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Heraldic Times



(Coat of Arms)



(Insignia)

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 bedriused 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's Comments

By: Jackie M. Stroud

I would just like to thank all of you for the trust and confidence that you have in me, particularly during the time that I served as the fill-in President. Now you have thrust me into the elected President position, and I thank all of the attendees who were responsible for that. There have been many changes that have occurred during my short tenure along with many professional and personal challenges.

These past few months have been marked with numerous new challenges resulting from the resignation of our past president. Of course there are many of you during this time who have contributed to my success, and I do appreciate that. Tom Kurtz is the anchor that has held my hand in getting the system down, and now I am on my own, so to speak. It was about this time last year that I was handed the scholarship program to complete. Now I have a whole new year to work on that again. I will try to keep up the high standards that the previous presidents of the association have set for me to follow.

Now that the time has come and gone for our eighth annual reunion, I am glad to say that in my eyes it was another rousing success thanks to the efforts of our membership supporters. Our charge on the Alamo was a success story that began with our arrival at the Hotel at Market Square. The hotel was very gracious and gave us two connecting rooms to hold our hospitality get-together. They filled our tubs with ice and kept bringing ice whenever we asked for more. Along with the hospitality rooms that were supplied to us, the hotel threw us a little hospitality get-together for our group in one of their banquet rooms. They also gave us special permission to allow "Captain Smoke" (Norman Jones) a chance to burn the structure down. We had a sausage and hamburger cook out by the pool in the middle of the hotel building by the pool. As you know, he did not,

but "Captain Smoke" threw up a smoke screen that made the place look as if it were burning down.

It was noted by a lot of you who attended this year that this was the very best hotel we have ever had our reunion at because of the staff. There were kind smiles and no hesitation from any of the employees to satisfy our needs. From the dining area to the room maids, everything was just great.

Thanks to the members who were present this year. The weather really treated us nicely. We had nothing to stop us from getting out and seeing all if the sites that were available at Market Square. There were great places to eat and shop within walking distance of the hotel and for those not wanting to walk, the little trolley was there to ride. Mike and Rebecca Mason acquired a number of free tickets to the Salute to Service presented by the San Antonio Symphony. The concert was presented to the public at the Municipal Auditorium and it was reported to be a great performance.

We now will look forward to the next two reunions. 2008 will be in Washington D.C. for our 10th reunion and 9th anniversary. The following year, 2009, we will return to the roots of our association at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for our 11th reunion and our 10th anniversary. We have already set up the hotel in Washington and are working on a dinner tour of the bay area for one of the days there. All of the information will be forthcoming about the next event, so keep your eyes on the NEW website that Ed has got up and running again. It was down for a few days while he moved us to a different provider with more space. Hope to see all of you next year.

2008 Scholarship Grants

By: Jackie M. Stroud

During the association's annual general membership meeting, held at the 2007 reunion, three scholarship grants for 2007 were voted on and authorized; one grant for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) and two grants for one thousand dollars (\$1000) each.

To be eligible, for a 2008 17th Artillery Regiment Association Grant, the applicant must be a child, grandchild or great-grandchild of a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent that has served or is presently serving, with any units of the 17th Artillery (Active, National Guard or Reserves). Those parents, grandparents or great-grandparents that have served or are currently serving, must have 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, apply to both biological and legally adopted children. Foster children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are not eligible.

Applicant must be a graduating high school student (Class 2008) or a freshman, sophomore, or a junior attending any

college, vocational, or technician school. Scholarship grants will be awarded in all areas of study.

Those individuals who have been previously awarded a scholarship grant from the 17th Artillery Association are not eligible.

Request for a scholarship application should be made to the 2008 Scholarship Selection Committee Chairman: Jackie M. Stroud; by U.S. Mail at: 2461 Meadow Ridge Drive, Wheelersburg, OH 45694-9073; or by telephone at: (740) 574-1260; or email: jack.stroud@roadrunner.com.

Applicant packets must be returned to the Scholarship Section Committee Chairman, NLT April 15, 2008.

2008 Scholarship Selection Committee:

Chairman -----	Jackie M. Stroud
Secretary -----	Jack Picciolo
Treasurer -----	Rich Siebe
Voting Members -----	GW Adkisson
	Wallace Bates
	Mike Burke
	Jerry Cody
	Charles Garner

Life Membership Coins



(FRONT)

(BACK)

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 2007 newsletter.

080 Stephen J. Audett, was assigned to Battery A, Battery C and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 7th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1970-1971)

081 Ronald (Wayne) W. Terry was assigned to Battery B, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery. (1970-1971)

082 Thomas Remley was assigned to Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion. (1955-1957)

083 Hollis B. Cajon, was assigned to Battery B, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and the Battalion Staff, 1st Howitzer Battalion 17th Artillery (1965-1966)

084 Raymond (Ray) L. Hearing was assigned to Battery A 17th Field Artillery Battalion. (1952-1953)

085 Paul M. Moser was assigned to Battery A and Service Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (1965-66)

086 Avery Hall was assigned to Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (1956-66)

087 John Luxenburger was CO Battery C and assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Service Battery (1955-57), 17th Field Artillery Battalion

2007 Dues Payers

The following have paid their 2007 membership dues since the July 2007 newsletter.

Robert Colchin
Philip I. Smith
Billy P. Schott
Charles M. Garner

Annual Membership Dues (2008)

The following have paid their 2008 Membership Dues.

Charles E. Morrison Jr.*	Dennis Keesling
Donald R. Davis	Jerry Cody
Paul Raymond	Alvin Popp
John Tracy	Tom Jones
Robert Bass	Bobby Lowery
James Yore	Bert Ryan
James Demo	Wayne Childs
David Zell	Roger Nadeau
Doyle Dykes	Gary Steen
Vincent Price	Mark Anderson
Jay L. Wright	Charles A. Mohn III
Dave Rowell	Norman L. Barton
Dave Gillespie	Lloyd Braband
George Tanner	Robert Pulsifer
Marvin Rogers	Barry Mauer
John DeTreville	Micheal Trudeau
Douglas Brace	Stephen Gerhardt
Larry Sadler	James Kasaback
Marcel Simonet	Jackie Stroud
Charles Lanlford	Jim Caiella
Robert E. Richards	Buddy Armstrong
Raymond (Doug) Ruince	Lawerence Lupus
Eugene Retka	Ralph E. Van Atta
Richard H. Suggs	Ray Comeaux

* Indicates associate member

Reunion San Antonio 2007

By Rich Siebe

As always, I look forward to our reunions every year. It gives me the opportunity to see old friends, make new ones and travel to places I have not been to. This year I left Sacramento 2 weeks before the reunion so I could take my time and enjoy the sights on the way to San Antonio.

I got to see a lot of places in Utah and Colorado that I had never seen before including Monument Valley,



Mesa Verde National Park and lots of great roads with lots of wonderful scenery. At every corner I rounded, I expected to see John Wayne and the Calvary riding through the desert.



I spent a week with my Uncle in Colorado and was lucky enough to catch the Dickies 500 NASCAR race at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on my way to San Antonio.



The reunion was a great success as always. We raised money for both for the general fund and the scholarship fund. I would like to **thank** the following for their generous contributions during the year:

American Legion Post # 96	Bill Wright
Wallace Bates	Bob Kinton
Mike Mason	James Frowien
Raymond Gomez	Jack Stroud
Tom Kurtz	Paul Raymond

And all of you that bought 17th Artillery gear, paid your dues, and attended the reunion.

Since the reunion, the association has donated \$1,000 for the homecoming of 2/17th FA from Iraq and has made a \$500 deposit for our next reunion banquet in Washington DC.

The following attended the 2007 reunion

GW & Kathy Adkisson – AR
Wallace & Trudy Bates - AL
Mike Burke - CA
Peter Coffin – CA
Jerry Cody – TX
Amos Ray Comeaux – LA
Richard & Phyllis Flowers - IL
James & Marcia Frowein w/ son, Christopher - IL
Charles Garner – SC
Raymond & Irma Gomez - TX
Richard & Annette Jones w/daughter, Vallory – TX
Bob & Katharine Kinton - NC
Daniel Kolar - TX
Thomas Kurtz – IL
Bruce & Fran Latour - TX
Dan & Carol Joan Lazenberry - TX
Hanson & Jean Leach – AL
Michael & Rebecca Mason – WA
Larry & Jerrie Miller – NC
Bruce Pfaff – CA
Jack Picciolo – IL
Fran Rash - CA
Paul Raymond – MA
Thomas & Rita Remley - TX
Joe Russo – MA
Jim & Jean Sanders - OK
Rich Siebe & Debra Townsend – CA
Jack & Molly Stroud – OH
Mike & Rita Turner – CA
Bob & Maggie West – AZ
Tim West - AK
William & Cindy Wright – MO

Nolan Lee Putman

(April 8, 1947 - November 24, 2007)

Nolan Lee Putman, age 60, passed away at his home in Mena, Arkansas, on Saturday, November 24, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer. Nolan was born to Ollie and Harkley Putman on April 8, 1947. He graduated from

Mena High School as a proud member of the Class of 1965. Nolan attended Outachita Baptist University on an ROTC Army scholarship and graduated in 1970 with a degree in math and secondary education. After graduation, Nolan's active duty service as an officer in the United States Army Field Artillery included assignments in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Wurzburg, Germany; and a tour in Vietnam. Prior to his honorable discharge, he received many commendations and was awarded several medals for his distinguished service, including the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. Despite the burdens that he endured from his time in combat, Nolan remained honored to have given so much in patriotic service to our country.

Nolan was united in marriage on August 31, 1968, to the love of his life, Betty Lou Dafford. He is survived by Betty, his loving wife of 39 years; his devoted daughter, Dr. Vicky Putman of Allen, Texas; his grateful son, Robert Putman, his wife, Rebecca, and their children, Madalyn, William and Kathryn, of Mansfield, Texas; his sister, Irvaleene Harrison, and her husband, Junior, of Mena, Arkansas, his sister, Wanda Dickson, of Lonsdale Arkansas; his sister, Marieda Sharp, of Little Rock, Arkansas; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews and extended family. His parents, his brother, Frank Putman, and his sisters, Evelyn Rogers and Marina Putman, preceded Nolan in death.

Nolan was a life member of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association. He has requested, all who knew him to please donate to the PTSD Research Program.

UT Southwestern Medical Center – PTSD Research

UT Southwestern research related to PTSD and the effects of stress on veterans currently follows several lines of investigation, which are being pursued for patients suffering from this condition. Ongoing studies are examining effects of corticosteroids on PTSD, with early findings suggesting that this pharmacologic agent may reduce PTSD symptoms. Other related research by UT Southwestern investigators has involved studies of individuals who have experienced extreme trauma and PTSD in relation to various disasters, including the Oklahoma City bombing, the 9/11 attacks, the anthrax attacks on Capitol Hill, and numerous natural and accidental disasters. More than 3,000 individuals directly exposed to disasters have been studied so far. New research being developed involves psychoeducation programs for veterans with PTSD and their families and programs to reduce cardiovascular and metabolic complications among veterans with PTSD and cardiovascular/ metabolic risk. Ongoing brain imaging research at this institution has developed special expertise for future exploration of brain mechanisms of PTSD. UT Southwestern researchers are mapping biological alterations of the brain and body in patients with chronic alcohol or cocaine dependence in relation to trauma, stress,

and PTSD, in studies of brain activity and peripheral stress-response systems.

Additionally, UT Southwestern researchers are developing animal models of direct relevance to PTSD. Currently, ongoing studies are being conducted to explore the long-term effects of stress and antidepressants on the brain in animal models of depression. One line of investigation is utilizing methods of viral-mediated gene transfer and genetic mutations in mice to establish causal relationships among molecular, cellular, and behavioral levels of analysis. Other studies are investigating animal models of fear response, delineating aspects of resilience and functions of memory mechanisms in post-traumatic responses.

If you are interested in supporting PTSD research, please make your check payable to:

**UT Southwestern
Office of Development
P.O. Box 910888
Dallas, TX 75391-0888**

If you would like to donate online, please visit <http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/home/giving/index.html> and state that you want to direct your gift to support PTSD research.

For additional information contact person below.

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Vietnam: 2nd Howitzer Battalion 17th Artillery (Persuaders)

Part Two: Reassignment to First Field Forces Vietnam (1FFV) and released of attachment to 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and attachment to 41st Artillery Group.

On January 2, 1967, Battery A fired the battalion's 200,000 round since arrival in country. On January 6, 1967 the battalion was reassigned from United States Army Republic of Vietnam (USARV) to First Field Forces Vietnam (1FFV), to which the battalion had been previously attached. The battalion remained further attached to the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery (Airmobile). The Battalion (-) with Batteries A and C continued their mission of General Support Reinforcing to the 1st Battalion 21st Artillery, for the defense of Camp Radcliff and artillery support of the security forces along Highway 19. Battery B was still supporting the Thayer II Area of Operation (AO). Battery D completed building their new position and after completion of its airmobile training, the battery deployed to the Thayer II AO on January 22, 1967.

The battalion furnished two forward observer parties to the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, one Liaison Officer and party with the ARVN Airborne Task Force; on January 25, 1967 the Airborne Task Force was replaced by ARVN Marines. The attachment of the Liaison party to the ARVN Marines ended on April 2, 1967. The battalion also provided two supervisory NCOs to the Special Forces Camp in Vinh Thanh Valley for the two 105mm Howitzers located there.

On February 11, 1967 the battalion assumed all the artillery responsibilities, including Division Artillery Rear requirements, for Camp Radcliff, this included operational control of as many five tube artillery batteries, a battery minus of Aerial Rocket Artillery, two counter mortar radars, and a platoon minus of searchlights. In addition, one officer and one NCO were furnished to the Fire Support Coordination Center (FSSC) at the 1st Cavalry Division (Rear). The battalion still held the mission of artillery defense of Camp Radcliff and artillery support for security forces along Highway 19 east of Mang Yang Pass to An Khe Pass. The battalion also provided two firing batteries in the support of Operation Thayer II AO, which ended with the start of Operation Pershing on February 12, 1967. For the remainder of 1967, Batteries A, B and C rotated in and out of the Pershing AO in support of the 1st Cavalry Division. Battery D continued its General Reinforcing Mission of the 1st Cavalry Division in the Pershing AO. From February through April elements organic or attached to the battalion conducted two artillery raids north of Camp Radcliff and elements were moved out of base camp three times to support operations in the Radcliff AO. The battalion fired its 300,000 round during the month of April. The battalion also supported the Division Replacement Training Center and the Division Combat Leadership School with instructors, forward observers, coordination of artillery fire and demonstrations. The battalion, in addition, conducted service practice for the Division Artillery Reconnaissance Sergeants School and conducted a Division Artillery Forward Observer School. By the end of October 1967 the battalion had conducted ten Forward Observer Schools, training 67 observers in techniques used in Vietnam.

On October 15, 1967 the battalion was released from its attachment to the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery and attached to the First Field Forces Artillery with further attachment to the 41st Artillery Group and assigned the tactical mission of reinforcing the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery, designated as the Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC) for Camp Radcliff and directed to continue to provide fire support for demonstrations and training schools conducted for the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery Schools. The battalion continued providing two firing batteries in support of Operation Pershing AO. From November 7, 1967 to November 11, 1967 Battery B supported Operation Hanh Quan 823 in the Phu Cat District.

The beginning of 1968 the battalion still maintained its mission of reinforcing the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery with the additional mission of direct support of Camp

Radcliff Base Defense Maneuver Battalion, Fire Support Coordination Center for the defense of Camp Radcliff, and providing artillery support to the 1st Cavalry Division Replacement Training Center and to the First Field Forces Vietnam Forward Observer School. The battalion, during this period, had operational control of up to five firing batteries, a platoon from Battery A, 2d Battalion, 20th Artillery (Aerial Rocket Artillery), one search light from Battery B, 2d Battalion, 29th Artillery and two to three counter mortar radars, two twin 40mm Dusters, and one Quad 50 from the 4th Battalion, 40th Artillery.

In the middle of January 1968 the 1st Cavalry Division received orders to move northward to reinforce I Corps Tactical Zone. Operation Pershing was curtailed, as the division scaled down offensive operations in Binh Dinh Province. Battery C, 3rd Battalion, 319th Artillery was attached to the battalion from January 17, 1968 thru May 27, 1968. The battalion was given an additional mission on January 19, 1968 of direct support to the 3rd Battalion, 503d Infantry.

On February 1, 1968 the mission of the battalion was the direct support of one of the infantry battalions from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, which was responsible for the defense of Camp Radcliff, security of Highway 19 from An Khe Pass to Mang Yang Pass and the "WALKER" Tactical Area of Operations (TAOR). From April 8, 1968 to June 20, 1968 security Highway 19 became the responsibility of 1st Battalion, 69th Armor with the fire support provided by the battalion. The battalion continued its support of the 1FFV Forward Observer School and the 1st Cavalry Division Replacement Training Center with artillery demonstrations.

On February 7, 1968 Battery D, which had been in general support of the 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery (Operation Pershing), returned to Camp Radcliff and on February 9, 1968 the provisional battery was discontinued. Most of its personnel reassigned within the battalion and its four 155mm howitzer were placed in Battery C. Five of the 105mm howitzers from Battery C were placed in administrative storage at Camp Radcliff.

(Note: During the administrative storage of Battery C five 105mm howitzers, the howitzers were used at different time periods by the firing batteries within the battalion or were on loan to other U. S. artillery units under the control of 1FFV Artillery)

From February 2, 1968 to February 27, 1968, Battery A under the control of 1FFV Artillery supported CIDG Operations in the Quin Nhon area. On February 28, Battery C deployed to replace Battery A. Battery C was then attached to the 41st Artillery Group in Tuy Phuc District and to support the Quin Nhon Support Area Command (QNSAC).

On March 6, 1968 the battalion assumed operation control of Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery (105mm, M108, SP). The battery was placed along Highway 19, just east of Mang Yang Pass to provide additional fire support in the

area. Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery remained under operational control of the battalion until May 14, 1968.

The 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery was redesignated the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery on April 1, 1968.

On the morning of April 3, 1968, an enemy sapper unit of unknown size attacked Battery C, which was occupying fire base LZ George, located at Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Phuc, in Binh Dinh Province. The attack started at 0130 hours and the enemy withdrew at approximately at 0530 hours. This attack resulted in the highest number of one day casualties suffered by the battalion.

The battalion, still attached to the 41st Artillery Group, continued its mission through the summer of 1968 in General Support of United States, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces and Free World Military Armed Forces in the Walker TAOR, with the priority of fires to the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry, which was responsible for the defense of Camp Radcliff, Highway 19 from An Khe Pass to Mang Yang Pass and the Walker TAOR. The 1st Battalion, 69th Armor assumed security of Highway 19 from the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry, for the period of April 8, 1968 to June 20, 1968. Subsequently, on August 17, 1968 the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry assumed the mission of the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry. The battalion continued to provide fire support to the 1FFV Forward Observer Training Course. Battery C remained under the operational control of the 41st Artillery Group with a mission of General Support of United States, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces and Free World Military Armed Forces in Binh Dinh Sector Defense Area and the Quin Nhon Support Command Defense Area (QNSCDA). Battery C from July 11, 1968 to July 16, 1968 supported operations of the Capitol Republic of Korea (ROK) Infantry Division.

Battery C, 6th Battalion, 84th Artillery moved to Camp Radcliff on 3 July 1968 with a mission of General Support Reinforcing of the battalion. They departed Camp Radcliff on July 12, 1968

On October 11, 1968, Battery C status was changed to "special attachment to the 41st Artillery Group for fire planning and clearance of fire by the Fire Support Coordinator, Binh Dinh Self Defense Area".

From November 2, 1968 to November 20, 1968 Battery C, 3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery was attached to the battalion to assist in providing fire support for additional maneuver forces in the Walker TAOR. In addition, one platoon from Battery A, 6th Battalion, 84th Artillery occupied different position in the Walker TAOR with a General Support Reinforcing mission to the battalion from November 24, 1968 to December 11, 1968. The platoon departed the Walker TAOR on December 11, 1968 and returned to the control of its parent unit.

On November 12, 1968, SFC Victor V. Evans, Chief of Firing Battery, Battery A (Forward) (LZ Action) fired the 750,000 round for the battalion since the battalion arrival in Republic of South Vietnam in September 1965. SFC Evans had served with the battalion continuously since before its deployment to Vietnam.

An 8 inch platoon, from Battery B, 7th Battalion, 15th Artillery, arrived at Camp Radcliff on November 28, 1969. On the following day the platoon converted to 175mm guns. Starting on November 30 the platoon occupied different positions in the Walker TAOR to fire at long range acquired targets. This platoon returned to parent unit control on April 14, 1969 and departed the Walker TAOR.

Battery B, 7th Battalion, 13th Artillery was assigned a mission of General Support Reinforcing to the battalion and arrived at Camp Radcliff on December 13, 1968. On December 16, 1968 the battery was airlifted to LZ Ann to support Mike Strike Forces (MSF) south of Camp Radcliff. The operation terminated on January 24, 1969 and the battery returned to its parent unit on January 27, 1969.

Effective February 1, 1969, the "Walker" TAOR was renamed the "Marshall" TAOR. On February 9, 1969, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery was assigned the mission of General Support Reinforcing to the battalion with the priority of fires to the 2d Battalion Mike Strike Force. On February 15, 1969 the battery departed the Marshall TAOR and returned to their parent unit.

Two of 105mm howitzer in administrative storage (Battery C), plus one howitzer from Battery A (Fwd) moved to the location of Battery B (LZ Schueller) on March 5, 1969 to support Operation Stingray I. Additional personnel from Battalion Headquarters were sent to Battery B to insure that all nine howitzer were operational and manned.

From March 7, 1969 to March 25, 1969 Battery D, 3rd Battalion, 319th Artillery, assigned a mission of General Support Mission, operated in the Marshall TAOR with its fires being coordinating by the battalion.

Battery C was returned to the full command of the battalion, on March 24, 1969, with the 41st Artillery Group responsible for fire planning and clearance of fires, which were accomplished by the Fire Support Coordinator, Binh Dinh Self Defense Force. (*Disposition of Battery C howitzers April 1969: Battery C is deployed with four each 155mm howitzers and one each 105mm howitzer, one each 105mm howitzer with Battery B, two each 105mm howitzers on loan to the 5th Battalion, 22d Artillery, deployed with a provisional battery in Task Force South and two each 105mm howitzers in administrative storage at Camp Radcliff.)

The AN/MPQ 10 radar that had been attached to the battalion was relieved of its operational control to the battalion on April 13, 1969 and left the Marshall TAOR to the Qui Nhon Defense Support Area.

On April 14, 1969, Headquarters Battery and Battery B, 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery arrived at Camp Radcliff, followed by Battery A, 6 th Battalion, 29th Artillery on April 15, 1969 to support the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry.

The brigade took over as the maneuver force of the Marshall TAOR as of 15 April, 1969. On the same date the 1st Battalion (Mech), 50th Infantry was replaced by the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor as the security force for Highway 19 between An Khe and Mang Yang Passes. ("Marshall" TAOR was renamed "Hines" TAOR)

Battery C, 7th Battalion, 15th Artillery was temporarily attached to the battalion on April 15, 1969 as a General Support Reinforcing unit, with the mission of fire support to the Hines TAOR with the priority of fires to 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment (-).

References:

1. **Lineage and Honors, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, dated July 1, 2003**
2. **United States Army Artillery and Missile School (USAAMS) Library: "History of the 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, dated 1967.**
3. **Operational Report's of the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery, dated January 1967 through April 1969.**

Urgent Request

We need every 17th Artillery veteran to keep his contact data current. Please notify us of any changes in your mailing or e-mail address. Contact any officer, or you may post your address by accessing our home page and following the instructions. Contact me if you have any leads on any 17th vet. We need your assistance in keeping the association growing.

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To receive the electronic newsletter, notify the association's secretary: Jack Picciolo at: 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.

Treasurer's Report, December 31, 2007

Scholarship Fund	\$10,507.17
General Fund	\$ 5129.98
Total	\$15,637.15

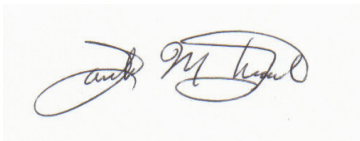
Rich Siebe Treasurer

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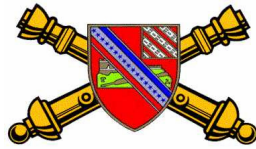
(* Indicates officer positions up for election at the next General Membership Meeting scheduled for November 12, 2008)

The 17th Artillery Regiment Association Board of Directors approved this newsletter, Castle # 11.



Jackie M. Stroud
Association President

17th ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION



2008 ANNUAL REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Veteran, Family and Friends of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association.

The 2008 Annual Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, 2 Montgomery Village Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20879: from November 9, 2008 thru November 12, 2008. If you are planning on staying at the motel, reservations can be made by calling 1-800-465-4329. Room rates are \$89.00 per night, plus tax (12%). These rates are good from November 8-12. When making your motel reservation and to receive their discounted rates, be sure to tell them you are with the 17th Artillery Regiment Association. Reservations must be made by October 25, 2008. The room rate includes free breakfast for two daily. There is plenty of free parking.

Bring your photo albums, snapshots, movies and slides to share with everyone. If you have slides or 8mm movies, you will have to furnish your own projector. There is plenty of time to get reacquainted with old comrades or even make some new ones. We would love to see your spouses, family members and friends in attendance too.

Association "gear" items will be available in the hospitality room. You can get them there or be an early bird and order them now. Items can be ordered thru the association President of whom is also the quartermaster.

Please use the attached sheet to register for the reunion (pg 3). There is a registration fee of \$ 35.00 per person to cover the cost of the annual banquet and the refreshments for the hospitality room. Please plan on attending; let's make this the biggest reunion to date.

ITINERARY:

Nov 9, 2008 - Veterans, spouses, family and friends check in. Please sign in at the hospitality room and pick up your name tags. Spend the remainder of the day touring on your own the numerous sites in and around Washington, DC. Brochures will be available in the hotel lobby to help you select your area of interest. (November 9, continued on next pg)

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6:00 PM There will be a group mixer reception to meet old friends
To include those who are attending the reunion for the first time.

Nov 10, 2008 - 11:00AM Boat Tour cruise on the sprit of Washington. (Lunch buffet
all you want) The cruise is approximately 2 hours on the Potomac
River from Washington, DC to Alexandria, VA round trip. Lunch
tour cost is \$45.00. Dress is casual. After the lunch cruise all can
tour Washington, DC on your own. Service charges have been
included.

Nov 11, 2008 - Veterans Day ceremonies at the tomb of the unknown and a Memorial
ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial.

Nov 12, 2008 - 10:00AM to 11:00AM Association Annual General Membership
meeting in the Hospitality Room

12:00PM to 3:00PM Annual Membership Banquet. (Buffet Lunch).

Please plan on attending; I'm hoping to see everyone there. If you have any
questions about the reunion, contact me or any association officer. If you are unable
to attend and would like to leave a message to your fellow veterans, please mail or
email them to me.

Sincerely;

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17th ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

REUNION # 10 - 2008

NOVEMBER 9-12

PLEASE USE THE REGISTRATION SLIP BELOW

Registration fee will cover the annual association banquet, also refreshments in the hospitality room. Please make check or money order payable to:
17th Artillery Regiment Association

Mail to the association treasurer at the following address:

MAIL TO: RICH SIEBE
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CUT OR TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER
(with your check or money order)

NAME _____
(Please Print)

Battery _____ Battalion _____ Dates Served (From _____ to _____)

Name (s) of Spouse, Relatives, and Friends attending _____

Note: Nametags will be printed from the names submitted

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person-X-number attending _____ = \$ _____

Boat Cruise: \$45.00 per person-X-number taking cruise _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____