

# THE CASTLE NEWSLETTER



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## Heraldic Times



(Insignia)



(Coat of Arms)

### Shield:

Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp or on mount proper, debriused by a bendlet argent bearing two ribbons of the field and azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field.

### Crest:

On a wreath of the colors, or and gules, a mount argent garnished vert, bearing a linden leaf proper charged with a fleur-de-lis argent.

### Motto:

In Time of Peace Prepare for War.

### Symbolism:

The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein bedruised by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of the castle by the 17th Field Artillery. The canton alludes to the arms of the 8th Field Artillery from which men were transferred to organize the 17th Field Artillery. The crest commemorates the two most noteworthy battle incidents. The White Mountain is for Blanc Mont. The leaf is taken from Verte Feuille Farm, one of the positions occupied by the regiment in the Soissons offensive; the linden leaf was chosen as being very common in that region. The fleur-de-lis is from the arms of Soissons.

## DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield of the coat of arms.

## **President's Comments:**

By Thomas R. Kurtz

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The 1st Battalion is still serving in Afghanistan and I know all are praying for the soldiers of the battalion to have a safe return to Fort Sill this summer. This is the first deployment of the battalion to Afghanistan. The entire battalion or their separate batteries have made three prior deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom since 2003.

On September 9, 2010 the 3rd Battalion was reflagged as the 2nd Battalion, which resulted in the deactivation of the 3rd Battalion and the reactivation of the 2nd Battalion. The 2nd Battalion is under the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division station at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington.

Thanks to all of the veterans, spouses, family members and friends who attended the 2010 reunion. The reunion attendance has been the best, so far. Some veterans could only stop by for a day and I was glad to see everyone. There were plenty of great shows to see, stores to shop in, numerous restaurants and fast food establishments, great views of the Smokey Mountains, and close by Dollywood. Everyone just had to put up with the all of the road construction and bumper to bumper traffic on the main drag through Pigeon Forge, some learned to use the side street which were less congested. Many thanks for the hard works done by Norman Jones and Richard Flowers for the cookouts on Thursday and Friday evenings a job well done. Our guest speaker this year was Command Sergeant Major Carlos Esmurria, who at that time was the Command Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington. Carlos has asked me to pass on to all veterans who attended the reunion that he was delighted and honored to share the same room with such quality redlegs. I hope everyone who attended the 2010 reunion had a great time.

The reunion notice for the 2011 reunion is included in this newsletter. The 2011 reunion will be held at the Days Inn in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania from 21-24 September. The annual general membership meeting and banquet will be held on Saturday, September 24. If you are going to attend please send the association's registration slip into the treasurer NLT August 31, 2011, as this year the association has to give an early count to the cater for the banquet. So bring along your spouse, family members and friend and attend the thirteen annual reunion of the association. I hope to see everyone in September at the reunion

Rich Siebe is looking to be replaced as association treasurer. Rich has been treasurer since 1999 and would like to take some time off from this position. If any veteran is interested in taking this position, please contact Rich. In addition, the following officer positions are up for election during the upcoming reunion in September 2011; President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. Due to the By-laws, the association president cannot serve two consecutive terms in office. Any 17th Artillery veteran, who wants to get involved in running the association and becoming one of the elective officer's contact the association president. The terms of office for president, 1st vice president and 2nd vice president are for two years and for treasurer the term is four years.

The scholarship fund during the past six months has received personal donations ranging from \$20 to \$1000, thanks to all who have made these donations. To the veterans who donated items for either the silent and live auctions during the past reunion your contributions were greatly appreciated. The funds from both auctions and the 50/50 drawing were placed in either the general or scholarship fund. Again, without everyone's support the association couldn't accomplish what we do.

## 2011 Scholarship Grants

### Jackie M. Stroud Chairman Scholarship Committee

The association's general membership has voted to authorize three scholarship grants for 2011, one grant for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) and two grants for one thousand dollars (\$1000) each. Request for a scholarship application packet can be made to: Jackie M. Stroud, 2461 Meadow Ridge Drive, Wheelersburg, OH 45694-9073, (740) 574-1260 or email [jack.stroud@roadrunner.com](mailto:jack.stroud@roadrunner.com)

To be eligible, for the 17th Artillery Regiment Association Grants, the applicant must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild, of a parent, grandparent, great-grandparent that has served with or who is presently serving with any units of the 17th Artillery: Active, National Guard or Reserve Units. Those parents, grandparents or great-grandparents that have served or who are now serving with the regiment must have served or be currently serving under honorable conditions. If the parent, grandparent or great-grandparent received a discharge, under less than honorable conditions, then the applicant is not eligible. The terms child, grandchild and great-grandchild used above applies to both biological and

legally adopted children. Foster children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are not eligible.

If the applicant has been previously awarded a scholarship grant from the 17th Artillery Regiment Association, then that applicant is not eligible to apply for another scholarship grant.

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2011) or a freshman, sophomore, or a junior attending any college, vocational school or technician school. Scholarship grants will be awarded in all areas of study.

Scholarship applications with all supporting documents must be returned to: Jackie M. Stroud, 2461 Meadow Ridge Drive, Wheelersburg, OH 45694-9073, by U.S. Mail, no later than *April 15, 2011*. No application sent by email or Fax will be accepted.

2011 Scholarship Selection Committee:

Chairman: Jackie Stroud

Voting Members: George W. (GW) Atkinson, Donald L. Brooks, Larry Hightower, Michael G. Klingeman, Daniel L. Lazenberry.

## \$1000 Donation to Scholarship Fund

By: Jack Stroud



Alfred E. Mohr known to his friends as just plain Al was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to the 17th Artillery Regiment Associations Scholarship Fund by our Past President Jack Stroud.

Al Mohr is a veteran of WWII. He was assigned to the 78th Division during his time in the service. He was further assigned to K Company 310th Infantry. The full unit landed in France, the division then moved to Tongeren, Belgium on November 27, 1944, and to Rogen, Germany on December 7, 1944, to prepare the green troops for combat they would soon be involved in. The 310th Infantry Regiment after the training moved forward and relieved elements of the 1st Division in the line in the vicinity of Entenpfuhl, on 1-12 December. On the 13th the regiments smashed into Simmerath, Witzerath, and Bickerath and were fighting for Kesterich when Gerd Von Rundstedt launched his counteroffensive in the Monchau area, on 18 December (also known as the Battle of the Bulge).

The 78th held the area it had taken from the Siegfried Line against the violent German attacks throughout the winter. The Division attacked on 30 January 1945 and took Kesternich on 2 February. The unit then started the push for the town of Schmidt on the 8th. He was wounded on

February 9th while on the move to Schmidt. That was as far as Al made it. He laid in the forest for some time before he was approached by a German Medic that was with an American Medic who dressed his wounds and moved him to the aid station and then to the rear because of the severity of his wounds. It was not long after that Germany surrendered and the war was over. Al was put on a hospital ship and transported back to the U.S.

Al Mohr is a gentle man who is totally involved in his community in all aspects; Kiwanis, VFW, American Legion, Masons, Moose, and a true supporter of our troops. I was very proud to present this Certificate to him. He was overjoyed to receive it and said he did not expect anything in return for what he had done. He is truly a great friend of mine.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### A NEW YEAR AND A NEW WAY OF LIFE

I hope that all had a great holiday and that we didn't forget the 'reason for the Season.' I'd like to start out by expressing our condolences to the families of James L. Becker, P.O. Box 288, Clay, and N.Y. 13041 (The only family member supplied to me by the funeral home was Debbie Becker of the same address. Neither the 17th nor the family has any knowledge of his dates and unit) Condolences were also sent to the family of James H. Drennan (HQ 2/17 1968-69) 6722 Arthur Hills Dr., Gainesville, VA. 20155-3101. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

During the Christmas season we always see and hear more groups asking for donations to help others out rather it be a homeless shelter, a church sponsored home, a 'soup kitchen', or families in need. If you look at most charities you'll see that they get their largest donations during the Christmas season as well especially making it your last chance to claim that tax deduction. We all know that warm feeling that we get when we make a donation to help someone especially during Christmas. In Proverbs 22:9 "**A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.**"

So many people use the excuse that not much of my donation goes to the charity but to the administration. Or how about the one, "I don't have enough to feed myself much less someone else." The list of excuses can go on and on but the one, the **main one** that we tend to ignore is **TITHING!** I confess that I didn't start tithing until about 15 years ago when the pastor put it in plain English right out of the Bible. PR 3:9,10- "**Honor the Lord by giving him the FIRST PART of all of your income, and he will fill your barns to overflowing!**" A little further back in the Old Testament Deuteronomy 14:22 "**Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.**" Tithing is a way and purpose to teach us always to put God first in our lives! If you worry about making donations to a charity across the country or overseas then start by looking around your neighborhood. I'd even bet there is a church

or synagogue close by. Start the year off right and give the first 10% of your income to God. After all rather it is \$1000 a month or \$10,000 a day you wouldn't be getting it at all if it weren't for God so give him His part.

And if you start feeling better spiritually doing this, look around. There are a lot of good charities out there that also need some help too. I hope that you've found reading a chapter a day in the Bible has been a blessing to you as you will tithe. (As mentioned in the last newsletter.) If so then you are off to a great spiritual start for a New Year and a new way of life!

Continue to pray for our troops.

Peace to you all,

Richard A. Smith- Chaplain

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## A Few Words From The Treasurer

2010 was a great year for the Association. We were able to give out \$3,500 in scholarships, we were able to donate \$1,500 to 3/17<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery (now 2/17<sup>th</sup> FA) for their homecoming from Afghanistan and their St. Barbara's Ball, and we made a \$300 donation to the Missing in America Project. Looking ahead for 2011 we will donate \$1,000 for the Homecoming of 1/17<sup>th</sup> FA and will give out \$3,500 in Scholarships.

I would like to thank the following members and friends of the Association for their generous contributions to the Scholarship fund during the Past year:

Alfred Mohr

Bill Wright

Bill Dahlin

Charles Morrison Jr.

James Drennan

Paul Raymond

William Beers Jr.

Dan Lazenberry

Mike Klingeman

I also give a big thanks to all of you that donated during the Auction at the Reunion and Mike Klingeman for taking the time and effort to make two stained glass items for our Auction.

As we start this New Year, the Association has \$13,360.68 in the Scholarship Fund and \$4,729.66 in the General Fund for a Total of \$18,090.34 in the Bank.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Reunion in Gettysburg.

Rich Siebe

Treasurer

## 17<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment Association Life Members (New)

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have become Life Members of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association, since the July 2010 newsletter.

113 Robert (Bob) H. Giselsbach, Service Battery and Battery B, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1963-1967

114 William A. Selis, Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, 1952-1953.

115 Ronald (Ron) B. Hood, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1968-1969.

116 Jon M. Johnson, Battery C and Service Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1965-1966.

117 Todd R. Wasmund, Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2009-TBD.

118 Cecil P. LeGrand, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1969-1970

119 Stephen (Steve) D. Gerhardt, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1969-1970.

120 Larry W. Lovejoy, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1967-1968.

121 Buford C. Calfee Jr., Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1969-1970.

122 Carlos Esmurra. Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, 2007-2010 and Command Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, 2010.

123 Richard H. Heydt, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Battery Commander, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery. 1968-1969.

124 Doyle Watters, Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 1987-1990.

125 Richard H. Sugg, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1965-1966.

126\* Harrell (Lyn) Hartman, Headquarters, Provisional Artillery Group, 1970.

127 Marcel L. Simonet, Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1966-1967.

128 Richard (Dick) Stanton, Battery A and Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1969-1970.

The following named 17th Artillery Veterans have paid their 2010 annual dues.

Terry Earnst	Derek Campbell
Ralph Melcher	John E. Bowers

The following named 17th Artillery Veterans have paid their 2011 annual dues.

Dennis Keesling	Ronald Mason
Ronald Skirvin	Paul Raymond
Charles E. Morrison Jr.	Carl Trammell
Michael Squadrille	Roger Nadeau
Gary Steen	Norman Barton
Lloyd Hayes	David Zell
James Wisneski	Eugene Retka
Robert F. Jonas	Mark Anderson
Stephen Rumnock	James Widener
Tom Spahr	Samuel J. Elliott
Charles H. McConnell	Charles E. Miller
Charles Lankford	Toby Swanson
John (Jack) Lanphear	Derek Campbell
John DeTreville	

\* Associate Member

## Attended or stopped by for the 2010 Reunion

GW & Kathy Adkission - AR  
William & Cuma Beers Jr. - PA  
Jack Brady - OH  
Donald & Sharon Brooks - OH  
Terry & Janet Earnst - IN  
CSM Carlos Esmurriadiatz - WA  
Neal & Eve Fouts - NC  
Buford Jr. & Linda Calfee - TN  
Jerry (Doc) Cody - TX  
Michael & Peggy Dages - IN  
Bill & Susan Dahlin - TX  
Richard & Phyllis Flowers - IL  
Neal & Nell Fouts - NC  
Charles Garner - SC  
Steve Gerhardt & Leigh Goebel - NY  
Bob & Eileen Giselsbach - GA  
Victor & Joyce Guardo - NC  
Rod Guerrero - OK  
Richard & Penny Heydt - TN  
Larry & Annette Hightower their daughter Jane Stanley Williams - GA  
Ron & Teresa Hood - IN  
Norman & Annette Jones - TX  
Mike & Sheila Klingeman - MO  
Thomas Kurtz - IL  
Daniel & Carol Jean Lazenberry - TX  
Cecil & Judy LeGrand and his sister Peggy Chaplin - LA  
Larry & Brenda Lovejoy - OK  
L. Wayne McPherson-FL  
John Melasecca Jr. - PA  
Larry Miller - NC  
Charles & Donna Morrison and Charles & Mary Morrison Jr - KY  
Jack & Carol Picciolo - IL  
Paul Raymond - MA  
Joe Russo - MA  
Bert Ryan - ME  
John Ryan - MI  
Larry & Vivian Sadler - TN  
Jim & Jean Sanders - OK  
Ron Skirvin and family members - KY  
Rich Siebe - CA  
Don & Andrea Strong - KY  
Jack & Molly Stroud - OH  
Carl Trammell - IN  
Terry & Margie Wallace - TN  
James & Ruth Will - VA  
George & Donna Winton - TN  
Bill & Cindy Wright - MO  
Frank & Adrian Zitzman - NY

## Additions to Veterans Roster:

The following named veterans have been added to the association veteran's roster since July 1, 2010

John E. Bowers, Btry C and HHB, 2/17, 1963-1964  
Jack Brady, HQs Btry, 17th FA BN, Mar 1951-Apr 1952  
Ronald E. Britt, HHB 2/17, 1967-1968

Derek Campbell, CO-Btry C & HSB 3/17, 2008-2010,  
CO-HHB 2/17, 2010-TBD  
Francis W. Chester, HHB 4/17, 1971-1977  
Vincent L. Delvecchio, HHB 2/17, 1969-1970  
Jan R. Diorio Sr., SVC Btry, 2/17, 1959-1961  
Samuel Joseph Elliott, HHB 2/17, 1967-1968  
Carlos Esmurria, CSM 3/17, 5th SBCT, 2nd ID, 2007-  
2010 & CSM 2/17, 2nd SBCT, 2nd ID, 2010  
Harrell (Lyn) Hartman, HQs, Provisional Artillery Group,  
1970  
Wallace (Wally) E. Jones, HHB 2/17, Apr 1967- Apr 1968  
Charles H. McConnell, HQs 17th FA BN, Jan 1950-Aug  
1951  
L. Wayne McPherson, Btry C, 2/17, Dec 1967-Dec 1970  
James L. Runyon, HHB, 2/17, 1968-1969  
Glen Webb, Btry A & Btry C, 2/17, 1967-1968  
Floyd Mc Williams, Btry C, 2/17 Jan 1966 – Apr 1966  
Thomas (Tom) C. Williams, FDC Section, Btry B, 2/17,  
Apr 1969-May 1970

### Notification of Deaths:

The association has been informed of the deaths of the following 17th Field Artillery Regiment veterans: “Our condolences to their family’s members”.

\*James Becker, World War II veteran, who served with the 17th Field Artillery Regiment/Battalion in North Africa and the European Theater, 1942-1945.

\*George L. Bacom, who served as Supply Sergeant with Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1965-1966

\*Colonel (Ret), Stuart F. Jillson, Battalion Commander, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, (July 1, 1959-July 5, 1960)

\*Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Harold A Melarg, who served with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1965-1966.

### COLD WAR BOOK:

James Caiella who served with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Artillery in South Korea (1969-1970), who now works for U.S. Naval Institute Press would like to bring to the attention of the association veterans a book from the U.S. Naval Institute Press. It is titled “Dangerous Games: Faces, Incidents and Casualties of the Cold War” by James E. Wise and Scott Baron. The book is about the Cold War, with much of it focused on the Korean peninsula. The book doesn’t mention the 17th Artillery, but Jim states the incidents discussed in the book will bring back memories to those stationed in Korea during the Cold War, as it did for him. Jim did write one of the chapters about the USS Forrestal’s fire off Vietnam in 1967. The book authors ask Jim for permission to reprint his piece in the book and permission was given. Jim has no financial stake in the book and just wanted to inform other veterans of the association about the book. Jim didn’t even receive a free copy of the book.

*Note: James Caiella is also a Life Member of the Association (#108): Web Site for the book is:*

<http://www.usni.org/store/books/new-and-forthcoming-books/dangerous-games>)

There are also two web sites that may be of some interest to those veterans who served either in Korea, since 1950 or in USAEUR 1946 – 1989.

Korea: <http://koreaatourtoursofduty.us/>

Germany: [www.usarmygermany.com](http://www.usarmygermany.com)



### Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC)

Reference: Department of the Army, Permanent Orders 019-22, Dated 10 January 2010. Batteries A, B and C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment earned a Meritorious Unit Commendation while assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 181st Transportation Battalion during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Battery A, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, for the period 20 January 2006 to 20 September 2006  
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, for the period 4 November 2005 to 20 September 2006  
Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, for the period 13 December 2005 to 20 September 2006

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious conduct. During the period 5 October 2005 to 20 September 2006, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 181st Transportation Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit’s flawless performance and dedication to mission accomplishment, in the face of a constant enemy threat, set the standard for transportation operations throughout the corps. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 181st Transportation Battalion’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 3rd Corps Support Command, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, and the United States Army.



### Additional campaign stars authorized for wear on the Iraqi Campaign Medal (ICM)

The Department of Defense announced last year additional campaign stars for wear on the Iraqi Campaign Medal (ICM). The campaign stars recognize a service member’s participation in designated campaigns in Iraq by the Department of Defense.

The additional campaign phases and associated dates established for the ICM are:

- Iraqi Surge – January 10, 2007 to December 31, 2008.
- Iraqi Sovereignty – January 1, 2009 through a date to be determined. (TBD)

The campaigns identified for the ICM are:

- Liberation of Iraq – March 19, 2003 to May 1, 2003.
- Transition of Iraq – May 2, 2003 to June 28, 2004
- Iraqi Governance – June 29, 2004 to December 15, 2005
- National Resolution – December 16, 2005 to January 9, 2007.
- Iraqi Surge – January 10, 2007 to December 31, 2008
- Iraqi Sovereignty – January 1, 2009 to a date to be determined.

On September 1, 2010, Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) was renamed Operation New Dawn (OND) as the mission in Iraq became one of advisor, assistance, training and equipment role.

### 3-17 FA Veteran Plays for 5th SBCT Homecoming.

Tom Spahr, who served with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 17th Artillery at Merrell Barracks in Nurnberg, Germany 1971-1972, is a member of the “BackfireBand” which had the honor of playing for the homecoming of the 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McCord (JBLM), Washington, July 2010. Tom’s old unit the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was part of the brigade that deployed back to JBLM from Afghanistan. Ron McGinnis is the only other member of the band, who is a veteran. Ron served in an engineer battalion in Vietnam 1967-1968.



*BackfireBand playing at the 5th SBCT homecoming:  
(L-R) Ron McGinnis, Rod Givens, Tom Spahr, Jim Albrecht*



*Band receiving a plaque from LT Aldebert Concepcion.  
(L-R) Ron McGinnis, Lesa Givens, Rod Givens, Tom Spahr, LT Concepcion, Jim Albrecht.*

Tom also wanted to inform former veterans that served in and around Nuremberg, Germany from 1945-1995 about a book titled “*Transit Nürnberg #4 USA!*” it may be of interest to those who served with the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery at Merrell Barracks. Tom wrote Chapter 5 of the book. The publisher (Gerhard Jochem) email address is: [info@testimon.de](mailto:info@testimon.de)

	<p><b>Book transit nürnberg #4: USA!</b></p> <p>300 pages, bilingual English &amp; German, hardcover with many (color) illustrations, ISBN 978-3-00-031503-9.</p> <p>Merrell Barracks, emigration, IMT, Atlanta: Catchwords for the relations between Nuremberg and the U.S. <i>transit nürnberg #4</i> contains the contributions of people who are entitled by their own experience or their professional knowledge to write about these subjects.</p> <p>The price is 28 EUR &amp; postage. No advance payment, just send a written order with your postal address and you will receive <i>transit nürnberg #4: USA!</i> You only have to pay on receipt of the book. From the USA payment without international money transfer fees is feasible by a cheque for the \$-EUR equivalent at the time of the issuing.</p>
<p><b>Contents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gerhard Jochem: Introduction by the editor</li> <li>➤ Gerhard Jochem: The American presence in Nuremberg 1945 to 1995</li> <li>➤ Raymond M. Weinstein: Nuremberg 1959 - 1960 remembered: an American soldier in postwar Germany</li> <li>➤ Herbert R. (Jake) Jacobson: An experience for a lifetime: A G.I.'s Nuremberg 1959 - 1961</li> <li>➤ Rick A. Gray: The Army said Germany, and to Germany I went. In Nuremberg and Bindlach, December 1962 - June 1965</li> <li>➤ Tom Spahr: I hear that song and it all comes back: 1971/72 with the 17<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment in Nuremberg and Grafenwöhr</li> <li>➤ Susanne Rieger: American traces</li> <li>➤ Leopold Katz: My Nurembergs</li> <li>➤ Verena Müller-Rohde: The Americans are coming! The Nurembergers' experience of the occupying forces</li> <li>➤ Frank W.: Is it you who built the snowman? Frank W. searches for his father</li> <li>➤ Harald T. Leder: Two people who changed their world: The story of an exceptional German-American relationship</li> <li>➤ Ruth White: My America</li> <li>➤ Ernest Lorch: The best country in which to live and succeed</li> <li>➤ Lisa Lowe Stauffer: Atlanta</li> <li>➤ Appendix: abbreviations, literature &amp; sources</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Contact:</b> testimon publishers, P.O.B. 11 91 45, 90101 Nuremberg, Germany, email: <a href="mailto:info[at]testimon.de">info[at]testimon.de</a></p>	

## 17th Field Artillery Gear

(25% of all donations for association's gear are placed in the scholarship fund.)

The caps have the 17th Artillery Crest embroidered on it. The Cap is black and has an adjustable strap.



Caps are available for a donation of \$20.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.



Jackets are available for a donation of \$35.00 for size SM, Med, LG & XL; \$37.00 for size XXL and \$39.00 for size XXXL; plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.



Polo shirt donations are: Small, Medium, Large and X Large - \$33.00 2X Large - \$35.00 3X Large \$36.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling.

To order contact: Jack Stroud 2461 Meadow Ridge Drive Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694 (740) 574-1260  
email - [jack.stroud@roadrunner.com](mailto:jack.stroud@roadrunner.com)

### Receive "The Castle" by email:

To help defray the rising cost of postage and printing of the association's newsletter. Sign up to receive the "The Castle" by email. Your computer will need the "Microsoft Word" program.

To receive the electronic newsletter, notify the association's secretary: Jack Picciolo at: [purrsfive@comcast.net](mailto:purrsfive@comcast.net) with your current email address and receive the newsletter first.

We will continue to mail the newsletter to anyone who does not have Internet access or a program to open Microsoft Word program

### Association Officers 2011

Thomas R. Kurtz -----President  
Richard J. Flowers-----1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Charles M. Garner-----2d Vice President  
John (Jack) Picciolo -----Secretary  
Richard (Rich) Siebe -----Treasurer  
Jackie (Jack) M. Stroud ----Past President  
Richard Smith-----Chaplain  
John (Jack) Picciolo -----Historian  
Jackie (Jack) M. Stroud- ----Quartermaster  
Edward (Ed) Hitchner -----Webmaster

The Castle newsletter is published in the interest of the members and veterans of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association and has been approved by the board of directors.

S/Thomas R. Kurtz  
Thomas R. Kurtz  
Association President

# 17<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment Association

## 2011 Reunion Announcement

### Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

The 2011 reunion of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association will be held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania from Wednesday, September 21, 2011 to Saturday, September 24, 2011. Location of the reunion will be the Days Inn Gettysburg, 865 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Motel reservation can be made by calling **1-717-334-0030**. Room rates are \$89.00 per day plus tax (6% PA and 3% county tax). Rates are good two days prior to the reunion and two days after. When making your motel reservation make sure you tell them that you are with the **17th Artillery Regiment Association** to receive the cited room rates. Room reservations must be made by *August 21, 2011* to receive the cited room rates. Reservation made after August 21, 2011 will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. (Motel sign in time is 4 PM and sign out time is by 11 AM.). The motel offers a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast. For those who would like more, there is a Perkins Restaurant across the street. Parking is free. If you make a room reservation and have to cancel, the cancellation must be made prior to 4:00 PM the day before date of arrival to avoid being charge for one (1) night's room and tax.

Please come and bring your spouse, family members and friends to tour the town Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Battlefield. We would like for all to bring their photo albums, snapshots and slides to share with everyone. If you have 35mm slides or 8mm film you will have to furnish your own projector. If you have your pictures on a CD or USB drive the association has a digital projector and computer that will be available to show them.

There will be plenty of time to get reacquainted with old brothers in arms and friends that you may have served with or you even may make some new friends. The association's quartermaster will have the gear items at the reunion. Please bring an item to auction off, for the auction that follows the banquet. The money raised from association's auction will be placed in the general and scholarship fund. So now is the time to make your plans to attend and make your motel reservation and send in your association registration slip and fee. **The registration fee covers the banquet meal and the stocking of the hospitality room with drinks and snacks.** Please send in the association registration slip and fee to the treasurer, to arrive NLT *August 31, 2011*.

**Tentative Itinerary:** (For those who arrive early the hospitality room will be open the afternoon of Tuesday September 20, 2011.)

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011** – Veterans, family and friends arrive and sign into the motel and hospitality room. In the hospitality room sign the guest book and pick up your name tags. At 7:30 PM there will be a meet and greet in the hospitality room.

**Thursday, September 22, 2011** – Hospitality room opens at 8 AM. Tour the sites in and around Gettysburg.

**Friday, September 23, 2011** – Hospitality room opens at 8AM. Tour the sites in and around Gettysburg.

**Saturday, September 24, 2011** - 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM General membership meeting in the hospitality room. Noon (12 O'clock) Annual banquet (Casual dress). The fundraiser live auction will follow the banquet.

**POC:** Thomas Kurtz, Phone (217) 732-4357 or email Kurtz\_t@comcast.net

**17th Artillery Regiment Association's Registration Slip  
2011 Reunion- September 21-24, 2011**

**Please use the Registration Slip below**

**The association's registration fee will cover the banquet and for providing the drinks and snacks in the hospitality room. Please make your check or money order payable to: *17th Artillery Regiment Association.***

**Mail to the association's treasurer:**      **Rich Siebe  
3060 64<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95820**

**CUT OR TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER.  
(With your check or money order to arrive NLT *August 31, 2011*)**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**Battery:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Battalion** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dates Served (From** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_)

**Name (s) of Spouse, Relatives, and friends attending:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Nametags will be printed from the names submitted)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee: \$35.00 per person –X-number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **= total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_