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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: Thomas R. Kurtz

First, we all need to keep in our mind and our prayers the soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division, who are currently serving in the area of Kandahar, Southeastern Afghanistan. If you would like to support the soldiers deployed from Fort Lewis you can make a donation to "Operation Make a Soldier Smile" (MASS), c/o Venture Bank, 1495 Wilmington Drive, DuPont, WA 98327. This organization sends out care packages to all soldiers that are deployed from Fort Lewis.

Thanks to all of the veterans, their wives and friends for attending the 2009 reunion. I hope everyone who attended the 10th Anniversary Reunion had an enjoyable time. I would also like to thank Jackie Stroud and Norman Jones who set up the reunion and the tour of Fort Sill. The members of the association are also grateful to LTC Todd Wasmund, CSM Philip Brunwald and the officers and men of the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery for allowing us to visit them in the field and observe their firing the M777 Howitzers. A couple of veterans had to leave early due to family emergencies or a death in their families.

I would like to personally thank Jackie Stroud who served as the association president from 2007-2009. Jackie will continue as the quartermaster and has volunteered to serve as the scholarship chairman for 2010. Also thanks to Mike Burke who served as 2nd Vice President for the past two years. The new 1st Vice President is Richard Flowers and the new 2nd Vice President is Charles Garner.

This will be the seventh year the members of the association have offered scholarship grants. Thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the scholarship program. Since 2004 the association has awarded fourteen scholarship grants totaling \$14,500.

The association is still looking for photographs and personal stories from the veterans or their family members,

for the following periods: Pre-World War II and World War II (1929-1945); Pre Korea War and Korean War, (1946-1953); Vietnam War (1965-1971); Cold War (1946-1991); and Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm (1991-1992). If anyone would like to contribute to our history files, items can be sent to the association historian: **Jack Picciolo, 1122 South Lincoln Street, Lockport, IL 60441 or email: purrfive@comcast.net.**

Just a reminder to all who have ever served with the 17th Field Artillery Regiment that the association is for all who have served with regiment and all 17th veterans are welcome to join or have their names added to the association veteran's roster.

The 2010 reunion will be held 27-29 October, with the annual meeting/banquet on 30 October at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. This will be the twelfth reunion held by the association. Pigeon Forge is a well known Tennessee vacation spot and there will be plenty to do and see.

The next association newsletter is due out in July 2010; if any veteran has any articles or information for the next newsletter, please email them to our secretary, Jack Picciolo. Articles are due by June 30, 2010.

2010 Scholarship Grants Announcement

By: Thomas R. Kurtz

The association's general membership during its annual meeting voted to authorize three scholarship grants for 2010, one grant for one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) and two grants for one thousand dollars (\$1000) each. Request for a scholarship application packet can be made to: Jackie M. Stroud, 2461 Meadow Ridge Drive, Wheelersburg, OH 45694-9073, (740) 574-1260 or email jack.stroud@roadrunner.com

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

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

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2010) or a freshman, sophomore, or a junior attending

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

Scholarship applications with all supporting documents must be returned to: Jackie M. Stroud, 2461 Meadow Ridge Drive, Wheelersburg, OH 45694-9073, by U.S. Mail, no later than *April 15, 2010*. No application sent by email or Fax will be accepted.

2010 Scholarship Selection Committee:

Chairman: Jackie Stroud

Voting Members: Gil Bernabe
Donald Brooks
Larry Lovejoy
John Melasecca Jr
Terry Wallace

A Few Words From The Treasurer

Rich Siebe

As the decade comes to a close, the Association is in great shape. We currently have 107 Life Members and are expecting at least 60 dues paying members. When the Association was started in 1999 we had 13 members.



1999



2009

The part of my job as Treasurer that I like best is the ability to write checks for our Scholarship winners, various Veteran's charities, and to the units of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment that have been deployed overseas. In the last ten years the

Association has given out \$14,500 in Scholarships, \$2,300 to Veteran's Charities, and \$9,400 to 1st and 2nd Battalions for Homecomings and Care Packages while they were serving in Iraq. I hope to do the same for the 3rd Battalion, now serving in Afghanistan, when they return to the States.

I have been Treasurer since 1999 and have been fortunate enough to attend all eleven of our Reunions so far and plan to be in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee in October.



Attending the Reunions has given me the chance to visit parts of this great country of ours I wouldn't normally see. Such as the Southern charm of Charleston, SC.,



the seat of our Government in Washington D. C.,



the great Northwest,



The Hill Country of Texas,



and the great Southwest where around every corner I expect to see John Wayne and the mounted US Cavalry.



Five members of B/2/17 FA, 1968
W. Bates, R. Siebe, P. Schwarz,
P. Coffin, G. Bernabe

Besides seeing a lot of the country the Reunions have given me a chance to renew old friendships, visit with old Battery mates and make new friends.

Finally as the year ends, the Association has \$9534.68 in the Scholarship Fund and \$ 4226.03 in the General Fund for a total of \$ 13769.71 in our Bank Account.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

LOOKING BEYOND CHRISTMAS

The gifts exchanged, the friends and family are gone, the tree is now a memory, and a brand new year faces us. Now where does this leave ME? Am I up to my neck in bills from Christmas? Am I worrying about how much I'm going to have to pay my rich uncle named "Sam?" Christmas is over and have I forgotten what it was all about?

The scenario probably sounds familiar. "Tis the season to be jolly" can also be one of the most stressful times of the year! Now is a good time to "Examine yourselves to see if your faith is really genuine." (2 Cor 13:5)

Ask yourself, "Do I still pray?" Do I still read the Bible? Do I tithe or go to church? Only you and our Heavenly Father know these answers but here's a little help in layman's terms. "Your Heavenly Father knows perfectly well what you need and he will give it to you IF you give Him first place in your life and live as He wants you to." (Mat. 6:33) Words to live by? Try it and see!

Peace to you all,

Richard A. Smith- Chaplain

rsmith3024@nc.rr.com



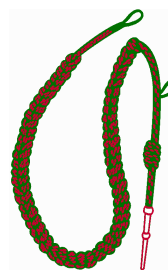
Attended the 2009 Reunion (10th Anniversary)

Wallace & Trudy Bates – AL
Gil & June Bernabe – TX
Daniel & Linda Blubaugh – KS
Donald & Sharon Brooks – OH
Gerald & Vee Brown – KS
James Buford and wife - OK
Peter Coffin – CA
Jerry & Joanna Cody – TX
Webster Cole – AR
Mike & Peggy Dages - IN
William & Susan Dahlin - TX
Richard & Phyllis Flowers – IL
Neal Fouts - NC
Charles Garner – SC
Steve Gerhardt – NY
Raymond & Irma Gomez – TX

Rod Guerrero –OK
Avery & Elisabeth Hall - OK
Larry & Annette Hightower – GA
Norman & Annette Jones - TX
Mike & Sheila Klingeman – MO
Roy Korkalo - MT
Thomas Kurtz – IL
Bruce & Fran Latour - TX
Larry & Brenda Lovejoy – OK
Bob Lowery – TX
James Martin - IN
John Melasecca Jr. - PA
Ralph Melcher - OK
Jack Picciolo – IL
F. C. Rash – CA
Bert Ryan - ME
Doug Runice - WI
Jim & Jean Sanders – OK
Steven & Effie Schlicher – KY
Leslie Scott - OK
J. R. & Carrol Sherrill – KY
Richard Smith - NC
Rich Siebe – CA
Jack & Molly Stroud – OH
Wayne Terry – AZ
Terry & Margie Wallace – TN
Richard & Shirley Wynn - TX



World War I French Croix de Guerre w/palm



French Fourragere World War I
(For two awards of the Croix de Guerre)

The French Croix de Guerre and Fourragere (World War I)

The Government of France decorated thirteen United States Field Artillery Regiments with its Croix de Guerre with various combinations of palms and stars, for meritorious conduct in action during World War I. The regiments that were decorated twice with the Croix de Guerre with Palm, under French regulations, upon issuance of orders by the French Ministry of War, were entitled to wear a braided and knotted cord called a fourragere in green and red colors of the Croix de Guerre for display on their colors. Personnel of those regiments, which were

decorated, were also authorized by the United States Government to wear the fourragere as part of the uniform. The United States Field Artillery Regiments decorated by the Government of France during World War I were: Fourragere and Croix de Guerre with two Palms: 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 15th, and 17th Field Artillery Regiments. Croix de Guerre with Gold Star: 10th, 18th, 76th, 147th, and Battery D, 17th Field Artillery Regiments. Croix de Guerre with Silver Star: 119th, 120th, and 121st Field Artillery Regiment.

Battery D, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was the only separate battery (US) to be given an individual citation and to be awarded the Croix de Guerre with Gold Star, during World War I for its splendid conduct at Soissons on July 18, 1918.

The first French unit citation of the Croix de Guerre with Palm for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment reads as follows:

“With untiring energy and the highest bravery, this regiment: valiantly supported the attack of the 2d Division on the 18th of July, to the southwest of Soissons. Always eager to move their guns forward, in spite of the bombardment, they continually submerged the enemy under a most violent and destructive fire of the 155 millimeter shells. After the relief of the 2nd Division, the 20th of July, they remained and fought valiantly in support of the 58th and 12th French Infantry Divisions. Officers and men have given proof of a superb energy in courageously completing all tasks entrusted to them during the course of the attack continuously made upon the French divisions, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Among the dangers and privations of all sorts, they have shown a high valor and a remarkable tenacity.”

The second French unit citation of the Croix de Guerre with Palm for the 17th Field Artillery Regiment reads as follows:

“Has taken a glorious part in operations and engagements, in Champagne, in October, 1918, by supporting with remarkable energy the infantry attacks of the division. Has powerfully aided the infantry to carry, on October 3rd, the very strongly fortified German positions at Blanc-Mont, the farm Modnah, and St. Stionnon-Arkal, and has thereby attained during the day advance of about six kilometers. During the attacks, and in all other missions which were entrusted to it, officers and men of rank and file have rivaled in energy and courage.”

An extract of the French General Orders No. 165 “F” awarded the Fourragere to the 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

“Pursuant to instructions contained in Circular No. 2156 “L”, dated February 23, 1918, and with the approval of the Government of the United States, the Minister of the Navy, the Minister of War Interim, has decided that the following named organization shall have the right to wear the Fourragere of the colors of the “Croix de Guerre”; The 17th Field Artillery Regiment of American Field Artillery; Said unit has obtained two citation by Army orders for its splendid conduct before the enemy.”

On December 9, 1923, Marshall Foch at Monroe, North Carolina personally decorated the colors of the 5th and 17th Field Artillery Regiments with the Fourragere.



(United States) War Department, General Orders # 11, dated 1924, awards all three of French Croix de Guerre decorations to the 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

*Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, for AISNE-MARNE

*Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War I, for MEUSE-ARGONNE

*Croix de Guerre, World War I, Fourragere

War Department General Orders (WD GO) #11, dated 1924, also awarded Battery D, 17th Field Artillery Regiment the French Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star, World War I, for SOISSONS.



World War II French Croix de Guerre with Gold Star

During World War II the 17th Field Artillery Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Group and 630th Field Artillery Battalion were awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star for support from May 11, 1944 through French Expeditionary Corps offensive

*Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt, World War II, for **ROME-ARNO**, DA GO 43-1950

In addition, the 630th Field Artillery Battalion was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Gold Star for supporting the French during the battle of Vosges.

*Croix de Guerre with Gold Star, World War II, for **VOSGES**, DA GO 43-1950

(Note:) The 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was re-designated the 630th Field Artillery Battalion on February 14, 1944. On February 5, 1947 the 630th Field Artillery Battalion was re-designated the 537th Field Artillery Battalion. On July 31, 1959 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Artillery Group, and 17th and 537th Field Artillery Battalions were consolidated, reorganized and re-designated as the 17th Artillery, a

parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System.

The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment receives two unit commendations for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).



Navy Unit Commendation

Department of the Army Memorandum to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Subject: Army Concurrence for the 1 Marine Expeditionary Force Navy Unit Commendation, dated 3 June 2009. Paragraph 19 cites the authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award pending ultimate publication in the Department of Army General Orders.

The 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery is awarded the Navy Unit Commendation (NUC) for the period 2 August 2004 to 1 February 2005. (The Navy Unit Commendation is the equivalent of the Valorous Unit Award). U. S. Army personnel do not wear the NUC as a part of their personal awards and medals, but a ribbon above their right breast pocket with other unit awards



Meritorious Unit Commendation

Reference: Department of the Army, Permanent Orders 079-16, dated 19 March 2008

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Battery A, Battery B and Company G, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) for the period 10 October 2006 to 8 January 2008.

Citation reads:

During the period 10 October 2006 to 8 January 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit performed above and beyond the call of duty furthering Iraq's self reliance while improving the security and quality of life of the local population. In addition, the unit maintained an operational readiness rate of over 95% and reenlisted almost one third of their personnel by their fifth deployment month. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the United States Army.



1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Valorous Unit Award

Department of the Army General Orders 2009-08, dated December 29, 2009, authorizes the Valorous Unit Award (VUC) for the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery for the period of April 24, 2003 to March 22, 2004.

The Valorous Unit Award was awarded to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division to include assigned and attached units, which the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was attached during the above cited time period.



(Operation Enduring Freedom) A CH-47F Chinook helicopter singload a M777 Howitzer from Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division to a Forward Operating Base in Spin Buldak, southeastern Afghanistan. (US Army Photo)

1st Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery in Korea 1961.

By Alex Brassert, Major, USA, Retired.
cabrassert@aol.com

I arrived in Korea just before Christmas 1959. I had never been in Asia before. At this time I was a First Lieutenant, an artilleryman for about a year and a half, but before that a graduate of infantry OCS at Fort Benning. Since I had taken the infantry communications officer course, I was assigned as platoon leader of the communications platoon at I Corps Artillery Hqs. located Camp Saint Barbara not too far from the DMZ and the artillery firing range which was run by the Corps Artillery. Wanting to become a better artillery officer, I extended (still a bachelor) my tour for six months to serve in one of the Corps Artillery battalions. It was as XO of C Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion (8") 17th Artillery, at Pob Uan Ni, better known at that time as Mickey Mouse Corners, for a sign that had once been at the crossroads there. The battalion headquarters was about 5 kilometres up a dirt road. The battalion commander was LTC Raymond Wright, the XO Maj. Ed Buthorn. The 1st of the 17th was a towed 8 inch howitzer battalion, of the Corps Artillery with the nuclear capability. Our prime movers were gas powered M8 tracked vehicles. We had 5 ton trucks as ammo carriers. The 8 inch round weighs 200 pounds. You load it with a tray held by 4 canoneers and punch it home with a ramrod.

At this time the US Army in Korea was augmented with Korean soldiers called "KATUSAs" for, Korean Augmentation to the US Army. The majority of the artillerymen in C Battery were Korean soldiers. We had several NCOs and two Korean officers to help us as

“advisers” assisting in discipline and training, Capt. Chay and Lt. Kim. The BC was a US Army captain, Sam Jernigan. The battery “cadre” were the US Army NCOs. The first sergeant was named Mayo, and I believe the chief of firing battery was SFC John Phillips. The motor sergeant was SSgt Lupian. The mess sergeant was SFC Ramon Diaz-Ruiz, Sgt Jerry Wilke was commo sergeant, and the chief of survey was Sgt Ken Lee, I believe, and an American Sp5 was in the FDC. There were few American Pvts, Pfc’s and Sp4’s. The battery had 4 guns. Each Chief of Section was an American NCO. Commands were in English. The chief of section put his best English speaker on the phone to communicate with me when laying the battery and giving the elevation and deflection. The phone operator then communicated with the gunner usually in Korean. Of course, the chief of section was always there to ensure that all went well. Capt. Chay was pretty good at fire direction and often helped me in the FDC. We did not have a computer. Any training and handling of the nuclear round was done by me with help from battalion.

We went on manoeuvres and to the firing range often in the winter. The 8” howitzer is a heavy unwieldy piece of iron. The icy and rough roads were a challenge for the M8 tractors and their Korean soldier drivers. Somehow, we never had a mishap on the road.

One time, at the range, we were visited by a group of Vietnamese officers. As I spoke a little French, I had a nice talk with them. Little did I think how much I would get to know them a few years later!

In those days, the Korean society was quite poor and the cultural differences were great. But, in the battery, we trained to the point where we functioned smoothly. One thing I remember was how the Korean soldiers got used to the US Army chow. They would sometimes fill a glass half full of milk then the rest of the way with sugar. The mess sergeant had a fit!

When I left C Battery in June 1961, they were about to move from Quonset huts into new cinder block buildings. The next winter was going to be more comfortable.

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have become Life Members of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association, since the July 2009 newsletter.

- 097 Albert (Bert) M. Ryan, Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery (1968)
- 098 Roy E. Korkalo, Battery Commander Battery C & S3, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1976-1978); Battalion Commander, 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2d Infantry Division (1984-1985)
- 099 William P. Dahlin, Battery C, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery (1967-1968)
- 100 Jackie M. Stroud, Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery (1970-1971)
- 101 Donald Brooks, Battery C, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (1964-1966)

- 102 Jerry (Doc) Cody, Battery B, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery (1967-1968)
- 103 Michael G. Klingeman, Battery B, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery (1969-1970)
- 104 Charles M. Garner, Battery C, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (1965-1966)
- 105 Larry R. Werkheiser Sr., Battery B, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1997-1999); Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (2003-2007)
- 106 William K. Beers Jr., Headquarters Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery (1967-1968)
- 107 Dennis C. Smith, Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division (2007-Active Duty)
- 108 William M. Caiella, headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 17th Artillery (1969-1970)
- 117 Todd R. Wasmund, Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (2009-Active Duty)

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have paid the annual dues since the July 2009 newsletter.

Shawn Finley

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

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| Dennis Keesling | Bob Lowery |
| Daniel Blubaugh | Philip Smith |
| Larry Lovejoy | Stephen Hammer |
| Stephen Rummock | Richard Wynn |
| James Buford | Gary Steen |
| George Tanner | Wilferd (Bob) Huston |
| Robert Labak | James Widener |
| Michael Squadrille | Robert Bass |
| James Yore | David Zell |
| Norman Barton | Toby Swanson |
| Alvin Popp | Heinz Schiemann |
| Roger D. Wolfen | Henry J. Dudek |
| Edwin Ahonen | Charles Lankford |
| James Kasaback | William Selis |

How to Request Your Medals

If you are an Army Veteran or the next-of-kin (un-remarried widow, eldest child, parent, eldest sibling, eldest grandchild) of an Army veteran, you may request a set of authorized medals and decorations by sending a written request along with a copy of the DD Form 214 or other discharged papers (if available) to:

National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Or you can visit the National Personnel Records Center website at: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

If you have never received a set of your medals before, your request will be processed free-of-charge. If this is a replacement set, there will be a nominal fee. If you are the primary next-of-kin only one request for medals will be honored.

After the National personnel Records Center processes your request, they will send you a list of the medals you are authorized. You can check the status of your request,

as well as view some general information about medals and decorations at: www.veteranmedals.army.mil.

17th Field Artillery Gear

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

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



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



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



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

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

Receive "The Castle" by email:

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

To receive the electronic newsletter, notify the association's secretary: Jack Picciolo at: purrfive@comcast.net with your current email address and receive the newsletter first.

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

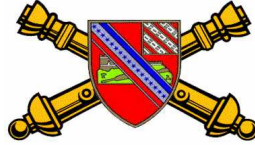
Association Officers 2010

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

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

/s/Thomas R. Kurtz
Thomas R. Kurtz
Association President

17th ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION



2010 ANNUAL REUNION

The 2010 Annual Reunion will be held at the Country Cascades, 4010 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863, on October 27, 2010 through October 29, 2010. The general membership meeting and banquet will be held on October 30, 2010. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-523-3919. Room rates are \$79.00 per night plus tax (9.75%). Motel will charge the first night stay as a deposit per room. Room Rates are as good two days prior and two days after the reunion. When making your motel reservation for this rate, [be sure to tell them you are with the 17th Artillery Reunion](#). Reservations must be made by September 25, 2010. The room rate includes free continental breakfast daily. There is also 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. Please bring an item for the auction. To start your planning on what to see and do check out Pigeon Forge web site at: www.mypigeonforge.com

TENTATIVE INTINERARY:

- Oct 27, 2010 - Check in (3 P. M. Hospitality Room Open)
- Oct 28, 2010 - Sight seeing and tours on your own (Tours can be arranged)
(8 A. M. Hospitality Room Open)
- Oct 29, 2010- " " " " " " "
(8 A. M. Hospitality Room Open)
- Oct 30, 2010 - 9-10 A. M. General Membership Meeting
1-3 P. M. Annual Membership Banquet

Sincerely,

Thomas Kurtz
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17th ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

REUNION # 12 - 2010

October 27-29

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
5513 WHITFIELD WAY
CARMICHAEL, CA 95608-3038

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: \$37.00 per person-X-number attending _____ = \$ _____

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 2010 or a life member.**

Complete the form below, and mail it with your check or money order (Payable to **17th Artillery Regiment Association**). Mail to: Rich Siebe (*Association Treasurer*) 5513 Whitfield Way, Carmichael, CA 95608-3038. Upon receipt of your 2010 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). U. S. Mail will send User ID and Password to you. User ID and Password are changed January 1 of each year.

Join or renew now: 2010 Membership Dues is \$20.00 (January – December) (Annual dues \$20.00 per year)

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

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

Address: _____

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

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

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

Please check those that apply:

Battery or Batteries:

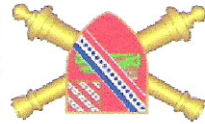
- 17th Field Artillery/Battalion/Group/Regiment (Prior to 1958) _____
- 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – Present) _____
- 2d Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 2008) _____
- 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 1996) (2007-Present) _____
- 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1995) _____
- 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1996) _____
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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: If you are on active duty check here. You may not have a DD Form 214 yet.

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Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 08-09, Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment posed for a picture at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Tallil, Iraq. Battery C soldiers performed as Convoy Escort Teams (CET) during their tour

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