



Blackhawk Bulletin

2nd Squadron, 1st (Armored) Cavalry Association

Winter 2019

President's Corner

— Tom Fey

2018 has come and gone. The 2018 2/1 Cavalry Association Reunion is in the books. A great big Thank You to our current Squadron, especially SFC Travis Beaman and CPT Savannah Spencer, for making our 2018 reunion a success. SFC Beaman was our “go-to guy” at the post and also took the time to steam and press our battle flag streamers.

For those of you who aren't aware, I had a series of cardio difficulties (heart attacks) during the 2018 reunion starting during the business meeting where I was very confused. The second episode occurred during our banquet and the final one that sent me to the emergency room happened Sunday evening when I returned home. On Monday the doctors gave me two stents to open the 90% blockages. I'm now doing well, walking between two and five miles a day and watching my diet. Because of this cardio problem, I was unable to attend Firebase this year but your officer team carried on without a problem.

Now it's on to San Antonio, TX for 2020. Your officer team, plus Ricardo Everett, our brother in Austin TX, is currently working with the convention bureau in San Antonio and the hotel to bring you another great reunion.

On rather short notice, SFC Jack Anderson's internment was moved from next spring to 04 December 2018. Warren and Rose Roach, Dennis and Janet Scott, Jerry Barker and I attended the internment ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



Vice President's Report

— Warren Roach

Well Troopers its fall again and we have put another reunion behind us. Colorado Springs was a big success, if you missed it, I am sorry because it was fantastic time had by all. Thanks to our President Tom Fey, the Squadron at Fort Carson, plus all the helpers, who worked hard putting the reunion together for you/us. Now on a sad note, it seems that I am saying this phrase more and more as the years go by, we have lost a lot of Troopers over past year, 27 as of this report. It would be sad not to make one of these Reunion while you still can. The war may be something you may want to forget, which maybe a good thing. But believe it or not it can help you heal; your comradery at that time in your life is what makes us brothers. I look back on the troopers I have met or became reacquainted with over the years at reunions, names like Schluchter, Vobelt, Buschard, Sherrick, Preston, Anderson and Abrams that have gone on to Fiddlers' Green. So, if you are able, think about making a reunion before it's too late. John Abrams and Jack Anderson will be buried sometime in the future at Arlington Nation Cemetery in Washington DC if I find out dates, I will pass them on. I am so honored to have served with or have known these heroes. Well it won't be long before the Cavalry rides into San Antonio in 2020, I am sure our President will have more on this in his report. The 2nd Armored Division is planning on building a Memorial at the Armor and Cavalry Museum, Fort Benning, Georgia and would like us to join them in the project which would give us a place in their design. Rather than a bunch of small ones like we did at Fort Knox it would be one large one with all units together. Update on General Abrams interment it is schedule at Fort Myer Memorial Chapel, April 2nd at 1030hrs with grave services to follow. Anyway, that's enough for now. *Scouts out*

Troop Reports

HHT Troop

By John Hasenauer

(Meet your new HHT Representative John Hasenauer)

It was great to meet with fellow troopers in Colorado Springs in 2018. Good food, memories shared and plenty of respectful ceremony of our fallen troopers. Golden boot spurs provided for those that served in the cavalry.

After the 2018 Blackhawk reunion in Colorado Springs several of our fellow troopers returned home to disaster from hurricanes and storming fires. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hope all is well.

If you have not attended a reunion, I ask you definitively consider doing so and of course if you have attended before your fellow troopers and I look forward to seeing you at the next reunion. Bring a family member, a friend or a fellow trooper.

To learn more about the Blackhawk association go to this website:

<http://2-1cavalry.com>

Music was a big part of our time in Vietnam and if you would like to reminisce back to the Armed Forces

Radio go to Vietnam vets radio for live 60's music at:

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A Troop

By Brian Kosteck

Well gang, Colorado is a faint memory now. The holidays are upon us (or behind us depending on when this letter gets to you) so enjoy time with Family, Food, Fun and the Real Reason for the Season. Plans are in their infancy for the next reunion. Apparently, the vote resulted in San Antonio being named the number one choice. However, nothing has been completely decided as the advance teams have yet to do their preliminary work on hotels, etc. If you have been to San Antonio; then you know the downtown area is a really neat place and many things are within walking distance of the Riverwalk. Hopefully, this newsletter or the next will have some information on the plans. Not much else is new with A-Troop so be careful until the next time we meet.

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 on the back page.

B Troop

By Fred Leyba

The 2018 reunion has come and gone. It was great to see all the Troopers especially the first timers. Looking forward to the next get together. Firebase Barker and the next reunion. Nothing new to report at this time.

C Troop

By Wayne (Hooker) Hook

Just hope everyone has a great holiday season. Also want to thank everyone for helping to make the reunion a great one. Let me know if you need coins, stickers, etc.

D Troop

By Raymond Marple

Fellow "D" Troopers:

Not really too much to talk about at this time. Hope you all had a really fulfilling Thanksgiving, I know I did the bird just gets better every year. Also, would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thinking about San Antonio, might take my bike down there.

As always if you have any questions, I am sure I know how to get the answers for you.

Secretary

— Kaylene Vobelt

I would like to thank all the Troopers for making me feel welcome during their men's business meeting at the 2018 Reunion in Colorado Springs. I was really apprehensive about being the only woman in the room, plus I have never taken on a job such as this. As I was sitting there waiting for the meeting to start, I could feel my husband, Rolf's presence telling me "you got this Babe". My fears and anxiety left immediately. I would also like to thank the other Officers, Tom, Warren and Stu for helping along the way. I really have appreciated it.

If I can help any of you troopers in any way please contact me. If I don't have the answer, I will try putting you in touch with someone that does.

Treasurer

— *Stu McDiarmid*

Well here we are another new year; the past year was a busy and fast year for me with reunion planning in Colorado Springs Colorado. We had a good one with having access to the 2/1 Cav Regiments weapon simulators and motor pool. We had a great time at our Dinner Banquet the 2/1 Cav Regiment attended and preformed a modified Spur Ceremony for the 2/1 Cav Association members who were presented with Gold Combat Spurs and membership in the ORDER OF THE SPUR along with an Order of the Spur certificate signed by LTC David A. Fulton and Command Sergeant Major Lebares J. Jackson.

The active duty Troopers of the 2/1 Cavalry Regiment were very helpful and a large part of the successful reunion. Thanks to all of you!

And now we are in the early stages of planning for the 2020 2/1 Cavalry Association reunion to be in San Antonio Texas. More on that in the next Bulletin.

We suggest annual Dues of \$10.00 to help operate the Association and have the *Blackhawk Bulletin* published and printed twice a year. Dues and donations are appreciated at any time. You can mail your dues and donations to:

2/1 CAV
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You can also use PayPal by logging in to **2-1calvary.com** and click on pay dues now using PayPal and while you are on the site update your email information this is very important to us because it is a direct connection to you.

Firebase Barker

— *Jerry Barker*

Salutations and Holiday Greetings from Firebase Barker. We are well and safely hunkered down in our family bunker celebrating the Christmas Cease Fire stand down.

2018. What a year! Back to back reunions, sharing our special bonds and camaraderie. Spurs for everyone at Colorado Springs. That famous military command, "Prepare to mount...MOUNT!" I have been practicing it with my wife, Elaine. "If you Ain't Cav..."

The New/One Cav was mostly deployed and out of town. We did manage to shell shock the Command Element left behind, however.

Had a good turnout for Firebase even though it was on the heels of the National. There were 75 vets and noncombatants present. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed so much. We appreciate it very much. We could not do it without your help.

It was First Sergeant Jack Anderson's final firebase. He had been coming for over twenty years. He and Bobbi were familiar faces. He will be missed. Several of us were able to present colors and honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Jack now rests with all the other heroes.

I have been in contact with Howard County, Indiana. The Healing Field 37th Vietnam and All Vets Reunion is scheduled for 19-21 Sep 2019. It coincides with Firebase. Elaine and I anticipate lots of vets and support Personnel at 2019 firebase. Start making plans now. We aren't getting any younger. I can be contacted at (317)607-8015.

It has come to my attention that Stu and Linda McDiarmid have lost their beloved "Rocky Dog." Condolences. Meanwhile, Rocky Marino as acquired a new puppy. Some kind of long Italian name that I can't pronounce. Rhymes with spaghetti, I think. Any way Rocky has been having trouble paper training the new puppy. However, Spaghetti is now reading at a third-grade level.

Like many, my mind often carries me back the Nam, especially at Christmas time. One night many Christmases past, I was on guard duty. For as long as there have been soldiers, there has been guard duty. Sometimes the eyes and mind play tricks, which we can all attest too.

It was mostly quiet night except for the occasional fire mission of "sit rep." It was muggy and there wasn't a breeze for a hundred Klicks. All of a sudden, the sky began to light up, dozens of illumination rounds firing for effect. A superb light show.

And what to my wandering eyes did appear, as I fumbled for my starlight scope? Was it a sleigh and eight tiny reindeer? Hell no! Rather it was a Lambretta being pulled by 8 big ass water buffalo. The "sleigh" was packed smack full of Spam and orange drink. The driver wasn't old St. Nick, but rather a scrawny little guy in black pajamas sporting an even scrawnier set of chin whiskers. As he drove out of sight, I swear I heard "HO, HO, HO...Ho Chi Minh". Just suddenly it was over... "sit rep negative change." A PTSD dream perhaps.

Whether you think about being back in the bush, or safe at home in the "world," watch out for those pesky little elves. I'd bet an R&R they are really sappers. Why? Because it's a jungle out there!

Chaplain

— Dennis Scott

Hello to all my Blackhawk brothers and families. Janet and I were so sorry to have missed the Reunion in Colorado Springs but we are looking forward to San Antonio in 2020.

It was recently my very great honor, along with Tom Fey, Warren Roach and Jerry Barker, to travel to Arlington National Cemetery for the burial of 1Sgt. Jack W. Anderson. Watching all those young men who folded the flag, did a very precise gun salute and playing of taps was a remarkable experience. They treat every burial with the utmost respect. We felt so honored to be able to participate in the ceremony as our dear bother, Jack, was laid to rest on December 4th.

Though time and distance make it impossible to attend the funeral services or memorials of all our deceased brothers, nevertheless, we do want to know so that an acknowledgement can be made. Please help our organization keep records up to date by contacting one of the officers when you know of the passing of one of our brothers.

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 |
|------------------------|-------|------------|---------------|-------|
| Abrams, General John N | C | 67-68 | 8/20/2018 | VA |
| Atkinson, Dan Lee | D | 69-70 | 10/22/2017 | KS |
| Bailey, William F | B | 67-68 | 5/5/2018 | FL |
| Ball, Billy R.D. | C | 67-68 | 3/5/2018 | CA |
| Bergeron, A.J. Beau | C | 67-68 | 9/1/2018 | WA |
| Brischke, William L | C | 69-70 | 5/15/2018 | MI |
| Byers, John A | ? | 70-71 | 6/5/2008 | MS |
| Casey, Roger L | A | 67-68 | 5/15/2017 | OH |
| Chasteen, Bert H | HHT | 67-69 | 4/28/2018 | KY |
| Colunga, Felix A | B | 67-68 | 12/25/2013 | TX |
| Cooper, James E. | B | 68-69 | 8/31/2017 | WV |
| Cornelison, James | ? | 70-71 | 10/3/2011 | IA |
| Desario, Michael | D | 68-70 | Unknown | AZ |
| Freet, Russell J | HHT | 68-69 | 3/25/2017 | NJ |
| Greene, Robert S | C | 67-68 | 8/1/2018 | MA |
| Guiang, Mark F | HHT | 68-69 | 7/1/2017 | CA |
| Jackson, Lowell H | A | 67-70 | 10/19/2012 | AL |
| Linker, Billy Ray | D | 68-69 | 8/30/2017 | NC |
| McCance, John D | D | 68-69 | 7/23/2017 | OH |
| McHaney, Barney Lance | B | 67-68 | 7/24/2014 | TX |
| Parsley, Howell | B | 67-68 | 1/1/2017 | FL |
| Pugh, Dudley L | C | 69-70 | 3/18/2017 | TX |
| Quinton, Jimmy Lee | A | 68-69 | 8/17/2017 | OK |
| Sandberg, William | A | 68-69 | 10/5/2017 | GA |
| Sherrick, James | C | 67-68 | 3/14/2018 | IN |
| Tilby, Jay L | D | 68-69 | 1/1/2017 | OK |

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



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Webmaster

— Fred Lohr

As I attempt to send out the electronic 2-1 Cavalry Newsletter "Keeping in Touch", I keep having numbers of email rejections, even from some email addresses that were previously successful. This invariably has to do with spam filters, either locally on your personally owned computers or filters associated with your internet provider. Both can usually be overcome with what they call a "Whitelist." A Whitelist is a way for users to tell their spam filter to accept an email, even if the filter thinks it is spam. Your internet provider or whoever you use for email can probably help you with this. The email address to whitelist is **admin@2-1cavalry.com**. This is the address we use. The email addresses that were rejected are listed. If yours is one of these and it is no longer valid, please send me your new address. If the address is still valid, see if you can whitelist it or if unsuccessful, perhaps you have another different email address you can send me to use. The rejected addresses are:

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