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Heraldic Times



(Coat of Arms)



(Insignia)

Shield:

Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp or on mount proper, debruised 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, on 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 Comments:

By: Larry Miller

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Greetings, by the time you get this newsletter we will all have celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas. I hope the New Year brings peace and good health to all of you and your families.

Let me begin by asking all the members of the 17th Artillery Association to keep Norman Jones and his family in your prayers. Norman was elected President of the Association at our last reunion in Gettysburg, PA, but soon learned his daughter had been diagnosed with breast cancer. He asked me to take over as President as he guides his family through this trying period. Norman is a key member and does a lot for our association so let's support him with our thoughts and prayers.

The 17th Artillery Reunion for 2012 will be held in Branson, Missouri on October 24- October 27 at the Westgate Branson Woods Resort. The July Newsletter will have more information about the reunion, but go ahead and mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

I want to thank all the officers of the association who put in the hard work that made our last reunion such a great success. These reunions don't just happen so drop the 2011 officers a note of thanks.

Hopefully, 2012 will be a good year for us all and I'll do my best to keep you informed on what is happening in **YOUR** association. If I can be of any assistance don't hesitate to contact me.

Past Presidents Comments:

By: Thomas R. Kurtz

The association 2011 reunion was held at the Days Inn Gettysburg in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I hope everyone enjoyed touring the historical sites in the town of Gettysburg and the surrounding area. Thanks to all of the veterans, their family members and guest who attended the reunion. There were numerous restaurants, taverns and pubs to dine at, which everyone took advantage of. Most veterans used the hospitality room to exchange their stories, with their buddies, of days gone by. Thanks to Richard Heydt for his presentation on his recent trip back to Vietnam. It was very interesting.

Our guest speaker was Colonel Dennis Smith. Colonel Smith who commanded the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington and in Afghanistan (April 2007-September 2010).



Guest Speaker Colonel Dennis Smith

Also, in attendance from the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was LTC Kolin V. Bernardoni, Command Sergeant Major Walter Overton and Master Sergeant Michael McMurdy. LTC Bernardoni and CSM Overton presented Certificates of Appreciations from the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, to the following association members: Neal Fouts, Rod Guerrero, Ed Hitchner, Norman Jones, Mike Klingemen, Tom Kurtz, John Melasecca Jr., Jack Picciolo, Bert Ryan, Rich Siebe, Jack Stroud, and Terry Wallace for their contribution to the association and in helping to maintain the legacy of the regiment.



LTC Kolin Bernardoni and CSM Walter Overton present Jack Picciolo a Certificate of Appreciation from the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery for his contribution to the association.

Thanks also to Lucas Parks, grandson of Donald and Sharon Brooks for his help in drawing and the presentations of the door prizes.



Lucas draws another ticket for a door prize. Lucas and his mother Beth Parks attended the reunion with Beth's parent Donald and Sharon Brooks. Donald served with Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and in South Vietnam (1964-1966).



Everyone checking their door prize tickets as Lucas draws another ticket. Terry Wallace, who won an IPod-Nano, gave it to a very excited Lucas.

For those who donated the different items to the auction this year a big thank you. Special thanks, to Colonel Smith for his prints that he donated and to LTC Bernardoni who donated the 2nd Battalion's items for the auction. This year our auction ran long due to the number of items donated. Thanks to all who did bidding for the auction items, your generosity exceeded all of our expectations. The monies from the auction were placed in either the general or scholarship fund.

Norman R. Jones was elected as the new association president. This would have been Norman's second time serving as president. He was the first Association President for the duration of five (5) years. After the reunion, he was confronted with a family health problem. Norman felt that he could not devote the necessary time to be the association president and submitted his resignation to the board. Larry Miller, who was elected the 1st Vice President, has taken over as the new association president. This is Larry's first time serving as an association officer and we all need to support Larry in his new job. Bruce Laour was elected the new treasurer, but will not take over his duties until the 2012 reunion, as Rich Siebe wants to finish out his term of office. This leaves the offices of 1st and 2nd Vice President vacant. Any member, who is interested in serving in one of these two

vacant offices, should contact Larry and stand for election at the 2012 reunion.



Charles M. Garner receives a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as the 2nd Vice President of the Association from October 12, 2009 to September 24, 2011.

With the end of the 2011 reunion this completed my second term as the association's president. The following association officers, either elected or appointed, all need to be recognized for their dedication to the association: Richard Flowers, Charles Garner, Ed Hitchner, Rich Siebe, Jack Picciolo, Richard Smith and Jack Stroud. I also need to recognize all of the veterans who have become life members or who have paid their annual dues and also those veterans and family members who have attended one or more of the annual reunions. Without all of your support the association could not accomplish all that it does. I hope everyone had a great and enjoyable time and are planning to attend this year's reunion (2012) in Branson, Missouri.

Be reminded, anyone who has served honorably with any of the battalions of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment that they can become part of the association and help in continuing the proud heritage of the regiment, contact any association officer for details or send in a membership application to the association treasurer.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

By: Richard Smith

2012 brings in another *page* of our lives. Each and every day is exactly that, a page of our life. As we get older the pages get thicker with content, some good and some bad. We cherish the good but try to forget the bad. It's only human. Finally our book has the same last page as all others, "**THE END.**"

As Christians Christmas and Easter are the two most celebrated Christmas holidays with good reason. One holiday Christ is born and the next holiday he arises from the dead as He said He would.

In Mat.20:28 Jesus says, " *Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served but to serve and give my life as a ransom for many.*" His death by crucifixion is one of the worst kinds of death imaginable as we all know, not to mention the crown of thorns on His head or the piercing of his side. We live with a hope and knowledge of eternal life because " *Christ arose from the dead.*" (1PE 1:3) Isn't it about time that you thought about your *own real life insurance*? Can we change our lives enough each day to make sure that we'll have enough coverage when our last page is read?

Please continue to pray for Vallory Jones, the daughter of one of the founders of this organization Norman and Annette Jones. Vallory is battling cancer. G.W. (George) Adkisson had cancer surgery back in October. I'm very happy to say that I spoke with George last week and he's home recuperating and looking forward to seeing us in Branson! Charles Riley underwent hospitalization for heart problems and is home now. Charles Lankford had surgery on his neck and is home recovering. Rich Siebe is also recovering from surgery. Please continue to keep Lonnie English in your thoughts and prayers; also Col. Ralph Melcher (Ret.) whose wife Anita passed away in December. If you know, met or served with any of these people, send them a card, pick up the phone, or send an email. Our roster stays pretty much up to date as to how to contact each other.

Now on a personal note, your chaplain became a grandfather for the first time Dec. 9, 2011 of a baby boy. I thank you for all the calls and emails that I received. (I do have to admit that you who are already grandparents told me there would be nothing like it! I won't argue that!

God Bless and may God continue to Bless America!
Richard A. Smith- Chaplain
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Treasurers Report:

After 12 years as Treasurer it's finally time for me to turn over the Office to Bruce Latour at the Reunion in October. I've had a great time serving the Association and am very proud of the things that we have accomplished since we formed in 1999.

The hardest part of my job was filing for Tax Exempt Status with The IRS. I had to learn the tax codes that pertain to Tax Exempt Organizations then fill out the forms requesting tax exempt status. I am neither an Accountant nor great writer, but after a few questions from the IRS and help from Norm Jones we were granted Tax Exempt Status. Thankfully, a computer and Quicken make the rest of my job fairly easy.

I am proud of our Scholarship Program. Since the Program started we have been able to give out \$21,500 in scholarships. I would like to THANK all of you that have made donations to the fund over the years either as individual donations, through the Auctions at the Reunions, Dues or the purchase of Association Gear.

As of January 1, 2012 we have \$15,591.18 in the Scholarship Fund, and \$6,416.03 in the General Fund for a total of \$22,007.21 in the Bank.

Rich Siebe
Treasurer



17th 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 2012 newsletter.

- 133. Dave W. Rowell, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1968-1969.
- 134. Gary M. Steen, Battery C, 3rd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1963-1966.
- 135. Lawrence Moten Jr., Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1978-1979.

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have paid their 2011 annual dues, since the July 2011 newsletter.

Robert Fleitz
Paul I. Miyake

James Gowen

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have paid their 2012 annual dues.

*Charles E. Morrison Jr.
James R. Will

Walter Cropper
Paul I. Miyake

* Associate Member

Additions to Veterans Roster:

The following named veterans have been added to the association veteran's roster since 31 July 2011.

*Delbert C. Carman, Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, stayed in XO Post and was Chief of Detail, June 1952-February 1953.

*William (Dave) D. Curtis, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, Section Chief Gun #3, March 1967-March 1968.

*John Dave Masterson, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, Forward Observer, Aerial Observer attached to Hawkeye and served under MACV, Chief of Section as Artillery Coordinator.

*Harry Fetsick Jr., Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, May 1969-May 1970.

*Paul I. Miyake, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, Camp McIntyre, South Korea, 1969-1970.

Notifications of Deaths:

The association has been informed of the deaths of the following 17th Field Artillery regiment veterans, "Our condolences to their family members."

*William T. Baisden, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1966.

*James T. Crain Jr., XO, Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1965-1966.

*Mark V. Daniel, Battery A and Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery and 7th Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1973-1975.

*James R. (Dick) Graves (Life Member) (Pilot, Air Observer Section) Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, 1953-1954.

*CWO3 (Ret) Ronald D. Hodges, Service Battery (Ammunition Section) and Battery C (Gunner and Section Chief), 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 1973-1978.

*Raymond P. Laris (Life Member), Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1970-1971.

*Daniel Francis O'Sullivan, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, 1951-1953.

*Glenn R. Swiger Sr., Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1966-1968.

*Jerome T. Underwood, S3, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1965-1966



Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Battery A, Battery B, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment earns another Meritorious Unit Commendation.

From the U.S. Army Center of Military History website: Reference Department of the Army, Permanent Orders 208-12, dated 27 July 2011. Citation is for the period of service: 5 July 2010 to 31 December 2010. Citation reads as follows:

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 5 July 2010 to 31 December 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while executing combat and advisory operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the NATO Training Mission- Afghanistan. The unit contributed enormously to the strategic effort to develop a self-sufficient and capable Afghan military. The Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units' professionalism, vigilance and dedication to its Afghan partners are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit, the 1st Infantry Division and the United States Army.

2012 Scholarship Grants:

Larry E. Miller, Association President

The association's general membership has voted to authorize three scholarship grants for 2011, one grant for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and two grants for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each. Request for a scholarship application packet can be made to: Richard Smith, 604 24th Street, Butner, NC 27509-2134, or telephone (919) 575-0213, or by email at: rsmith3024@nc.rr.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 2012) 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: Richard Smith, 604 24th Street, Butner, NC 27509-2134, by U.S. Mail, no later than *April 15, 2012*. No application sent by email or Fax will be accepted.

2012 Scholarship Selection Committee:

Chairman: Richard Smith

Voting Members: Larry Lovejoy, James Will and Larry Hightower

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



Additional Campaign Phase Identified for Afghanistan Campaign Medal

DOD has announced an addition campaign phase for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. The additional ACM campaign phase and associated dates are:

*Transition I - July 1, 2011 through a date to be determined

The four previously approved ACM campaign phases are:

*Liberation of Afghanistan - Sept 11, 2001 to Nov 30, 2001

*Consolidation I – Dec 1, 2001 to Sept 30, 2006

*Consolidation II – Oct 1, 2006 to Nov 30, 2009

*Consolidation III – Dec 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011

The following named individuals attended the 2011 Reunion in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Wallace & Trudy Bates-AL
William & Cuma Beers Jr.-PA
LTC Kolin Bernardoni-WA
Don & Sharon Brooks w/Daughter Beth Parks & Grandson Lucas Parks-OH
Buford & Linda Calfee Jr-TN
William & Susan Dahlin-TX
Michael & Peggy Dages-IN
Harry Fetsick-PA
Neal Fouts-NC
Charles Garner & daughter Robin Garner-SC
Steve Gerhardt & Leigh Gobel-NY
James & Marty Gowen-PA
Rod Guerrero-OK
Richard & Penny Heydt-TN
Ed & Nancy Hitchner-PA
Norman & Annette Jones-TX
Mike & Sheila Klingeman-MO
Thomas Kurtz-IL
H. Bruce & Fran Latour-TX
Cecil & Judy LeGrand w/sister Peggy Chaplin-LA
Leroy Lida Jr.-MD
Larry & Brenda Lovejoy-OK
John & Robin Melasecca Jr-PA
Charles McConnell & Ginny Yeager-PA
MSG Michael McMurdy-WA

Larry & Jerrie Miller-NC
CSM Walter D. Overton-WA
Jack Picciolo-IL
Dan Reeves-CA
Charles Riley-NC
Dave & Jerrine Rowell-LA
Bert Ryan-ME
Paul Shephard-PA
COL Dennis Smith-PA
Richard Smith-NC
Jack & Molly Stroud-OH
Terry & Margie Wallace-TN
Larry & Dorothy Werkheiser-OK
James Will-VA
Bill & Cindy Wright-MO

To 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: purrfive@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 2012

Larry E. Miller-----President
Vacant-----1st Vice President**
Vacant-----2nd Vice President **
John (Jack) Picciolo -----Secretary **
Richard (Rich) Siebe -----Treasurer
Thomas Kurtz-----Past President
Richard Smith-----Chaplain
John (Jack) Picciolo -----Historian
Jackie (Jack) M. Stroud- ----Quartermaster
Edward (Ed) Hitchner -----Webmaster
Richard Smith-----2012 Scholarship Chairman

** Offices up for election at the 2012 reunion.

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/Larry Miller
Larry Miller
Association President

**17th Artillery Regiment Association's
Fourteenth Annual Reunion
Branson, Missouri
October 24-27, 2012**

The 2012 reunion of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association will be held at Branson, Missouri from Wednesday, October 24, 2012 to Saturday 27, 2012. The reunion will be held at Westgate Branson Woods Resort, 2201 Roark Valley Road, Branson, Missouri 65616. Reservation can be made by calling **1-877-502-7058, Tell them you are with the 17th Artillery Regiment Association, (Code 14-455)**. Room rates are \$59.00 per day, plus tax (11.6%). Rates are good three days prior to the reunion and three days after. These rates are for rooms with 2 queen beds, upgrades are available at a different rate. Reservations must be made by September 24, 2012 to receive the cited room rates. Reservations made after September 24, 2012 will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. Sign in time is 4 PM and sign out time is by 10 AM. The Resort will include two breakfast vouchers, per room night; additional vouchers will be available in the breakfast room for \$5.00 each. 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 charged for one (1) night's room and tax. The website for the Resort is: www.wgbransonWoods.com

Please come and bring your spouse, family members and friends to tour Branson. 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 Resort reservation. Please send in your registration slip and fee. **The registration will cover the Welcome Reception, Hospitality Room and the Banquet meal.** Please send the registration slip and fee to the treasurer, to arrive NLT September 24, 2012.

Tentative Itinerary: (The hospitality room will be open (Noon Tuesday October 23, 2012)

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 – Veterans, family and friends arrive and sign into the Resort. Then check into the hospitality room, sign the guest book, pick up your nametags, then visit your friendly quartermaster and purchase your association gear. We have plenty, it will make his job easier in that he will not have to cart it all back to Ohio. At 7:00 PM there will be a meet and greet in the hospitality room with **Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres.**

Thursday, October 25, 2012 – Hospitality room opens at 8 AM. Tour Branson. **Cook out will be at 6PM**
(I smell texas sausage!)

Friday, October 26, 2012 – Hospitality room opens at 8 AM. Tour the sites in and around Branson.

Saturday, October 27, 2012 – 9 AM to 10 AM General membership meeting in the hospitality room.
Noon (12 O'clock) – 3 PM Annual banquet (Casual dress). The fundraiser live auction will follow the banquet.

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**17th Artillery Regiment Association's Registration Slip
2012 Reunion- October 24-27, 2012**

Please use the Registration Slip below

The association's registration fee will cover the welcome reception; cook out, 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 64th 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, 2012*)**

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 _____ = \$ _____
Donations toward the hospitality room and cook out will be accepted: ----- \$ _____
Total \$ _____

**To become a member, life member or to renew your membership with the
 “17th Artillery Regiment Association”
 Please disregard if you are already a member for the year 2012 or a life member.**

Complete the form below, and mail it with your check or money order (Payable to **17th Artillery Regiment Association**). Mail to: Rich Siebe (*Association Treasurer*) 3060 64th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820. Upon receipt of your 2012 dues or renewal, a membership card will be mailed to you. Life members will be mailed their numbered 17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Membership Coin. Members will be given the USER ID and PASSWORD to access the on-line veteran’s roster located on the association’s web site. (www.17thartilleryregiment.org). User ID and Password will be sent to you by U. S. Mail. User ID and Password are changed January 1 of each year.

Join or renew now: 2012 Membership Dues is \$20.00 (January – December) (Annual dues \$20.00 per year)

Life membership fees: Through age 30---\$245.00 31-40---\$235.00 41-50---\$215.00 51-60---\$195.00
 61-70---\$165.00 71-80---\$125.00 81 plus---\$85.00

First Name: _____ **MI:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **FAX or Email:** _____

I served with the 17th Artillery --- From (yr): _____ **to (yr):** _____

Please check those that apply:

Battery or Batteries:

- 17th Field Artillery/Battalion/Group/Regiment (Prior to 1958) _____
- 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – Present) _____
- 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 2008) (2010 - Present) _____
- 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 1995) (2007-2010) _____
- 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1996) _____
- 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1995) _____
- 6th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1995) _____
- 7th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1960 – 1972) _____
- 8th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1967 – 1971) _____

NOTE: Please enclose a *copy* of your DD Form 214 with your application (Mail a *COPY*, do not send the original). If you have previously mailed a copy of your DD Form 214 to the association, there is no need to send another copy).

ACTIVE DUTY: If you are on active duty check here. You may not have a DD Form 214 yet.

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LZ Schueller (1968), 3rd Section, Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 41st Artillery Group, South Vietnam: Left Side at gunner sight, SGT Purvis, on left trail, SP4 Cleveland (Section Driver), at assistant gunner sight, CPL Runner and on the right is section chief, SSG Monroe. Picture is courtesy of SSG (Ret) Thornton Purvis Jr., who served in both Delta and Alpha Batteries in South Vietnam (1967-1968), and later with Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division (1977-1978) in South Korea.

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