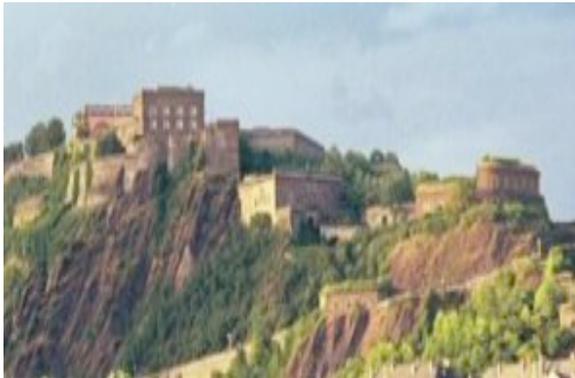


# THE CASTLE NEWSLETTER



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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

Looking back on our reunion in September 2014 at Asheville, NC, it seems clear that it was one of our more successful reunions. First, we had 86 paid attendees, of whom 13 received their Life Membership plaques. Second, Asheville was a great place to hold our function. Spending two days on the Blue Ridge Parkway, with its spectacular scenery, was wonderful. Even though we were a little early, we did see some fall color. To please the ladies and some of the men, shopping in both Asheville and surrounding areas like Black Mountain was excellent. Moose Café was our caterer. They provided an excellent welcoming reception and one of our best-ever banquets. Fun was had by all at the auction that benefits our scholarship fund.

The 2015 reunion promises to be just as successful. We will meet from October 28 to 31 in St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in America. Ponce de Leon thought the Fountain of Youth was located there. So, if you are feeling older, come and drink the water. St. Augustine offers fun and entertainment, as does the State of Florida. Consider adding a trip to Orlando and/or the Space Center. One of my favorite restaurants in the Titusville area is Dixie Crossroads, famous for its down-home cooking specializing in shrimp and other seafood.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in October 2015 at Holiday Inn on Ponce de Leon Boulevard in St. Augustine. May many blessings come to you in the meantime.

**Note to all Reunion Attendees**  
**\*Concealed Carried Weapons\***

All law abiding citizens have a right to carry concealed weapons providing they meet all the requirements. They must be properly trained and have a permit or license to carry. However there are places that a concealed carry is not allowed.

During our past reunions starting at Pigeon Forge and each reunion thereafter, some members and wives expressed a concern to some of the board members that there were individuals in attendance carrying concealed weapons. This has definitely become a problem. Being that alcohol is available at the reunions in the hospitality room and during the banquet; they felt this was not a good mix and may be a cause of problems in the future.

If any member and/or their guest feel the need to carry a concealed weapon at the association reunions or functions, **DO NOT!** Please leave it in your room safe or locked in your vehicle.

This will be an item for discussion at the next general membership meeting with a proposed change to the By-laws to ban all concealed weapons at any annual reunions or functions of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association.

**2015 Scholarship Grants:**  
**Gilbert A. Bernabe, Chairman: Scholarship Committee**

**2015 Scholarships:**

For 2015, the 17th Artillery Association general membership has approved four (4) scholarships. The following scholarships have been authorized:

- First Place -Mike Turner Scholarship - \$ 3,455.00
- Second Place - \$ 1,500.00
- Third Place - \$ 1,000.00
- Fourth Place - \$ 1,000.00

To date, the Association has awarded 30 scholarship grants for a total of \$36,965.00 to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the veterans and active duty soldiers who have served or those currently serving in the regiment.

**Request for Scholarship Application Packet:**  
Individuals may request a scholarship application packet from:

Dr. Gilbert A. Bernabe, 332 Panorama Circle, Pottsboro, TX 75076; or via telephone: (903) 786 – 6304; or email: [Gilbernabe29@aol.com](mailto:Gilbernabe29@aol.com). When leaving a phone message, please provide your name and phone number.

**Eligibility:**

To be eligible, for a 17th Artillery Association Grant, the applicant must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild, of a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent who has served with or who is presently serving in the 17<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment.

Those parents, grandparents or great-grandparents who 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 Association, then that applicant is not eligible to apply for another scholarship grant. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2015) 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:

**Gilbert A. Bernabe**, 332 Panorama Circle; Pottsboro, TX 75076; by U.S. **Mail, no later than (March 15, 2015).**

**Applications sent by email or Fax will not be accepted.**

**2015 Scholarship Selection Committee:**  
**Chairman:** Gilbert A. Bernabe  
**Voting Members:** Bill Dahlin, Mike Klingemann,  
John Melacesca



**REGIMENTAL MILESTONES for 2015:**  
By: Thomas R. Kurtz

**1920: (95 years ago),** The 17th Field Artillery Regiment was relieved from assignment to the 2nd Infantry Division.

**1930: (85 years ago),** The 17th Field Artillery Regiment was relieved from assignment to the 1st Infantry Division and reassigned to the 2nd Infantry Division.

The 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment (Battery E & F) were reconstituted at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and armed with 155mm howitzers.

**1945: (70 years ago),** End of World War II in Europe: On 29 April 1945 found the 17th Field Artillery Group (Motorized) located in Augsburg, Germany, from where it fired its last round of the war in support of the 3rd Infantry Division.

The 17th Field Artillery Battalion was located near the vicinity of Tarrons, Austria where Battery A fired the last round for the battalion at the Germans. The battalion fired a total of 150,014 rounds during World War II.

The 630th Field Artillery Battalion was located at Hall, Germany at the end of the war. (April 1945)

**1950: (65 years ago)**, On 25 June 1950 when North Korea forces invaded South Korea, the 17th Field Artillery Battalion was station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Just 60 days later, elements of the 17th were put ashore at Pusan, South Korea – the first heavy artillery committed in Korea. Battery C fired the first round for the battalion on 14 September 1950. (The first 8 inch round, of the war).

**1960: (55 years ago)**, On 31 March 1960, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 7th Battalion, 17th Artillery was re-designated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 7th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (organic elements concurrently constituted) and assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division. Battalion was activated on 2 May 1960 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

**1965: (50 years ago)**, The Battalion Colors of the 7th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery were moved to South Korea from Fort Benning, Georgia, when the 1st Cavalry Division and 2nd Infantry Division exchanged colors effective July 1, 1965.

The 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery deployed from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to Republic of South Vietnam on 14 August 1965. Battery B fired the first round for the battalion, from their Base Camp located at An Khe, on 7 September 1965.

The 5th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (USAR) inactivated 31 December 1965 at Beaumont, Texas, and relieved from assignment to the 90th Infantry Division.

**1970: (45 years ago)**, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery moved from Landing Zone (LZ) Action to Nha Trang. Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery moved from Landing Zone (LZ) Schueller to Dalat. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Service Battery 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery moved from Camp Radcliff, An Khe to Ban Me Thout. (Battery C had moved from Camp Radcliff to Ban Me Thout in 1969)

**1990: (25 years ago)**, Start of Operation Desert Shield. In September, both the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 17th Field Artillery deployed from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to Saudi Arabia. In October and November, the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery deployed from Germany, to Saudi Arabia.

**1995: (20 years ago)**, On 1 March 1995, the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was inactivated at Fort Sill Oklahoma,

**2005: (10 years ago)**, July-August 2005, The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, deployed from Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom) to Fort Carson, Colorado.

On 1 October 2005, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery is re-designated as the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

On 1 October 2005, the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery is re-designated 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

**2010: (5 years ago)**, In July 2010, the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment deployed from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to Afghanistan in support of the International Security Forces Afghanistan (ISFA) for Operation Enduring Freedom

The 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was inactivated at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington on 9 September 2010.

On 17 October 2010, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was activated at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington. (Reflagging of the 3rd Battalion)



*Southwest Asia Service Medal*

## **OPERATION DESERT SHIELD – 25th ANNIVERSARY**

This year of 2015 will be the 25th anniversary of Operation Desert Shield. In the early morning of August 2, 1990, Iraq invaded their neighboring country of Kuwait. On August 7, 1990 President George H. Bush orders Operation Desert Shield in response. This order prepared American to deploy its armed forces in the defense of Saudi Arabia.

This resulted in the three of the four active battalions of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment deploying along with other elements of the U. S. Armed Forces for the defense of Saudi Arabia.

The 1st Battalion deployed, in September 1990, as part of the 75th Field Artillery Brigade from Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The Brigade was task organized under XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery in support of defensive operations during Operation Desert Shield.

The 2nd Battalion deployed, also in September 1990, from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as part of the 212th Field Artillery Brigade. The battalion was activated and assigned to the 212th Field Artillery Brigade in 1988.

During the months of November and December of 1990, the 3rd Battalion deployed from Ansbach, Germany to Saudi Arabia. This marked the first deployment of the battalion since their activation in Germany. The Battalion spent the first month establishing itself at Tactical Assembly Area (TAA) Brett and training to fight in a desert environment with numerous CPX's and FTX's. The 3rd Battalion was the only artillery battalion under the 210th Field Artillery Brigade to deploy along with the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery.

The fourth active battalion of the regiment remained Germany. With the deployment of Headquarters and Headquarter Battery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, the 5th Battalion was reassigned to the 72th Field Artillery Brigade In addition, the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade with attached units were transferred from assignment from VII Corps Artillery to V Corps Artillery.



*The 4th Army Distinctive Shoulder Insignia was worn by the battalion personnel in 1965 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma*

#### **DEPLOYMENT TO VIETNAM:**

#### **2015 is 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)

**The year 1965** saw the 2/17th Artillery continuing its mission of support for the Artillery School at Fort Sill, while maintaining its STRAC Combat Readiness.

The Annual General Inspection took place 15-16 March 1965. The battalion emerged from the inspection with an overall rating of Excellent. The Battalion Personnel Section achieved a Superior rating in this inspection.

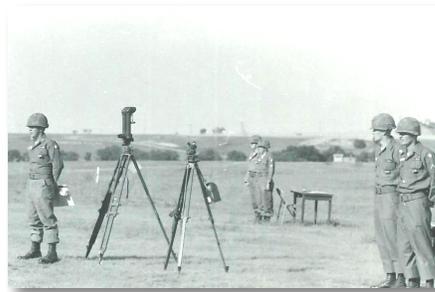
The week of April 19-23, 1965 saw the battalion participating in the 41st Artillery Group Field Artillery Training Exercise (FTX) on Fort Sill's West Range. The training included reconnaissance, selection and occupation of Artillery positions (RSOP'S), firing from hasty positions along route of movement ("hipshoots"), forward observers and fire direction procedures, including aerial observation, and climaxing by an artillery illumination demonstration utilizing searchlights and flares.

**Alert** On 25 June 1965, exactly seven years from the redesignation of the 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (25 June 1958), the battalion received a classified message from Department of the Army alerting it for possible deployment to the Republic of Vietnam.

As the wheels concerning preparation for overseas movement started into motion, the battalion took time out on 29 June 1965 to commemorate its Organization Day. The day's activities included a live firing demonstration, utilizing the 105mm howitzer crew composed of 2d LT's, a review and awards ceremony, culminating in a relaxing afternoon of fun, games and good food at the 214th Artillery Group Recreational Area. Of special note concerning the awards, CPT Paul T. Wickliffe, C Battery Commander, received the Air Medal with V device for his actions as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam some months ago.



*Captain Paul T. Wickliffe, Battery C Commander, addresses the soldiers and dependents of Battery C during Organization Day. (Photo from Thomas Kurtz)*



*Part of Battery's C Organization Day was a display of the Battery's XO Post and FDC (standing in for 2LT Crain was 2LT Johnson, on the left), XO Post (table in the center with two personnel) the battery recorder and XO's driver; and on the right, two FDC personnel Sp4 Leonard B. Spencer and PFC Paul N. Stapele. The instruments in the center are a BC Scope (on the left) and a M2 Aiming Circle (on the right). (Photo from Thomas Kurtz)*



*Battery C, 3rd Howitzer Section live fire demonstration on Organization Day 1965. Section Chief SFC (E6) Rodivico Guerrero, Gunner SGT James Widener. (Photo from Thomas Kurtz)*



*Organization Day 1965 - 105mm rounds explode in the impact area, Signal Mountain in the background (Photo from Thomas Kurtz)*

Preparations for overseas movement continued at a fast and furious pace for the next six weeks. The battalion's personnel had to be brought up to 100% from below 70% at the time of the alert, leaves had to be granted for movement of dependents, and equipment had to be inspected, repaired or replaced, new items requisitioned, and packed for shipment.

**The following named 17th Artillery veterans have been added to the association's veteran's roster, since the July 2014 newsletter.**

**\*John Bagley, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968**

\***Tim DeVos**, Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, May 1969 – June 1970 served in An Khe and Ban Me Thout

\***Earnest M. Easters**, Battery C, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 210th Field Artillery Group, 1974-1977.

\***John J. Tavares**, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1969-1970

### Notification of Deaths:

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

\***George W. (G.W.) Adkisson**, (Life Member #73), Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 6th Howitzer Section, 1970-1971.

\***Captain (Retired) Lonnie O. English** (Life Member #36) served as Battery Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, and Battery Commander of Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1968-1969.

\***Charles L. Taylor**, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, Battalion Fire Direction, 1968.

### Chaplain's Corner

Prayer vs. Thanks and or Acknowledge or Ignore

I'd be willing to guess that some of you are raising an eyebrow about this title. Well let's get into a little detail about it.

When we pray, taking for granted all we do, do we pray for something we don't have OR do we just ignore what has been given to us through our God? If we received what we prayed for then do we thank our Lord for it?

There are several verses in the Bible that teach us how to pray and ask for something. 1) "If you remain in me and my words in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:7 2) "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

The other part about "Thanks or Ignore" pertains to rather we thank our Lord for what He has done for us or not. 1) "Sing out your THANKS to Him; Sing praise to our God..." Ps.147:7 2) Tell others- "THANK THE LORD! Praise His name! Tell the world about His wondrous love and how mighty He is!" IS 12:4.

I'll leave the above thoughts with you to ponder on.

I hope that you will keep the family George (GW) Adkisson and Lonnie English in your thoughts and prayers. GW passed away Nov.24, 2014 and Lonnie passed away last April. These were two good men that made quite a few reunions between them. Charles Morrison (WWII vet & POW) has a grandson that was injured in an accident in Fla. (Details unavailable at this time.) Please remember this family

as well. Continue to keep John Melasecca and his son in your prayers. Both surgery and procedures done.

In closing, Christmas season is upon us and should be all year long like Easter. Take some time to volunteer, donate food or money to your favorite charities, and most of all stay in touch with your God.

God Bless,  
Richard

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



17TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSN COIN



LIFE MEMBER COIN

### 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 2014 newsletter.

**161 Barry L. Matthews**, Battery B and XO Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1969-1970

**162 Milton R. Holloway**, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 41st Artillery Group (Fort Sill) and United States Army Republic of Vietnam, 1965-1966

**163 James (Jim) E. Kendall**, Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1970-1971

**164 Tom M. Jones**, Battery C and Battery Commander Battery A, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, I Corps Artillery Group (South Korea), 1965-1966

**165 Mick D. Shanklin**, Battery A, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Republic of Vietnam and 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1966-1967

**166 Thornton W. Purvis**, Battery D and Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field forces Vietnam, 1967-1968; Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division (South Korea), 1977-1978.

**167 Ronda A. Henderson**, Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 41st Artillery Group (Fort Sill) and United States Army Republic of Vietnam (1965-1966).

**168 John B. Bagley**, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, Nov 1967 – Nov 1968.



# 17th Artillery Regiment Association's Seventeenth Annual Reunion

ST Augustine, FL.      October 28-30, 2015

## 2015 REUNION REGISTRATION

The 2014 reunion of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association will be held at St Augustine, Florida from Wednesday, October 28 to Friday, October 30, 2015 with check out on Saturday 31 October 2015. The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, 302 N Ponce De Leon Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32084. Reservations can be made by calling **1-(800)-569-8008 to reserve a room under the 17th Artillery Regiment Association. A Credit Card will be required.** Room rates are \$87.00 per night plus tax. Room rates are from October 26 - 30, 2015. These rates are for rooms with 2 queen beds, upgrades are available at a different rate. Reservations must be made by September 26, 2015 to receive the cited room rates. Reservations made after September 26, 2015 will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. Sign in time is 4 PM and sign out time is by 11 AM. 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 3:00 PM on October 23, 2015 to avoid being charged. The website for the Hotel is: [www.staugustinehi.com](http://www.staugustinehi.com)

Please come and bring your spouse, family members and friends to tour St Augustine. 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. 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 October 15, 2015. If by chance you miss the dead line you may pay the fee when arriving at the reunion.

**Tentative Itinerary:** For those who arrive early the hospitality room will be open 8:AM Monday October 26, thru Saturday October 31, 2015 at which time it will close at 1100 am. **Tours are the individuals responsibility!!! Sightseeing train shuttles will pick up at the front door of the hotel.**

**Wed, Oct 28, 2015** – Hospitality room opens at 8 AM. 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 hotel.

**Thur, Oct 29, 2015** – Hospitality room opens at 8:AM. Tour in and around St Augustine. There will not be a Cook out this year. It is not allowed at this hotel or any that I have checked in St Augustine that will accommodate our group.

**Fri, Oct 30, 2015** – 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, Oct 31, 2015** - check out by 11 AM

POC:

Norman R. Jones  
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AnKhe2nd17FA68rj@aol.com

17th Artillery Regiment Association's Registration Slip  
2015 Reunion- October 28-30, 2015

Please use the Registration Slip below

The association's registration fee will cover the welcome reception and banquet. Please make your check or money order payable to: 17th Artillery Regiment Association.

Mail to the association's treasurer:                      Bruce Latour  
4509 Mountain Path Dr  
Austin, TX 78759-7214

CUT OR TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER.  
(With your check or money order to arrive NLT October 15, 2015)

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NAME:

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(Please Print)

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

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

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(Nametags will be printed from the names submitted)

Address:

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

Registration fee: \$50.00 per person - X- Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(number in your party)

Please donate toward the hospitality room.----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 2015 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](http://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: 2015 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 - Present)
- 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:

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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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Review of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment, Bois l'Eveque, France 1918

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