last year to apprise me he has a "lump"; yes, the dreaded "C" Word. After undergoing several tests and other procedures; the Doctors performed the requisite

surgery and Bob is "C" FREE. Prayers are always welcome and even answered as in Bob's case. Bob asked that I pass this along so he did not have to wait until the reunion to discuss same. Additionally, I have just received word from former A-Troop Commander Captain George Webster of the passing of William "Bill" Sandberg this year. Bill and I arrived in the field within days of each other and Bill was the Company Clerk until he was promoted to HHT Troop to be the Headquarters Clerk. Bill's first ever reunion was in 2016 at Colorado Springs. You will be missed, my friend.

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 shown on the back page.

B Troop

By Fred Leyba

I finally made a Firebase Barker reunion. I want to thank the Barker's and all those who gave their time and effort for the great time I had. I'm looking forward to the next one in 2018 as well as the reunion in Colorado Springs.

At the business meeting I reported on Bill Bailey's serious skin cancer and treatments. After talking to him last week I am happy to report that with radiation treatments and chemotherapy he is cancer free. He still has periodic checkups to be sure the cancer is in remission. Bill and his wife Judy want to thank all for their thoughts and prayers.

C Troop

By Wayne (Hooker) Hook

I'm still looking for the photo album mentioned in last BB. Not much new from Charlie Troop. I do have Blackhawk crests now so if you're interested let me know; they are \$10 each. Hope all had a great holiday Looking forward to Colorado. Hooker

D Troop

By Raymond Marple

Well it's that time of the year again, not a whole lot to convey to you at this time. All we're doing here in LZ Redford is trying to de-ice the rotor blades, Lay dog and try to wait out the thaw. Looking forward to Colorado Springs and Ft. Carson this fall. It's never too early to get started on those plans. I'm looking forward to the trip this year.

I haven't heard much from any of the guys so there isn't anything to pass on there.

As always if you have any questions fire them to me, I know where to get the answers.

As ever, Ray Marple
"SCOUTS OUT"

Firebase Barker: 2017 After Action Report

— Jerry Barker

There were highs and lows in 2017. Firebase Barker was delightful again this year. Elaine and I want to thank the 28 veterans and 88 support personnel for contributing to a successful encampment.

Tom Schluchter was able to join us for one last mission. Unfortunately, his tour of duty here on earth ended the day after Christmas. We shall miss him. Tom's passing hit me particularly hard. Although a scout by training, I had the privilege of serving as his loader on tank 26 for a few weeks in 1968. We saw combat together.

Per the bylaws an informative association business meeting was conducted. All current officers were present. The meeting kicked-off with a lengthy reading of the minutes by Kaylene a/k/a Command Sergeant Major Mickey Vobelt. After unanimous acclaim Treasurer Emeritus Tom Schluchter passed the flag to "D" Trooper Stu McDiarmid. The treasury remains in good hands. Congratulations Stu!

You will remember that at 2016 Firebase, Tom was the worthy recipient of the Black Medallion of the Order of Saint George. 2017 saw Sir Tom's lovely wife, Linda and my wife Elaine receive the prestigious Order of Saint Joan D'Arc. The letter of recommendation was signed by none other than our own Clarence Barry Hartman, Brigadier General, AUS Retired (Captain, Cavalry, Commanding C Troop, 2-1 Cavalry 1967-1968).

A delicious meal was prepared by our cavalry ladies and the traditional Cav Communion was conducted. I am happy to report that our convoy was not ambushed enroute to Greentown, Indiana for the "all veterans' reunion."

Be advised that **Firebase Barker 2018 will be held 13 Sep-16 Sep**. This is only 18 days after our National Basecamp in Colorado Springs. Plan accordingly! My apologies to the first-time trooper in southern Indiana that I lost contact with prior to FB. I lost your contact information. Please reach out again **(317) 607-8015**.

As we continue to patrol the "valley of death" together, BEWARE! It's a jungle out there...

Treasurer

— Stu McDiarmid

Just a little background about me, I came to D Troop 2/1 Cav in January 1968 fresh out of AIT at Ft. Ord California to Grey Army Air Field near Ft. Hood I was in the Aero Rifle Platoon. I was in country for thirteen months. We landed in Pleiku July 19, 1968 we were on missions across the Central Highlands. We were based in Pleiku, Anke, and Phan Thiet. RTO'd in August 1969.

I was elected to be the Squadron Treasurer at Firebase Barker September 16, 2017 after Tom Schluchter retired due to illness. I will do my best to care for the Squadrons finances.

Our largest expense outside of the Reunion is the publishing, printing and mailing of the *Blackhawk Bulletin* this happens twice a year. 2018 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 22158 Chelsea Ln. Woodhaven Michigan 48183.

I would like to thank the officers and troop leaders for their help in updating the Squadrons mailing list. It is very important for you to let us know when any of your contact information changes.

Quarter Masters

— Jesse Paul and Diana Watson

Not much going on here. We would like to thank all of you that have sent orders in, we appreciate them all. We are working on getting at least one new shirt design ready for Colorado Springs.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and that 2018 brings health and happiness.

Diana and Paul Watson

Fiddler's Green

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



Sadly, leading this list is our good friend and former treasurer

Tom Schluchter

who went to Fiddler's Green on 26 Dec 2017.

NAME	TROOP	IN COUNTRY	DATE OF DEATH	STATE
Aitkins, James D	HHT	68-69	2009	PA
Arluck MD, Sheppard	HHT	68-69	9/1/2009	NY
Allen, Carl J	HHT	70-71	6/1/2010	PA
Baier, Gerald	HHT	69	12/1/2004	MN
Barlow, Bruce	HHT	69-70	12/1/2015	VA
Beigbeder, Peter	HHT	69-70	4/1/2017	PA
Blanco, Antonio	HHT	70-71	8/1/2014	TX
Brue, Dennis	HHT, C	1968	6/30/2017	MN
Buckley, Gary B	HHT	68-69	11/1/2017	TN
Buck, Champlin F.	HHT	68-69	12/17/2011	VA
Carter, Kermit J	HHT	70-71	10/1/2017	WI
Casey, Roger	HHT	70	5/1/2017	OH
Church, Gale A	HHT	67-68	5/1/2014	NC
Curry, Edison	A	67-68	3/29/2017	MA
Dance, Robert L	HHT	70	1/1/2003	VA
Farr, Robert	D	68-69	6/1/2010	MI
Feehan, Michael James	C	67-68	5/13/2003	MN
Goldschmidt, Thomas	HHT	68-69	6/26/2012	PA
Jovanovic, Borivoje	A	68-69	3/27/2011	NV
Moreau, Donald	HHT	68-69	8/23/2017	IN
Pennell, Arnold Lee	A	1968	2/13/2017	FL
Presnell, Franklin (Elvis)	A,C	68-69	8/19/2008	MN
Sheren, Kenneth	B	1970	2/23/2012	MI
Shotwell, Russell	A	68-69	5/1/2017	IL
Smith, Antony H	HHT	1968	7/30/2017	CO
Spencer, Charles	B	1967	???	GA
Stevens, Kennneth R	D	68-69	6/8/2006	WV
Traverso, Robert	B	67-68	12/22/2015	OR
Whitmill, William D	A, HHT	69-70	1/10/2018	NC

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



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Regiment of Dragoons

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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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For the Christmas season the association officers donated \$500.00 to the current squadron to assist young trooper families purchase Christmas dinner. Below is a copy of the thank you I received in the mail.

Dear 2-1 CAV Association,

Thank you for the generous Holiday donation the association made for 2-1 CAV families. CSM Jackson and I personally delivered your donation to 10 deserving Soldiers and Families prior to Christmas. We look forward to continuing our great partnership with our Association and our Squadron in 2018!

Animo et Fide!


LeVares J. Jackson
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USA
"Blackhawk 7"


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LTC, AR
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"Blackhawk 6"



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