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(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 debruised 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, one 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.



17th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT CONSTITUTED ON JULY 1, 1916

One-hundred years ago, on July 1, 1916, the 17th Field Artillery Regiment was only constituted. In 1916, Congress enacted the National Defense Act. This act reorganized the land forces of the United States, which included the authorized force structure expansion in number the Regular Army field artillery regiments. The Army immediately organized three of the authorized twenty-one field artillery regiments by splitting up four of the six existing regiments and filling the vacancies with recruits to expand the number of active field artillery regiments to nine. Thus, on July 1, 1916 the 17th Field Artillery Regiment was only constituted.

President's Comments

By: Larry Lovejoy

What an experience this year's reunion was. I am glad to say that it was a success thanks to the efforts of our attending membership supporters. The Hotel had us playing musical meeting room costs and drink rules at the beginning, but was very gracious and accommodating to our needs at the start. The Hotel did provide us a large room in which we could hold our hospitality and banquet functions. I would also like to thank all of the attendees who were responsible for

making this year another successful reunion for our organization.

There were a number of familiar faces missing this year, but with the way things are today that is to be expected. Some of those not there just had some joint replacements and others with important family things to attend to, and we send out hopes and prayers that your all better in the future and can join us healthy again next year, we will be looking for you. We had two very important positions to fill at the reunion this year. The terms for the Secretary and President were up for renewal this year. Jack Stroud elected to the position of Secretary, and I was elected to the position of President for the Association.

We now can start looking forward to our next big reunion in 2016. We will be returning to the Fort Carson for our second time.

This presidents job is a lot to comprehend for me, so if you could, just bear with me.

I had a good time in Florida, hope everyone enjoyed as much as I did. I believe the auction went well; but, we still need to work on the general revenue.

All of the information for our next reunion will be forth coming on the website. Ed has it up and running like a top. I hope to see everyone at the Colorado Springs reunion. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Treasurer’s Report (2015)

Bruce Latour
Treasurer
17th Artillery Regiment Association

As of the writing of this treasurer's report we have the following totals in our bank account. These figures were obtained through the Quicken 2015 totals. The checking account has a total of \$17,366.46 in it. Our scholarship fund has \$15,012.94. This leaves the general fund with \$2,353.52. We have one outstanding check #443 that was written on November 10, 2015 that has not been cashed yet.

To date the Association has awarded a total of \$40,470.00 in scholarships since its formation more than a decade ago.

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Scholarship Grants since 2004: Number of Scholarship Grants:

Since 2004, the association has awarded thirty-four (34) scholarship grants, in the amount of \$43,920.00 to the

children, grandchildren of 17th Field Artillery Regiment veterans and active duty soldiers.

Break down of scholarship grants (2015)

- World War II veterans – One Grandson
- Cold War veterans – One Son; Four Granddaughters
- Korean War veterans – Three Grandsons
- Vietnam War veterans – Two Sons; Three Daughters; Three Grandsons; Thirteen Granddaughters
- Operation Desert Shield/Storm veterans – One Daughter
- Active duty members – One Son; Two Daughters



25th ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION DESERT STORM

The year of 2016 will be the 25th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the Regiment all took part in this operation. The ground war portion of operation started on February 24, 1991 and ended on February 28, 1991.

1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery

The 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was under the 75th Field Artillery Brigade. In January 1991, the Brigade was task organized under VII Corps Artillery in support of their offensive operations. The 75th Field Artillery Brigade march more than 100 miles along the infamous Tapline Road and joined the 1st Infantry Division (MECH) at TAA Roosevelt as the Air War stated January 15, 1991.

The 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery reinforced the 4th Battalion, 5th Field Artillery (Direct Support) to the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division supporting the main efforts of VII Corps and provided fires for the 1st Infantry Division (MECH) during their breaching operations.

On February 25, 1991, the 75th Field Artillery Brigade mission changed to reinforcing the 1st Armored Division, thus beginning the “Mother of Road Marches”, after moving across the battlefield more than 150 miles the 75th Field Artillery Brigade participated in the 1st Armored Division reduction of two Republican Guards Command Divisions.

The 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery redeployed to their home station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, closing in April 1991.

2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery

The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was under the 212th Field Artillery Brigade which was attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery and their mission was to reinforce the 24th Infantry Division Artillery (MECH). During the Air War the brigade was displaced 300 miles west and just south of the Saudi-Iraqi border. Here the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery fired the first Copperhead round in anger.

The 212th Field Artillery Brigade advanced with the lead brigade of the 24th Infantry Division as it charged into Iraq on G-Day, making contact with the enemy 120 kilometers later. The 212th participated in the attacks into the Euphrates River Valley and on Jalibah Airfield and the advance on the Basra, culminating in the devastating Battle of Rumaylah, which cut off the Iraqi escape the Hawr al Hammar Causeway. The brigade fought and helped defeat elements of the Iraqi 26th Commando Brigade, 47th and 49th Infantry Divisions, Al Faw and Ad Nam Divisions and finally, the Nebuchadrezzar and Hammurabi Divisions.

The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery returned to its home station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma closing in April 1991.

3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery

The 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was under the 210th Field Artillery Brigade in support of the VII Corps Artillery. As the VII Corps plan to run an end sweep around Iraqi positions began to take shape the 210th Field Artillery Brigade was placed with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was placed in direct support of the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment for the ground war. On February 23, the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment deployed to their final forward positions for the start of the ground war and then crossed the berm and into Iraq with the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery following. The 3rd Battalion remained in direct support of the 3rd Squadron until February 26.

On February 26, the 1st Infantry Division passed through the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and acquired the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, as it passed through. Here the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was placed in direct support of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division (MECH) until the ceased fire.

The battalion's personnel return to Germany in April 1991; their equipment and howitzers were shipped back to the United States

(Reference: Field Artillery Journal December 1991)



Citation for 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Operation Desert Storm, Reference DA GO 1994-27

Copy of the citation from the U.S. Army Center for Military History. The battalion was attached to the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment during the cited period. 23 February 1991 to 26 February 1991

For extraordinary heroism in action against the Iraqi Army during the period 23 February 1991 to 26 February 1991 the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, with its attached,

operational control, and direct support units the Dragoon Battle Group attacked into Southern Iraq, in the lead of VII Corps with such audacity that the Dragoon Battle Group quickly overwhelmed superior enemy forces, demoralizing them, and taking hundreds of enemy prisoners. On 26 February, during the battle of 73 Easting, the 2d Dragoon Battle Group established contact with the Tawakalna Division Iraqi Republican Guards Corps, and decisively defeated their advance elements, as well as elements of Iraqi armored units, effectively fixing this superior enemy force so that Corps could maneuver against and destroy them. Throughout this 96-hour period, the 2d Dragoons Battle Group displayed an intrepidity in combat that clearly set them apart from other combat units in the VII Corps. Its actions reflect the greatest credit upon the soldiers of the Battle Group and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the American military service.

Indicates name does not necessarily reflect unit official designation.

*Campaigns Streamers awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions of the Regiment.

*Defense of Saudi Arabia: (August 3, 1990 to January 16, 1991)

*Liberation and Defense of Kuwait: (January 17, 1991 to April 11, 1991)



REGIMENTAL MILESTONES for 2016

By: Thomas R. Kurtz

1916: (100 years ago), *July 1, 1916 the 17th Field Artillery Regiment constituted.

1921: (95 years ago), *January 5, 1921 to January 11, 1921 the Regiment moved from Camp Travis, Texas to Camp Bragg, North Carolina by train and was assigned to the newly formed 13th Field Artillery Brigade.

*The Band, Headquarters Battery 17th Field Artillery was reorganized and re-designated in 1921 as the Band Section, Service Battery, 17th Field Artillery.

*December 9, 1921, at 2100 hours a ceremony was held at the train station in Monroe, South Carolina, where French Field Marshall Foch personally presented the French Forragere to the 17th Field Artillery Regiment.

1931: (85 years ago), *Batteries E and F, 17th Field Artillery Regiment moved from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to Des Moines, Iowa by train with all personnel, equipment and animals. .

1941: (75 years ago), *January 19, 1941, elements of the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment made a road marched from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Fort Meade, Maryland to participate in President Roosevelt's inaugural parade held on January 20, 1941. Before going to the inaugural, the quartermaster issued all new clothing and equipment. The big

equipment was borrowed from the 9th Infantry Division. All new clothing, equipment, and big equipment were returned upon their arrival back to Fort Bragg.

*1941, the regiment's baseball team wins the Fort Bragg championship.

1946: (70 years ago), *February 22, 1946, the 630th Field Artillery Battalion was inactivated at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

*February 27, 1946 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Field Artillery Group was inactivated at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

*April 16, 1946, the 17th Field Artillery Battalion was inactivated at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

*August 1, 1946, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Field Artillery Group was activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

*August 1, 1946, the 17th Field Artillery Battalion was activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with a mission of serving as school troops for the artillery school.

1951: (65 years ago), (Korean War)*January 3, 1951, the 17th Field Artillery Battalion was released from attachment to the 24th Infantry Division and reverted to Eighth United States Army Korea (EUSAK) reserve.

(Korean War)*January 4-7, 1951, the 17th Field Artillery Battalion traveled by train and road to Pusan and was attached to the 2nd Logistical Command for a long period of training and re-equipment and was also tasked to provide security guards for convoys.

(Korean War)*February 2-5, 1951, the 17th Field Artillery Battalion again moved north to Chonan and was attached to I Corps.

(Korean War)*1951, For the remainder of the year the battalion or its firing batteries were attached or supported the fires of units of I Corps, IX Corps, 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Division, 7th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, 45th Infantry Division, 1st ROK Division, 2nd ROK Division, 6th ROK Division, and 1st Commonwealth Division.

(Korean War)*In July 1951, the 17th Field Artillery Battalion held a contest to select a nickname for the battalion. The original name selected was "Prusaitis' Persuaders", since the battalion commanders name at the time was Major Joseph J. Pruraitis, later the nickname was shorten to "Persuaders".

1956: (60 years ago), *January 15, 1956, the 537th Field Artillery battalion was relieved from School Troop Requirements (STR) to commence Post Cycle Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

*February 20, 1956, the 537th Field Artillery Battalion traveled from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to New Mexico for an additional mission (Project 2855).

*In October 1956, the 537th Field Artillery Battalion moved by convoy from Fort Sill to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas to train and qualify basic RFA, 6 month, trainees in the Field Artillery. When the training cycle was completed the battalion returned to Fort Sill on December 15, 1956.

1961: (45 years ago), *In October, during the cold war crisis over Berlin, the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery was

detached from the 214th Artillery Group and attached to the 169th Field Artillery Group (Colorado National Guard).

1966: (50 years ago), *3rd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery was assigned to 35th Artillery Group in Bamberg, Germany.

(Vietnam War)*2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery remained attached to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) as a General Support Battalion supporting their operations all during 1966.

(Vietnam War)*March 6, 1966, LTC Harry O. Amos, Battalion Commander, fired the 50,000 rounds for the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, since its arrival in Vietnam, from the 4th Howitzer Section, Battery C.

(Vietnam War)*November 6, 1966, the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery formed a provisional battery of four 155mm towed howitzers, which was designated as Battery D,

(Vietnam War)*December 27, 1966, Battery B, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery fired 1,333 rounds in support of the defense of LZ Bird, South Vietnam.

1971: (45 years ago), (Vietnam War) *March 28, 1971, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery fired the last rounds for the battalion in South Vietnam.

(Vietnam War)*2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery stood down at Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam; Battery A on March 25, 1971; Battery B on April 1, 1971; and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Service Battery and Battery C on April 4, 1971, ending the battalion's mission in South Vietnam.

*April 26, 1971, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery was inactivated at Fort Lewis, Washington.

*June 30, 1971, 1st Battalion, 17th Artillery stood down at Camp McIntyre, South Korea.

*June 30, 1971, the 8th Battalion, 17th Artillery was inactivated and reflagged as the 1st Battalion, 17th Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

*September 1, 1971, the 1st Battalion, 17th Artillery was re-designated 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery; 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery was re-designated 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery; 3rd Battalion, 17th Artillery was re-designated 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery; 4th Battalion, 17th Artillery was re-designated 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery; 5th Battalion, 17th Artillery was re-designated 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery; the 7th Battalion, 17th Artillery was re-designated 7th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery; 8th Battalion, 17th Artillery re-designated 8th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery.

*3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was released from attachment to the 35th Field Artillery Group and attached to the 210th Field Artillery Group in Germany.

1976: (40 years ago), *In April 1976, the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery deployed from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to Augsburg, Germany and attached to the 210th Field Artillery Group; a temporary assignment for Increased Combat Capability for Europe 1976 (ICCE 76). The battalion returned to Fort Sill in September 1976.

*October 22, 1976, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was released from attachment of the 210th Field Artillery Group and attached to the 72nd Field Artillery Group.

*November 11-14, 1976, the 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery took part in FIREX 76 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, exercise was conducted by XVII Airborne Corps Artillery.

*November 1976, the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery conducted its first test under the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) in Germany.

1991: (25 years ago), (Operation Desert Storm) *February 24-28, 1991, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 17th Field Artillery took part in ground operations for the liberation of Kuwait.

(Operation Desert Storm)*In April 1991, the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 17th Field Artillery returned to their home station at Fort Sill. The personnel of the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery returned to Ansbach, Germany, while their howitzers and equipment were sent to the United States (CONUS).

1996: (20 years ago), *January 15, 1996, 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery inactivated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

*April 1, 1996, 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was inactivated at Raleigh, North Carolina.

*May 25, 1996, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was inactivated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

*June 5, 1996, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was activated and assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea.

2001: (15 years ago) *1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma under 75th Field Artillery Brigade, III Corps Artillery.

*2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was stationed in South Korea under the Division Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division with a mission of Direct Support to the 2nd Brigade.

2006: (10 years ago), (Operation Iraqi Freedom)* Battery A, Battery B and Battery C of the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment were assigned to the 181st Transportation Battalion for convey and convey security.

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)*January 2006, Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Regiment deployed to Iraq.

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)*September 2006, the Battalion Commander, Battalion Command Sergeant Major and 15 personnel of the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, who were with the Mayoral Section at Camp Victory, Iraq, returned to Fort Sill.

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)*October 2006, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment returned to Fort Sill from Iraq.

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)*Mid-October, 2006, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, deployed from Fort Carson, Colorado to Forward Operating Base Loyalty, Baghdad, Iraq.

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)*December 2006, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment returned to Fort Sill from Iraq.

2011: (5 years ago), *June 2011, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team (Stryker) readies for their first deployment to Afghanistan from Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington.

(Operation Enduring Freedom)*July 2011, the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment returns to Fort Sill from Afghanistan. The 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment had conducted 21 missions in 16 locations in five of the six regional commands of Afghanistan.



Life Membership Coin

17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Members (New)

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

171. Walter H. Ramsey, (Executive Officer, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1970-1971)

172. Henry (Hank) J. Dudek, (Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 41st Artillery Group (Fort Sill) and United States Army Republic of Vietnam, 1965-1966)

173. Donald (Don) L. Strong, (Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, January 1968-September 1968)

174. Harry Fetsick, (Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, May 1969- June 1970)

175. Willie H. Gates (Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, May 1968- May 1969)

176. Kolin V. Bernardoni, (Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, (Joint Base Lewis-McCord) (Afghanistan), September 2010-March 2013)

The following named 17th Artillery veterans have paid their 2015 annual dues, since the July 2015 newsletter.

Victor A. Robinson	John J. Strapac
William T. Ward	Lewis C. Wells
William (Bill) A. Frediani	R. Doug Runice

The following named 17th Artillery veterans has paid their 2016 annual dues.

Norman L. Barton	Lewis C. Wells
James L. Wisneski	Donald Arceneaux



The following named 17th Artillery veterans have been added to the association veteran's roster, since November 12, 2015.

*Kolin V. Bernardoni, Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, (Joint Base Lewis-McCord) (Afghanistan). (September 2010 – March 2013).

*Ronald E. Bragonier, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam (January 1969-January 1970).

*William (Bill) Fredian, Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, I Corps Artillery Group (South Korea), Track Drive, Loader, Chief of Section from Chicago; Illinois (1954-1955)

*Willie H. Gates, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, (May 1968-May 1969)

*Michael K. Lesko, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 72nd Field Artillery Group and 210th Field Artillery Group (Germany) (1976-1979), and several batteries, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 75th Field Artillery Group (Fort Sill), (1979-1981).

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

*Holic Barton Jr.(Life Member) (Fire Direction Center, Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1968-1969)

*Gary Beal (Fire Direction Center, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1968-1969)

*Albert Carabba (101 years old) (Battery A, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 13th Field Artillery Brigade, 1941-1944; Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, VI Corps Artillery, Seventh Army, 1944-1945)

*Sergeant First Class (Retired) Rodivico L. Guerrero, (Life Member) (Section Chief, 3rd Howitzer Section and Chief of Firing Battery, Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion 17th Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and South Vietnam 1963-1966, Rodivico was also a veteran of the Korean War)

Dear family and friends,

This has been a wonderful year! Our biggest news is the birth of our first grandson: Julian Timothy Dahlin, born Nov. 6th, 2015 to Tim and Eve Dahlin. He is a beautiful baby boy with lots of dark hair. Julian joins his sister, Emily who turned 2 on Dec. 26th.

Our daughter, Cindy and her husband Wade have two beautiful daughters: Charlotte (11) 5th grade and Frances (7) 2nd grade. We are very proud of them.

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a party given by our daughter, Cindy. The years go by quicker than a wink, enjoy yourself, it's later than you think! That old song is so true!

This year we enjoyed 2 cruises : one in February to Key West and the Bahamas and one in October to Belize, Roatan, and Cozumel. Both cruises were with a group of friends we met at the YMCA.

In September, we travelled to Pennsylvania to attend Bill's 60th High School Reunion. There was a good turn out with 60 classmates and 42 guests. A wonderful time was had by all during the 3 day week end activities. They have a very active class. We also visited friends and relatives while in PA.

Bill and I are doing fine but we both have ailments:

Bill has allergies which cause breathing problems and I have arthritis which comes and goes. Bill had a low pulse rate of 35 which was corrected by a pacemaker and is now beating 70 beats/min.

You may have heard of all the rain and tornadoes here in Texas! Fortunately, we were not affected. This has been the wettest year on record with much flooding. On Dec 26th we were celebrating Emily's 2nd birthday when tornadoes hit about 35 miles to the North of us and pulverized many of the homes.

May God bless you with a healthy, happy 2016! We send our love to all!

Susan & Bill Dahlin

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

HOPE AND FUTURE

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season! It was good to see those of you in St. Augustine, FL. and it was an especially happy event for myself and Cathy as well as most of you know by now. It's hard to believe how quickly another year has come and gone and we're a little older as well. I'm coming up on my eighth year as chaplain for this association and I can't think of a more rewarding position for me! I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve you spiritually as well as a former "Redleg." (We're NEVER a *former* Redleg in my book!)

We are seeing a lot of national and international news involving an election for a new commander in chief for our country with plenty of debates and news media. We're seeing countless acts of terrorism in other countries as well as on our own soil. We hear stories of immigrants trying to find refuge from war but what is it that we *don't* hear? The news that God the Father and His son Jesus Christ are still alive from the *beginning* to the *end*!

The night before Jesus was crucified He prayed (John 16:33) "*In this world you will have trouble.*" John 17:20 He prays, "*My prayer is not for them alone. I pray for those who will believe in me through their message that all of them may be one.*" He is praying for OUR protection. He prays for our *unity*. (John 17:21) "*I pray that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.*" We must not only be unified as a nation but more importantly unified with God! None of us know what tomorrow or next year will hold for us but we do know one thing and that is our Heavenly father is with us to the end!

The only two deaths that have been reported to me since the last newsletter was that of a man I met at Ft. Sill while stationed there in 1975. He had just retired a year or two earlier and I was in AIT at the time with six months prior service. Over the last 14 years we shared a few laughs together and friendship. Please extend your thoughts and sympathies to the family of Rodivico L. (Rod) Guerrero. He

**17th Artillery Regiment Association
Life Membership Coin Holders
(As of December 1, 2014)**

<u>Coin</u>	<u>Name of Coin Holder:</u>	<u>Life Member as of:</u>			
<u>Nmbr:</u>					
001	Harold & Erma M. Brown Sr.	June 3, 2000	061	Terry L. Wallace	August 9, 2005
002	Thomas Vernor (Deceased)	January 9, 2001	062	Lyndle E. Claus	August 25, 2005
003	Harold (Buck) M. Brown Jr.	June 6, 2001	063	James R. (Dick) Graves (Deceased)	September 16, 2005
004	Nolan Putman (Deceased)	September 9, 2001	064	Daniel L. Lazenberry	September 24, 2005
005	Thomas R. Kurtz	November 20, 2001	065	Robert L. Hallahan	October 26, 2005
006	Richard (Rich) Siebe	January 1, 2002	066	Bruce Latour	January 12, 2006
007	James H. Drennan	February 23, 2002	067	Wiley A. Jarrell	January 30, 2006
008	John J. Korsun JR. (Deceased)	April 8, 2002	068	James H. Sanders	February 9, 2006
009	Paul J. Barton	April 24, 2002	069	Raymond C. Gomez	February 28, 2006
010	Leslie B. Scott (Deceased)	April 29, 2002	070	Charles G. Ross	April 5, 2006
011	Robert R. Brooks II	May 7, 2002	071	Neal P. Fouts	April 12, 2006
012	James Moore (Deceased)	May 21, 2002	072	David S. Bickler	June 24, 2006
013	Edward (Ed) T. Hitchner	May 22, 2002	073	George W. Adkisson (Deceased)	August 7, 2006
014	Thomas (Mike) M. Turner (Deceased)		074	Henry E. Griffendorf Jr.	August 17, 2006
015	Paul Fusco	August 2, 2002	075	Thomas C. Bast	September 21, 2006
016	Norman (Richard) R. Jones	August 4, 2002	076	Ketrick T. Mc Millin	December 3, 2006
017	Gary L. Bress	October 4, 2002	077	John Ryan	December 16, 2006
018	John C. Melasecca Jr.	November 15, 2002	078	James T. Caudill	February 7, 2007
019	Frank Zitzman	November 19, 2002	079	David W. Gogel	April 8, 2007
020	Bobby (Bob) A. West	January 8, 2003	080	Stephen J. Audett	June 26, 2007
021	Peter Coffin	January 17, 2003	081	Donald W. Terry	September 10, 2007
022	Jerome L. Fritsche II (Deceased)	February 22, 2003	082	Thomas W. Remley	November 18, 2007
023	Walter (Jack) J. Larson (Deceased)	February 26, 2003	083	Hollis B. Cahoon	December 7, 2007
024	John (Jack) J. Picciolo	March 24, 2003	084	Raymond J. Heuring	December 9, 2007
025	William J. Wright	April 4, 2003	085	Paul M. Moser	January 17, 2008
026	C. Alex Brassert	June 4, 2003	086	Avery Hall	January 23, 2008
027	Dietrich W. Neckien (Deceased)	April 27, 2003	087	John J. Luxenburger Jr. (Deceased)	January 24, 2008
028	Michael W. Mason	October 9, 2003	088	David P. Rush	February 21, 2008
029	Michael (Mike) Burke	October 10, 2003	089	Francis J. Roberts	April 14, 2008
030	Eugene Johnson	November 14, 2003	090	Rod L. Guerrero (Deceased)	July 7, 2008
031	Francis (Fran) C. Rash	November 28, 2003	091	Thomas P. Ross	January 30, 2009
032	Delmar D. Beard	December 2, 2003	092	Birdeye L. Middleton	February 7, 2009
033	Charles E. Morrison	December 14, 2003	093	Rickie B. Simpkins	February 15, 2009
034	Robert Gary Kohl	December 20, 2003	094	Robert E. Lax	March 2, 2009
035	Michael Dages	January 15, 2004	095	Philip J. Brunwald	March 25, 2009
036	Lonnie O. English (Deceased)	January 21, 2004	096	Larry Hightower	April 11, 2009
037	Webster Cole	March 15, 2004	097	Albert (Bert) Ryan	August 9, 2009
038	Leonard T. Elzie	March 22, 2004	098	Roy E. Korkalo	August 15, 2009
039	Richard P. Carmody	April 29, 2004	099	William P. Dahlin	October 19, 2009
040	Jerry E. Pifer	May 15, 2004	100	Jackie Stroud	September 30, 2009
041	Louis J. Mazzarella	May 17, 2004	101	Donald L. Brooks	November 9, 2009
042	Richard J. Flowers	May 22, 2004	102	Jerry (Doc) Cody	November 9, 2009
043	James M. Sherrill	July 20, 2004	103	Michael Klingeman	November 11, 2009
044	Wallace L. Bates	September 1, 2004	104	Charles Garner	November 11, 2009
045	Richard A. Smith	September 14, 2004	105	Larry R. Werkheiser	December 18, 2009
046	George A. Schaefer	October 30, 2004	106	William K. Beers Jr.	December 18, 2009
047	Charles Riley	November 5, 2004	107	Dennis C. Smith	January 4, 2010
048	Pete Schwarz	November 13, 2004	108	James M. Caiella	January 4, 2010
049	Robert M. Kinton	November 13, 2004	109	Paul V. Shepherd Sr.	January 11, 2010
050	Robert L. Plata	November 13, 2004	110	Leonard A. Eason	February 13, 2010
051	Gilbert A. Bernabe	November 13, 2004	111	Jeffrey S. Wilcox	April 26, 2010
052	George Winton	November 19, 2004	112	Holice Barton Jr. (Deceased)	April 26, 2010
053	Harry O. Amos	January 4, 2005	113	Robert H. Giselbach	August 9, 2010
054	Stephen J. Lowery	January 14, 2005	114	William A. Selis	August 9, 2010
055	Gerald F. Brown	January 28, 2005	115	Ronald B. Hood	August 16, 2010
056	Larry E. Miller (Deceased)	February 7, 2005	116	Jon M. Johnson	August 31, 2010
057	Raymond P. (DAK) Lais (Deceased)	March 26, 2005	117	Todd R. Wasmund	November 12, 2009
058	Larry J. Davis	May 7, 2005	118	Cecil P. LeGrand	September 9, 2010
059	Leon Mc Kenzie Sr.	June 4, 2005	119	Stephen D. Gerhardt	October 1, 2010
060	Leonard S. Spencer	July 29, 2005	120	Larry W. Lovejoy	October 27, 2010
			121	Buford Calfee	October 30, 2010
			122	Carlos E. Esmurria	October 30, 2010
			123	Richard Heydt	October 30, 2010
			124	Doyle Watters	November 27, 2010
			125	Richard H. Sugg	November 27, 2010
			126	Harrell (Lyn) Hartman	December 7, 2010
			127	Marcel L. Simonet	January 3, 2011
			128	Richard (Dick) Stanton	January 3, 2011

129	James M. Shernesky	January 10, 2011
130	John P. Clingan	February 13, 2011
131	Bruno A. Kalkowski	June 8, 2011
132	Jeffrey Carra	June 29, 2011
133	Dave Rowell	October 18, 2011
134	Gary M. Steen	December 17, 2011
135	Lawrence Moren Jr.	January 9, 2012
136	Curtis A. Collier	March 12, 2012
137	Mark P Krieger	May 18, 2012
138	Raul A. Garibay	June 18, 2012
139	Ralph W. Melcher	June 18, 2012
140	Francisco F. Garcia II	July 28, 2012
141	Gary B. Griffin	September 19, 2012
142	Larry L. Rice	September 26, 2012
143	James E. Will	October 25, 2012
144	Jack M Frizzell	December 1, 2012
145	Alan M. McIlvain	January 1, 2013
146	David L. Zell	February 1, 2013
147	Lonnie H. Jackson Jr.	February 7, 2013
148	Darwin L. McGladdery	February 12, 2013
149	Gail E. Fasse	February 14, 2013
150	Edwin J. Ahonen	February 19, 2013
151	William G. Montague	March 25, 2013
152	Edward E. Dingman	May 20, 2013
153	Daniel Reeves	July 16, 2013
154	James T. Yore	September 28, 2013
155	Michael H. Murphy	September 28, 2013
156	Richard C. Hoffman	January 24, 2014
157	William M. Simpson	January 27, 2014
158	Charles H. Seidman	February 8, 2014
159	Terry L. Earnst	February 8, 2014
160	Robert E. Highlands	May 12, 2014
161	Barry L. Matthews	June 24, 2014
162	Milton R. Holloway	July 10, 2014
163	James E. Kendall	July 10, 2014
164	Tom M. Jones	July 11, 2014
165	Mick D. Shanklin	August 16, 2014
166	Thornton W. Purvis	August 28, 2014
167	Ronda A. Henderson	September 26, 2014
168	John B. Bagley	November 28, 2014
169	Michael J. Hennessy	January 20, 2015
170	David P. Hull	February 2, 2015
171	Walter H. Ramsey	July 24, 2015
172	Henry J. Dudek	August 1, 2015
173	Donald L. Strong	August 21, 2015
174.	Harry Fetsick	October 24, 2015
175.	Willie H. Gates	October 30, 2015
176.	Kolin V. Bernardoni	November 12, 2015
177.		

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5.	Wallace Bates	2
6.	Norman Jones	Cancel
7.	Jackie Stroud	3
8.	Bruce Latour	2
9.	Jerry Cody	2
10.	James Will	2
11.	William Ward	1
12.	John Bagley	1
13.	Richard Siebe	1
14.	Larry Hightower	2
15.	Gilbert Bernabe	2
16.	Dave Rowell	2
17.	Charles Garner	Cancel
18.	Willie H. Gates	1
19.	Peter Coffin	1
20.	James Kendall	2
21.	Eugene Johnson	2
22.	Stephen Rumnock	2
23.	Donald Strong	Cancel
24.	Albert Ryan	2
25.	Michael Dages	2
26.	Richard Smith	2
27.	Jack Picciolo	2
28.	Roger Wolfen	2
29.	Stephen Gerhardt	2
30.	Richard Flowers	2
31.	Dan Reeves	2
32.	Cecil LeGrand	4
33.	Donald Arceneaux	1
34.	Larry Lovejoy	2
35.	Harry Fetsick	2
36.	Raymond Runice	2
37.	T. W. Purvis	2
38.	Paul Shepherd	1
39.	George Winton	2

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* - non Association Member
- not attending Banquet

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>
1. William Beers	2
2. James Sanders	2
3. Michael Klingeman	2
4. Barry Matthews	2

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This was something you don't see every day, and was it ever hot this day.

This NewsLetter has been approved by the board of directors.

Larry W. Lovejoy
Association President
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All of the (boys) from B/2/17 that attended



There seemed to be a lot of interest in this site



Beautiful buildings and beautiful weather



101 different drafts here Peter and Me having lunch



The banquet attendees settling in for the meal



Just could not drink everything in this place
Although Peter and Rich tried to do it



See what you missed this year.



Our new President Larry Lovejoy in striped
shirt talking things over with one of the attendees



Lots of food and lots of stories being told



Jack (TOJ), Bruce, Jim, and Jack wrapping things up



Artillery in the beginning!



Plenty of things to visit while we were there



Fancy stuff on their gun



Civil War Sniper Rifle, can you believe it?

Jackie M. Stroud
2461 Meadow Ridge Drive
Wheelersburg, OH 45694-9073



Signal Corps Photo 98220,
Washington D.C. January 1933:



Kitchen Truck, one of the Experimental Ford Battery Trucks, in a test to see if light commercial trucks would answer the field artillery requirements.

Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Bragg, North Carolina was the testing unit, which stopped in Washington D.C. en route to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont for winter testing

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