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Heraldic Times



(Coat of Arms)



(Insignia)

Shield:

Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp or on mount proper, bedruised 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.

Presidents comments:

By James Sanders

2013 is gone, it was a year that passed by pretty fast. We are in the middle of 2014 and approaching our Annual reunion. The San Antonio Reunion was a tremendous success. I did not hear any complaints. We were taken care of real well, everything we asked for we got. I'm looking forward to our next reunion in Asheville, North Carolina.

It will be at the Comfort Suites Biltmore hotel. Their service and facilities are outstanding. It is approximately three months until we gather for our annual reunion in Asheville, North Carolina. **It will be held from September 24-26 with our check out on the 27th.** A reunion reminder is part of this newsletter. If you haven't made plans or reservations to attend, now is the time to do so. I know there are those who have thought about attending, but have put it off for various reasons. I encourage those of you who have put off attending to think about it again. Aging and time doesn't stand still. It's time to bond again with your buddies that served with you or with those veterans that have shared that common experience. Lets make this a record turnout. There is plenty to see and do for all age groups, so load up your loved ones, children, grand children, friends and significant others and head to Asheville, North Carolina. It is beautiful with a lot to do.

Thanks to all of the veterans, their family members who attended the San Antonio reunion. I hope everyone had a great and enjoyable time and are planning to attend this year's reunion in Asheville, North Carolina.



The 4th Army Distinctive Shoulder Insignia worn by the battalion in 1964 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

PRELUDE TO VIETNAM:

Count down to the 50th Anniversary of the deployment of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to An Khe, South Vietnam

(Reference: "The History of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, The Persuaders" Technical Library, USAAMS, Snow Hall, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, dated 1967)

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Calendar year 1964 was begun with a program of instruction for Advance Individual Trainees sent to the battalion from their basis training camps. One hundred sixty-two MOS 140 (Cannoneers) and 29 MOS 310 (Communications) personnel were qualified during the first six months of 1964.

The battalion captured the 34th Brigade Maintenance Award for the month of January.

The Annual General Inspection was conducted 19-20 March. The battalion received a "Superior" rating overall, one of only units at Fort Sill to do so during fiscal year 1964.

On the 25th of March, the 34th Artillery Brigade was inactivated and the USA 1st Field Artillery Brigade organized. The 2/17th Artillery was attached, under 214th Artillery Group, to the new Brigade on the same day.

In April the PERSUADERS responded to a Mobility Test Exercise and were loaded, ready to go in a record 41 hours.

4-8 May 1964 was devoted to a 214th Group Counter Insurgency exercise in Quanah and East Ranges in almost constant rain.

The 2/17th Artillery was awarded Superior STRAC Unit Award for 1963 proficiency in all areas of training and activities.

The Secretary of the Army Savings Bond award was presented to the battalion on 31 May for maintaining 84.7% participation.

Organization Day was held on June 5th in the 214th Artillery Group Recreational Area west of Medicine Bluff. The recreational picnic area was built by the 2/17th and other battalions in the Group.

The Battalion was attached to 41st Artillery Group on 8 July 1964. No significant changes in mission were made.

LTC Harry O. Amos took command on 16th July, replacing LTC William F. Skidmore who was reassigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Four C-124 aircraft from 1501st Air transport Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California flew 36 sorties for the battalion from Fort Sill's Post Field as part of the unit's Air Mobility Training on 25-27 August 1964.

The Battalion was attached to III Corps Artillery on 27 August 1964 remaining under 41st Artillery Group.

Mobility Test Exercise held on 8-9-10 September saw the battalion again loaded and ready to go in a record 41 hours. The annual Army Training program, which later revised into a

newly conceived Operational Readiness program, began the following day. The period was culminated by an Operational Readiness Test (ORT) on 9 November, resulting in rating of "Combat Ready." This unit was the first one tested under the ORT at Fort Sill.

The major operational activity of the battalion during 1964 was support of the U. S. Army Artillery and Missile School, in which it performed 410 separate requirements, fired 57,416 rounds of 105 howitzer ammunition, and logged 392, 313 vehicle miles. Of these requirements, 393 were rated Excellent of Superior.

Of special note were 24 school requirements involving the entire battalion, which were rated Superior.

Throughout the year the battalion overcame the effect of excessive personnel turbulence; 236% Army Officers and 148% Army enlisted men.

In athletics the Battalion placed first in 41st Group Football and runner-up in Fort Sill intramural competition.

SOLDIER FOR LIFE

On May 1, 2014 the Department of the Army launched a new web site "Soldier For Life" with information for Soldiers (AD/NG/AR), Military Retired Soldiers, Veterans, Military Families/Gold Star Families, and information on Education, Employment, Health and My Army Benefits. The site is at www.soldierforlife.army.mil Check it out.



VALOROUS UNIT AWARD (VUA)

2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment

The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment has been awarded the Valorous Unit Award for the period 15 April 2012 to 9 January 2013, streamer embroidered KAMDAHAR PROVUCE 2012-2013.

(Reference: Department of the Army, Permanent Order 275-04, dated 2 October 2013)

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Valorous Unit Award is awarded to:

2D BATTALION, 17TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT

for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States

During the period 15 April 2012 to 9 January 2013, the 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment and cited units conducted combat and stability operations across three districts to include Shah Wali Kot, Mya Neshin and Khakrez. The members of the cited units aggressively conducted security operations to remove a determined enemy force and stability operations to enable the government. These efforts

are a testament to the professionalism and determination of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, the Afghan National Security Forces and partners in government. The results of these operations has created an environment where people perceive a more secure district led by competent leaders of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, secured by an effective and professional Afghan National Security Force and that improvements their daily lives inspire hope for the future. The cited units ensured mission accomplishments by degrading enemy forces in the Kandahar Province, increasing government capacity and by further connecting the populace to their government. All the units contribute significantly to the Global War on Terrorism in Afghanistan. The extraordinary heroism and courage displayed by the 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment and the cited units are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves, the Lancer Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the 2d Infantry Division and the United States Army.

Cited Units:

Company A, 52d Infantry Regiment

Troop C, 1st Squadron 128th Cavalry Regiment (15 April 2012 to 10 September 2012)

Troop A, 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment (Less Detachment) (15 April 2012 to 5 January 2013)

Detachment, Troop B, 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment (15 April 2012 to 23 April 2012)

Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division (Stability Transition Team, Team 20 (Provisional) (8 January 2013 to 9 January 2013)

Detachment, 1st Battalion, 68th Armored Regiment (Security Force Assistance Advisory Team, Team 35) (Provisional) (15 April 2012 to 4 December 2012)

Scholarship Grants since 2004: Number of Scholarship Grants:

Since 2004 the association has awarded Thirty (30) scholarship grants, for the amount of \$35,965.00 to the children, grandchildren of 17th Field Artillery Regiment veterans and active duty soldiers. This year the association awarded three scholarship grants for a total of \$5965.00.

The number and amounts for each scholarship grant for 2015 will be announced after our general membership meeting in September 2014.

Break down of awards

World War II veterans – One Grandson

Cold War veterans – One Son; Four Granddaughters

Korean War veterans – Three Grandsons

Vietnam War veterans – Two Sons; Three Daughters; Three Grandsons; Nine Granddaughters

Operation Desert Storm veterans – One Daughter

Active duty members – One Son; Two Daughters

17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards Scholarships

In May 2014, the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awarded college scholarships to three very deserving students who are

children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of 17th Artillery veterans. The three scholarships totaled \$5465.00. Besides receiving a check for their scholarship, each scholarship winner also received a framed 17th Artillery Regiment Association Certificate of Achievement. The first place winner was John Etringer, of Mayodan, NC. At the time of his application, he ranked number 1 in his class of 200 at Dalton McMichael High School. His Grade Point Average was 5.02 on a four point scale. A quick glance at his transcripts shows that he took many Honors and Advanced Placement Courses. One of his science teachers describes him in the following text: “He is a quietly driven young man, striving for excellence in all that he does. He is a well-rounded student not only succeeding in the classroom, but also in extra-curricular activities including soccer, golf, and honor studies. He takes his studies seriously but at the same time is a very friendly and kind person. He is highly respected by both his peers and teachers....” In college John plans to major in Mathematics and Economics. His connection to the 17th Artillery is through his Father, Walter Etringer, who served in both A and C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery in Vietnam.



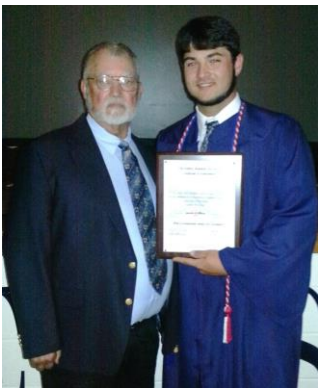
John Etringer receives a 17th Artillery Scholarship check and a Certificate of Achievement from his Father, Walter Etringer who represented the 17th Artillery Association at the Dalton McMichael HS Award ceremony.

Chelsea Garner, of Lexington, SC, earned the second place scholarship of \$1500.00. Chelsea’s excellent academic achievement is noteworthy by completing high school in three years. She had enough high school units to move from Sophomore status to Senior status and skipped her Junior year of high school. Her GPA is 3.55. Her English teacher notes that “Chelsea sets high standards for her self...She is very well-rounded and productive and always puts the most thought and effort into anything that she does. She is one of the most responsible and conscientious students I have ever taught...Chelsea is also active in her church and community as a volunteer. She has completed almost 100 hours in just the past year by serving on mission trips and in her home town.” In college Chelsea plans to major in Education and Religious Studies. Chelsea is sponsored for this scholarship award by her Grandfather, Charles Garner, who served with C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery in Vietnam.



Chelsea Garner receives a 17th Artillery Scholarship check and a Certificate of Achievement from her Grandfather, Charles Garner who represented the 17th Artillery Association at the White Knoll High School Award Ceremony.

Jacob Bates of Jemison, Alabama, received the third place scholarship of \$1000.00. Jacob ranked in the top third of his senior class with a 3.21 PGA. His Chemistry teacher commented that “he worked hard...in his science classes and in other classes as well... is a member of the Senior’s Who’s Who...Jacob is a member of the Student Government Association... and is a three year letterman in baseball. .Jacob’s good nature and kind heart have earned him the respect and admiration of both his friends and the faculty.”As of yet, Jacob has not decided on a field of study for college. Jacob is sponsored for this scholarship by his Grandfather, Wallace Bates, who served with B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery in Vietnam.



Jacob Bates shows off his 17th Artillery Certificate of Achievement. His Grandfather, Wallace Bates, presented his Grandson with a check for \$1000.00 and the Certificate of Achievement at the Jemison High School Award Ceremony.

A BIG Field 17th ARTILLERY THANKS to the scholarship committee for its work on this year’s scholarship grants. The Scholarship Committee members are:

Scholarship Chairman, Gil Bernabe; Voting members; William Dahlin, Mike Klingeman, and John Melasecca, Jr.

Treasurers Report

This edition of the Treasurer’s Report centers on our current membership levels. After June 1 each year, we receive very few membership renewals for the current year. (Most occur during the first quarter of the calendar year.) The number of members who have renewed their memberships or are new to the association stands at 17, with 4 of these being new members. This total compares with a total paid membership of 28 for 2013. Of those 28 members, 3 were new.

Life memberships are also down for 2014. Last year at this time, we had issued eight Life Member coins. This year we have sent five coins to new Life Members. Three of the new Life Members for 2014 are in the 80+ age bracket and, consequently, join at the lowest dues rate. If you haven’t renewed your 2014 membership or are considering a Life Membership, please do so as soon as possible.

All the financial figures herein are based on what I have entered in our computer software (Quicken 2014) and are correct as of my submission of this report. Our checking account balance is \$12,998.06. The scholarship fund has \$9,024.68, and the general fund has a balance of \$3,973.38. We have awarded a total of \$37,335.00 in scholarships since the association was founded.

Please be sure your contact information in our Association roster is correct, especially your email address.

Bruce Latour, Treasurer
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17th Field Artillery Regiment’s Missing In Action (MIA)

WORLD WAR II:

2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment

- *Sergeant Furman A. Boone, MIA February 14, 1943
- *Private First Class Paul J. LaBlanc, MIA February 14, 1943
- *Sergeant Claus Mangels, MIA February 14, 1943
- *Corporal Edward Roberts, MIA February 14, 1943

*Private First Class Henry Q. Harbort, MIA February 14, 1943

*Corporal George P. Zilinsik, MIA February 28, 1943

630th Field Artillery Battalion

*Technician Fifth Class Woodrow O. Corson, MIA May 13, 1945

*Private First Class Eldon D. Evans, MIA May 13, 1945

KOREAN WAR:

17th Field Artillery Battalion

*Captain Paul Richard Blew, Captured on November 3, 1951, Died unknown, body not recovered. Captain Blew was the Battery Commander of Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion at the time of his capture.

***Major (Retired) Leslie B. Scott** (Life Member) who served with Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion (Fort Sill and Eighth Army (Korea War)), 1949-1951. (Leslie deployed as First Sergeant to Korea in 1950, and later received a battlefield promotion and served as Battery's C Executive Officer.) (Leslie was also a U. S. Army World War II veteran who served in the Pacific)

***Thomas (Mike) M. Turner** (Life Member) who served with Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Republic of Vietnam (USARV) attached to 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), as Assistant Executive Officer and Executive Officer, 1965-1966.



17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Members

Additions to the Veteran's Roster

The following named 17th Artillery veterans has been added to the association's veterans roster, since the January 2014 newsletter.

***Robert E. Highlands**, Battery Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery; Executive Officer Battery A; Battery Commander, Service Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 214th Artillery Group, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1963-1964.

***Robert D. Leitch**, Battery B and Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1968-1969

***Wayne Lowe**, Battery C, 7th Battalion, 17th Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Saber, South Korea, September 1966-October 1967

***Jim Kendall**, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, Jim served with the battery as a cook when it was station in Na Trang under operational control of 1st Field Forces Artillery, January 1970 – March 1971.

***Ronald L. Mills**, Battery B and Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968

***Edward Punt**, Service Battery, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, (Germany), Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, 210th Field Artillery Brigade (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) and 214th Field Artillery Brigade (Fort Sill, Oklahoma), January 1990-April 1994

Notification of Deaths:

The association has been informed of the deaths of the following 17th Artillery Regiment veterans.

***Robert F. Jonas** who served with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 210th Artillery Group (Germany), 1965-1967.

***Alan R. Konkle** who served with Battery C, and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 210th Artillery Group (Germany), 1963-1965.

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have become Life Members of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association, since the January 2014 newsletter.

156 Richard (Dick) C. Hoffman, Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Republic of Vietnam and 1st Field Forces Vietnam, June 1966-June 1967.

157 William (Bill) M. Simpson, Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, Eighth Army (Korean War), 1952-1953

158 Charles H. Seideman, Executive Officer and Battery Commander, Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill and Eighth Army (Korean War) 1950-1951; Battalion Commander, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, I Corps Artillery Group (South Korea) 1963-1965.

159 Terry L. Earnst, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968.

160 Robert E. Highlands, Battery Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery; Executive Officer Battery A; Battery Commander Service Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 214th Artillery Group, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have paid their 2014 annual dues.

George Tanner
John A. Kasaback
Norman Barton
James Deno
Martin Cotler
Walter Copper
Jerry Luker
Ronald D. Mason
Robert D. Leitch

Frederick Aegerter
Ray Comeaux
David Keenan
Walter J. Etringer
Heinz Schiemann
Gerald Irwin
William Curtis
Thornton W. Purvis

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

UNGRATEFUL OR THANKFUL?

Growing up as kids how many times did we hear someone, especially parents, tell us, "We were ungrateful." "You didn't like the clothes you got." "You didn't like the toy your aunt gave you." "Don't waste that food on your plate. People are starving all over the world."

Being *thankful* is something that is appreciated as well as needed. We all have a gift, one of many, from God called *FAITH*.

For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8) We can look in all directions and see these gifts. They can come in the form as a relative making it through a life threatening illness, a promotion at work, a broken relationship mended, having food to put on our table, living in a country with so many freedoms, and most of all a Savior who forgives us of our sins! Take a few minutes and do a reality check. Don't you really have a lot to be thankful for? I do.

I'd like to express condolences to the family of Mike Turner who passed away in Jan. Mike was a good man as well as a good friend and soldier from the stories I've heard. Webster Cole's wife, Cathy, passed away after a battle with cancer. Annette Jone's mother passed away (Norman Jone's mother-in-law).

In closing I need to make a correction from the last newsletter Chaplain's Corner. Bill Beers brother Richard passed away. His brother Tom is still alive. Again, sorry for the error Bill. Bill and I made the trip to Arlington cemetery for Larry "Doc" Miller's final internment. He was given military rites and is amongst those that served together for this country of ours. Tom Kurtz is still assisting with family sickness. Also continue prayers for Lonnie English.

Remember cards, calls and emails go along way to those who are sick and in need.

God Bless,

Richard A. Smith-Chaplain
(rsmith3024@nc.rr.com)

Association Officers 2014

- James Sanders-----President
- Jerry Cody-----1st Vice President
- Gary Griffin-----2nd Vice President
- John (Jack) Picciolo -----Secretary
- H. Bruce Latour-----Treasurer
- Norman Jones-----Past President
- Richard Smith-----Chaplain
- John (Jack) Picciolo -----Historian
- Richard Flowers-----Quartermaster
- Edward (Ed) Hitchner -----Webmaster
- Gilbert Bernabe-----2014 Scholarship Chairman

Offices up for election at the 2014 reunion to be held in September.

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.



James Sanders
Association President
C/2/17/FA 1968

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See you in Asheville, North Carolina

**17th Artillery Regiment Association's Sixteenth
Annual Reunion
Asheville, North Carolina September 24-26, 2014**

2014 REUNION REGISTRATION

The 2014 reunion of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association will be held at Asheville, North Carolina from Wednesday, September 24 to Friday, 26, 2014 with check out on Saturday 27 September 2014. The reunion will be held at the Comfort Suites Biltmore, 890 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC 28806. Reservations can be made by calling **1-(828)-665-4000 press option 0 and request to reserve a room under the 17th Artillery Regiment Association. A Credit Card will be required to reserve a room.** Room rates are \$90.00 per day plus tax. Room rates are good September 22-27, 2014. These rates are for rooms with 2 double beds, upgrades are available at a different rate. Reservations must be made by August 22, 2014 to receive the cited room rates. Reservations made after August 22, 2014 will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. Sign in time is 3 PM and sign out time is by 12 noon. The Hotel will include a full hot breakfast per room night. Parking is free. If you make a room reservation and have to cancel, the cancellation must be made prior to 4:00 PM on September 19, 2014 to avoid being charged. The website for the Hotel is: www.ashevillecomfort.com/

Please come and bring your spouse, family members and friends to tour Asheville. 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 may even 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 is held with 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 Hotel reservation. Please send in your registration slip and fee. **The registration will cover the Welcome Reception and the Banquet meal.** Please send the registration slip and fee to the treasurer, to arrive no later than September 07, 2014.

Tentative Itinerary: For those who arrive early the hospitality room will be open 8:AM Monday September 22, thru Saturday September 27, 2014 at which time it will close at 1100 am.

Wed, Sep 24, 2014 – Veterans, family and friends arrive and sign into the Hotel. 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 of gear, it will make the quartermaster's job easier in that he will not have to cart it all back home. At 6-8:00 PM there will be a meet and greet in the Biltmore.

Thur, Sep 25, 2014 –Tour in and around Asheville. Group eat out place to be determined. **Some wives may plan a tour.**

Fri, Sep 26, 2014 – Hospitality room opens at 8:AM, General membership meeting will be held at 9:AM. The auction/banquet will start at 1:PM and end by 4:PM. After the banquet, continue touring the sites in and around Asheville.

Sat, Sep 27, 2014 - check out by 12 noon

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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 2014 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: Bruce Latour (Association Treasurer) 4509 Mountain Path Dr, Austin, TX 78759-7214. Upon receipt of your 2014 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: 2014 Membership Dues is \$20.00 (January - December).

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:

- 17th Field Artillery/Battalion/Group/Regiment (Prior to 1958)
- 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 - 2013)
- 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 - 2008) (2010 -Present)
- 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 - 1995) (2007-2010)
- 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 - 1995)
- 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)
- ACTIVE DUTY: If you are on active duty check here.

Battery or Batteries:

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 may not have a DD Form 214 yet.

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Direct fire from a M777A2 (155mm) howitzer of Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division during training at Yakima Training Center, Washington, March 2014
(Photo from 2-17 FAR Facebook Page)

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