

# 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, debruised by a bendlet argent bearing two ribbons of the field and azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field.

### Crest:

On a wreath of the colors, or and gules, a mount argent garnished vert, bearing a linden leaf proper charged with a fleur-de-lis argent.

### Motto:

In Time of Peace Prepare for War.

### Symbolism:

The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein bedruised by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of the castle by the 17th Field Artillery. The canton alludes to the arms of the 8th Field Artillery from which men were transferred to organize the 17th Field Artillery. The crest commemorates the two most noteworthy battle incidents. The White Mountain is for Blanc Mont. The leaf is taken from Verte Feuille Farm, on of the positions occupied by the regiment in the Soissons offensive; the linden leaf was chosen as being very common in that region. The fleur-de-lis is from the arms of Soissons.

### DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield of the coat of arms.

### Presidents comments:

By James Sanders

Our 15th annual reunion was held in Beautiful San Antonio, Texas. Veterans started arriving on Monday 3 Sept 2013 and continued arriving thru Thursday. The reminiscing began immediately. There were several in attendance for their first time. It was a pleasure to meet them and talk about their tour with the 17th Artillery. One of our Veterans (Rodivico Guerrero) invited his Daughter and Son in Law who is a Vietnam Veteran from an aviation unit to attend. His son in Law (John Peredo) became our photographer for the reunion. John was accompanied by his lovely wife Berty.

The general membership meeting was held on Friday. The membership voted to have 4 scholarships again this year. It was voted that our 1st place scholarship will be named after Larry Miller. There were several donations to the 1st place scholarship. Gilbert Bernabe volunteered and was appointed as Scholarship Chairman.

Our Banquet was also held on Friday. The guest speaker was one of our life members, Bill Dahlin, He spoke very highly of Larry Miller. The banquet and auction went well with Jerry Cody as the auctioneer. A lot of thanks to the vets that brought items for the auction and to those doing the bidding.

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

I and several Association members attended the 1st Battalion 17th Artillery deactivation ceremony.

**DEACTIVATION OF THE 1st BATTALION, 17th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, 75th FIRES BRIGADE**

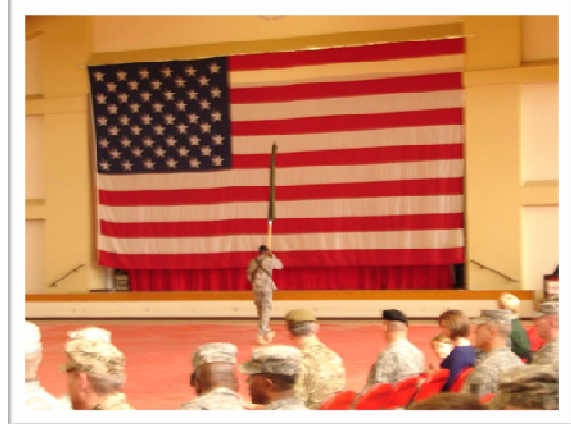
With their Lineage to Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, the 1st Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery was activated in South Korea on June 1, 1958. The 1st Battalion moved from South Korea to Fort Sill, Oklahoma in the early 1970's, attached to the 75th Artillery Group.

The 1st Battalion has since served overseas in Germany, April - September 1976, for Increased Combat Capability Europe 76 (ICCE 76); in Southeast Asia for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm (1990-1991); Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 2003-2004, 2005-2007 and 2008-2009; and in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) 2010-2011.

The 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment deactivation ceremony was held at the Fort Sill Rinehart Fitness Center on December 11, 2013.



*The cloaking of the Battalion's Colors*

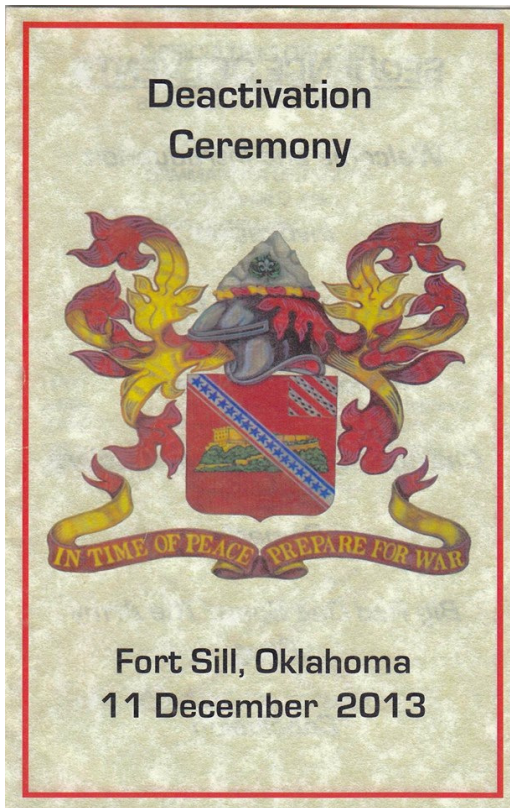


*The Cloaked Colors are retired.*



*The deactivation ceremony was attended by the following association members, (In Picture),(L-R) Rodivico (Rod) L Guerrero, James H. Sanders (President), Gary B. Griffin (2nd Vice President), and (not pictured) Colonel (Retired) Ralph W. Melcher, who commanded the 1st Battalion in South Korea 1967-1968. All are life members of the association.*

*Pictures are courtesy of Berty Bertillia Guerrero Peredo, daughter of Rodivico Guerrero, and taken by her husband John Peredo.*



*Cover of the Battalion's Deactivation Program*

## **2014 Scholarship Grants:**

**Gilbert A. Bernabe, Scholarship Committee Chairman**

### **2014 Scholarships:**

For 2014 the 17th Artillery Association general membership has approved four (4) scholarships. The following scholarships have been authorized:

- Larry Miller Scholarship: \$3,465.
- One Grant for: \$1,500.
- Two Grants for : \$1,000.

To date, the Association has awarded Twenty Seven (27) scholarship grants for a total of (Thirty One Thousand dollars \$31,000.00) 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).

### **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 that has served with or who is presently serving in the Regiment.

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 Association, then that applicant is not eligible to apply for another scholarship grant. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2014) 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 (April 1, 2014).**

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

**2014 Scholarship Selection Committee:**

**Chairman:** Gilbert A. Bernabe

**Voting Members:** Bill Dahlin, Mike Klingemann, John Melacesca

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**This is an article received from Felipe Camarillo's Son, Thorolv Valentinsen of Norway**



Felipe Camarillo



Felipe Camarillo's son (Mike)

Dear Veterans,

I would very much appreciate more information about my father, SSGT Felipe Duran Camarillo (1933-1968), whether you knew him from Vietnam, Germany, Korea or from back home in the US. He was my father. Here's my story:

My name is Thorolv Valentinsen, I live in Haugesund, Norway. I was born in Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany in 1960, and was adopted by a Norwegian couple in 1961.

When I was a kid, about 9 or 10 years old, my parents told me they were not my biological parents. I already knew I was born in Germany, and I wondered why they were not. They told me the little they knew about my biological parents: My mother was German, from Bayreuth, north of Nuremberg in Bavaria. My father was an American soldier, from Texas. When they adopted me I was in a children's home in Hof, north in Bavaria. I was baptized in a small town not far from Hof, and my parents gave me the name Thorolv. Before that I was called Michael. Later my Norwegian parents tried to contact German authorities to get more information about my biological parents, but then such information was secret.

Many years later, in 2005 while sitting in front of my computer, I started thinking: Man, you've got Internet and the whole world right there. Try to find out more about your parents! I wrote an email to a local newspaper in Hof, hoping they would publish an "inquiry". Maybe someone knew about me? I did not hear anymore, until I received an email from a registry office in Erlangen. The office had been contacted by the newspaper I emailed, and they would send me a certificate of origin for a small fee. After a week's time, I received the certificate, stating the identity of my mother and father. In the meantime I had found out that since the year 2000 adoptions in Germany were no more secret. My hands were shaking as I was sitting there with two names; Johanna Nuetzel and Felipe Duran Camarillo. I started searching on Google. I found



nothing about my mother. As for my father, I soon found out he was killed near An Khe, Vietnam 3 April 1968, at 34. I felt very bad about it, because I would never have the chance to contact him. What about my mother? The registry office in Erlangen gave me the email address to the Children's welfare office in Bayreuth (not far from Erlangen) the town where my mother lived when I was born. I contacted them, and they were of great help. I got more information from them. My mother was from Bayreuth and my father was from Seguin, Texas, USA. My mother was still alive and still resident in Bayreuth. If I wanted, they could contact her. What a great service! I was so grateful. After a few days I received an email from my mother in Germany! At first she was shocked, she told me, but she wanted to get to know me, and was so happy to hear that I have had a good life in Norway. I let her use my German name, Michael, the name she once used to call me. She met my father late 1959 shortly after he arrived in Germany and was stationed in Bindlach (Christensen Barracks) just north of Bayreuth. She worked in a cantina there. After a lot of emails and phone calls I visited her, her husband and her family in Bayreuth in 2006. They were so wonderful to me. There never were any hard feelings. We both felt so happy. My mother passed away in 2009 at 73, but I still have contact with her family in Bayreuth. I visited them in 2013.

At the same time I found my mother in Germany, I started searching for my father in the USA. I published an "inquiry" on a Vietnam Veteran's news forum. I was contacted by Tom Kurtz. Tom was of great help, he really opened the door to the USA for me. He gave me email addresses to some Veterans, among others Larry E Miller, Paul Fusco and Paul Raymond. In 2013 also Norman R Jones.

Paul Raymond was in touch with one of Felipe D Camarillo's daughters, Belinda, and he had her email address. Shortly after, contact had been established between me and a family member in the USA! Belinda told me a lot about her family, and introduced me to her siblings and her mother. They were all very nice and friendly. The name Michael/Mike works pretty well in the US too, so that's what they call me. Then in 2011, my family and I visited the USA for the first time! After four days in New York we went to San Antonio and Dad's home town Seguin TX to meet my family there, for the first time. We spent some precious days together with the most wonderful people, and also took part in the celebrations on 4 July. I really felt at home together with the Camarillos. After a most wonderful week in San Antonio/Seguin we set off for Orlando, Florida for another 10 days, before returning home to Norway.

In summer 2012 we went back to the United States for another three weeks. A family reunion was taking place in California. But first we spent five days in San Antonio/Seguin. This time both daughters from Dad's second marriage in El Paso came (we had already met one of them in Texas in 2011). This time I took a lot of photos from photo albums and some letters Dad wrote while in Vietnam. One of his daughters had brought his uniform from El Paso. Being there together when she unpacked his uniform and the Star Spangled Banner was very special for all of us.

Then it was time to move on to California. Dad had a brother in Folsom, just outside Sacramento. He deceased in 2010. We visited his wife and four sons with their families, together with family members from Texas. We spent five great days together with these wonderful people, and we had a big family reunion party. After Folsom some of "us Texans" spent four days in San Francisco, before me and my family went on down the Highway 1 to Burbank/Los Angeles for another 11 days. 6 weeks in two years in wonderful America meeting a wonderful family. What more can you ask for?

Can you imagine, just 9-10 years ago I knew very little about the beginning of my life, the identity of my biological parents and their lives. Now it's totally different. My life went from very good to even better. A great childhood in Norway, growing up, getting married and have kids. From 2005 a new dimension has been added to my life; family in the USA and Germany. That's really something.

Some people in Germany and in the United States have done a great job, helping me find my unknown relatives, making dreams come true, and making my life more complete. I will never forget. These days Tom Kurtz and Norman R Jones kindly help me with more information, also by using their contacts. To all you Veterans this concerns: I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

- Michael

### **Dates of Activation and Inactivation of the Eight Battalions of the Regiment since 1958**

When the Combat Arms Regimental System (CARS) was approved in 1957, the results for 17th Artillery were the formation of eight battalions of the regiment. Below are listed the activation and inactivation dates of those battalions. With inactivation of the 1st Battalion in December 2013, this leaves only the 2nd Battalion active

#### **1st Battalion (Regular Army)**

Activated 1 June 1958 in Korea

Inactivated 11 December 2013 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

#### **2nd Battalion (Regular Army)**

Activated 25 June 1958 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Inactivated 26 April 1971 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Activated 13 September 1972 in Korea

Inactivated 16 April 1987 in Korea

Activated 16 July 1988 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Inactivated 25 May 1996 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Activated 5 June 1996 in Korea

Inactivated 16 March 2008 at Fort Carson, Colorado

Activated 17 October 2010 at Fort Lewis, Washington

#### **3rd Battalion (Regular Army)**

Activated 25 June 1958 in Germany

Inactivated 31 March 1983 in Germany

Activated 16 June 1988 in Germany

Inactivated 15 May 1995 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Activated 17 April 2007 at Fort Lewis, Washington

Inactivated 9 September 2010 at Fort Lewis, Washington

#### **4th Battalion (Army Reserve)**

Activated 1 May 1959 at Raleigh, North Carolina

Inactivated 1 April 1996 at Raleigh, North Carolina

#### **5th Battalion (Army Reserve)**

Activated 1 April 1959 at Beaumont, Texas

Inactivated 31 December 1965 at Beaumont, Texas

#### **5th Battalion (Regular Army)**

Activated 5 July 1988 in Germany (*Withdrawn from the Army Reserve, allotted to Regular Army*)

Inactivated 15 January 1996 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma

#### **6th Battalion (Army Reserve)**

Activated 1 April 1959 at Bogalusa, Louisiana

Inactivated 25 February 1963 at Bogalusa, Louisiana

#### **7th Battalion (Regular Army)**

Activated 2 May 1960 at Fort Benning, Georgia

Inactivated 13 September 1972 in Korea

#### **8th Battalion (Regular Army)**

Activated 1 August 1967 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Inactivated 30 June 1971 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma



#### **17th Field Artillery Regiment's Missing In Action (MIA)**

##### **WORLD WAR I:**

##### **Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment**

\*Corporal Claude C. Wilhelm, MIA September 15, 1918

##### **WORLD WAR II:**

##### **2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment**

\*Sergeant Furman A. Boone, MIA February 14, 1943

\*Private First Class Paul J. LaBlanc, MIA February 14, 1943

\*Sergeant Claus Mangels, MIA February 14, 1943

\*Corporal Edward Roberts, MIA February 14, 1943

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

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

##### **630th Field Artillery Battalion**

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

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

##### **KOREAN WAR:**

##### **17th Field Artillery Battalion**

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

#### **Additions to the Veteran's Roster**

The following named 17th Artillery veteran has been added to the association's veteran roster, since the July 2013 newsletter.

\*Frederick J. Aegerter, Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968

\*Virgil W. Huston, Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968

\*Antony P. James, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 75th Field Artillery Group. October 1967-August 1969

\*Larry J. Spears, Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (Merrell Barracks), 210th Field Artillery Group, 1979-1981

#### **Notification of Deaths:**

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

\*Paul J. Hobart, who served in the Battalion Fire Direction Center, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968. Paul also spent a 30 day TDY period as a fire direction computer attached to a U. S. Marine Corps firing battery in the Chu Lai area.

\*Dalyn E. Forrest, who served with Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion during the Korean War, 1952-1953.

\*Colonel (Retired) John J. Luxenburger Jr. (Life Member), who served in Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Service Battery and was Battery Commander of Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, I Corps Artillery Group (South Korea) 1955-1957

\*Kenneth J. Maples, who served with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1968-1969

\*Larry E. Miller (Life Member), who served as the battery medic for Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968. (Larry also served a short time as president of the association, before he resigned due to his illness.)



#### **17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Members (New)**

The following named 17th Artillery veterans has become Life Members of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association, since the July 2013 newsletter.

(Correction to life member data, should read: **151**William G. Montague, Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1967-1968.

**153 DANIEL (DAN) L. REEVES**, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1969-1970.

**154 JAMES T. YORE**, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1968-1969

**155 MICHAEL H. MURPHY**, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1968-1969.

The following named 17th Artillery veteran has paid their 2013 annual dues since the July 2013 newsletter.

Henry J. Dudek

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

George Tanner  
Frederick Aegerter  
John A. Kasaback

**The following veterans and their guest attended the reunion in San Antonio in September of 2013.**

Delmar & Pat Beard	Jackie & Molly Stroud
Raul & Rita Garibay	Gary & Sandy Griffin
Edward & Judy Dingman	Doyle & Paula Watters
Mike & Melanie Klingeman	Richard & Phyllis Flowers
Dave & Jerrine Rowell	Jerry & Joanna Cody
Dan & Brenda Reeves	James & Marty Gowan
Rodivico Guerrero	John & Berty Peredo
Thomas & Rita Turner	Daniel & Carol Lazenberry
James & Bonnie Yore	Richard Smith
Charles Riley	Bruce & Fran Latour
James & Ruth Will	Charles & Mary Will
John & Carol Picciolo	Charles Garner
Eugene Johnson	Bill & Susan Dahlin
Norman & Annette Jones	James & Jean Sanders
Terry & Margie Wallace	Neal Fouts
John & Nancy Melasecca	Bill & Cindy Wright
Wallace & Trudy Bates	Roy Korkalo
Bonny Lund	Albert & Jody Ryan
Francis Rash	Michael & Peggy Dages
Donald & Sharon Brooks	Larry & Brenda Lovejoy
Stephen Gerhardt	Leigh Goebel
Gilbert Bernabe	

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

***Life Through Death***

Death brings us to mourning and sorrow as a lot of us have felt this year. ( I personally lost my best and oldest friend of 48 years in April, another old friend of 30 plus years in July, and my step-father of 35 years during our San-Antonio reunion.) One thing that we all know for sure is that *we are born to die*. Unfortunately the date, time, or cause remains to be seen.

We live in this world only as a probationary status. What we really need to concentrate on is getting ready for the *'hereafter.'* Our minds can't fathom the definition of eternity.

We have one choice to make prior to leaving this world and that is, *"Where is my hereafter, Heaven or Hell?"* It's easy to

get into Hell, but as Jesus says in Mat. 19:24, *"Again I tell you, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."* Jesus came to save us from sin so that we could spend eternity with Him. ALL have sinned but we must ask for forgiveness to enter His kingdom and His father's. Ephesians. 1:7 tells us about God, *"He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins."* Try thinking about all of this and how your life is now and are you preparing for the hereafter. It might be your ticket to a happy and eternal life!

I'd also like to ask that you keep the following members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. (Phone calls, emails, and cards mean an awful lot sometimes!) John Mellesaca has had stints placed in his heart following a heart attack and we ask that you pray for their son who is dealing with cancer surgery. Bill Kinton is in an assisted living facility with his wife. Please continue to keep Lonnie English in your prayers who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease. Also please keep Tom Kurtz in your thoughts in prayers while dealing with family sickness. The following deaths were also reported over the last six months; Tom Beers, brother of member Bill Beers passed away; past association president Larry Miller succumbed to cancer; Bert Ryan's brother, Patrick died of cancer; Dan Reeve's father passed away; president Jim Sanders brother Michael Sanders; member's John Luxenburger Jr. and Kenneth Maples also passed away.

In closing, on behalf of my family and myself, I'd like to thank you all for the calls, emails, cards and flowers that were received during the passing of my step-father Capt. S. Russell Bray (Ret. USMC). May God watch over you all, our troops, and continue to bless America! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely,

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

**Treasurer's Report**

As we complete another year, it's time to look back at 2013 and look forward to what 2014 will hold for us. We completed 2013 with 28 paid members, and 3 have already paid for 2014. We acquired more life memberships in 2013 than in any year past. We currently have 155 in this category; topping this number will be difficult.

In an effort to reduce expenses, we have moved toward more electronic communication. One of my responsibilities is that of notifying all life members annually of the password change to access the website roster. This year the majority of those notifications were sent by email. If you received the change by US mail, either we don't have an email address for you or we have an incorrect address that needs to be updated. Please check the roster and let us know of any changes. On January 26, the cost of mailing a first class letter will increase from 46 cents to 49 cents. This makes cutting our operational costs even more important. We now receive our bank statements electronically. The statements are then forwarded to the association president by email for his review and approval.

As of December 31, we have \$18,595.85 in our account. The general fund has \$3,417.17 in it, and the scholarship fund has \$15,178.68. To date, \$1,965.00 has been donated in memory of Larry Miller. This amount is included in the scholarship fund total. As per my job description, this report is submitted for your information.  
Happy New Year!

Bruce Latour, Treasurer  
latourb@att.net



Wallace Bates & James Yore



Ed & Judy Dingman



Gary & Sandy Griffin, Paula & Doyle Watters  
(Red Socks, Now thats class)



Raul & Rita Garibay



The seven IaDrang Warriors



Rita, Raul Gariby, Bonny Lund, Roy Korkalo



Bonnie Yore & Larry Lovejoy



James Will receives his Life Member Plaque





The Three cooks and supervisor sitting



Daniel Lazenberry



Ed Dingman Receives his Life Member Plaque



John Peredo & Raul Gariby



Margie Wallace & Berty Peredo

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: [purrsfive@comcast.net](mailto: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

### Association Officers 2014

- James Sanders-----President
- Jerry Cody-----1st Vice President
- Gary Griffin-----2nd Vice President
- John (Jack) Picciolo -----Secretary
- H. Bruce Latour-----Treasurer
- Norman Jones-----Past President
- Richard Smith-----Chaplain
- John (Jack) Picciolo -----Historian
- Richard Flowers-----Quartermaster
- Edward (Ed) Hitchner -----Webmaster
- Gilbert Bernabe-----2013 Scholarship Chairman

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

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



**James Sanders**  
Association President

See you in Asheville, North Carolina



# 17th Artillery Regiment Association's Sixteenth Annual Reunion

Asheville, North Carolina

September 24-26, 2014

## 2014 REUNION REGISTRATION

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

Please come and bring your spouse, family members and friends to tour Asheville. We would like for all to bring their photo albums, snapshots and slides to share with everyone. If you have 35mm slides or 8mm film you will have to furnish your own projector. If you have your pictures on a CD or USB drive the association has a digital projector and computer that will be available to show them.

There will be plenty of time to get reacquainted with old brothers in arms and friends that you may have served with or you may even make some new friends. The association's quartermaster will have the gear items at the reunion. Please bring an item to auction off, for the auction that is held with the banquet. The money raised from association's auction will be placed in the general and scholarship fund. So now is the time to make your plans to attend and make your Hotel reservation. Please send in your registration slip and fee. **The registration will cover the Welcome Reception and the Banquet meal.** Please send the registration slip and fee to the treasurer, to arrive no later than September 07, 2014.

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

**Wed, Sep 24, 2014** – Veterans, family and friends arrive and sign into the Hotel. Then check into the hospitality room, sign the guest book, pick up your nametags, then visit your friendly quartermaster and purchase your association gear. We have plenty of gear, it will make the quartermaster's job easier in that he will not have to cart it all back home. At 6-8:00 PM there will be a meet and greet in the Biltmore.

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

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

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

POC:

Norman R. Jones

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17th Artillery Regiment Association's Registration Slip  
2014 Reunion- September 24-26, 2014

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 September 20, 2014)

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NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Nametags will be printed from the names submitted)

Address:

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

Registration fee: \$40.00 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 2014 or a life member.

Complete the form below, and mail it with your check or money order (Payable to 17th Artillery Regiment Association). Mail to: Bruce Latour (Association Treasurer) 4509 Mountain Path Dr, Austin, TX 78759-7214. Upon receipt of your 2014 dues or renewal, a membership card will be mailed to you. Life members will be mailed their numbered 17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Membership Coin. Members will be given the USER ID and PASSWORD to access the on-line veteran's roster located on the association's web site. ([www.17thartilleryregiment.org](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: 2014 Membership Dues is \$20.00 (January - December).

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

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I served with the 17th Artillery From (yr): \_\_\_\_\_ to (yr): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check those that apply:

- 17th Field Artillery/Battalion/Group/Regiment (Prior to 1958)
- 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 - 2013)
- 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 - 2008) (2010 -Present)
- 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 - 1995) (2007-2010)
- 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 - 1995)
- 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 - 1995)
- 6th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 - 1995)
- 7th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1960 - 1972)
- 8th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1967 - 1971)
- ACTIVE DUTY: If you are on active duty check here.

Battery or Batteries:

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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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*Soldiers of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment fire their 155mm howitzer.  
Picture from the Historical and Pictorial Review: Seventeenth Field Artillery,  
United States Army, Fort Bragg, N. C. 1941*

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