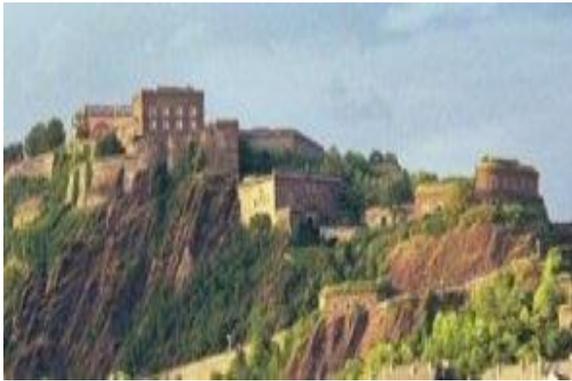


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From the Observation Post The President's View By Gil Bernabe

2018 is going to be a year of "Remembrance" for the artillerymen who have served with the 17th Artillery Regiment. For some Vietnam veterans this year is a BIG 5 – 0. Fifty Years! Yes – it has been 50 years since many of us were in Vietnam, somewhere in the Central Highlands, operating out of An Khe base camp, and conducting supporting fire missions all over the Central Highlands area of operations.

While 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of the 17th Artillery Regiment, 2018 will mark 50 years since the 1968 Tet Offensive; since the April 3, 1968, Viet Cong sapper attack on Charlie Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery. August 2018 will also be 50 years since Bravo Battery suffered the losses of PFC Clifford Draper and Corporal Stephen Jordan. It is also 50 years since a former Commander, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery, LTC Robert Whitbeck, was killed during Tet while assigned to his new unit.

Our November 2018 Reunion in the Washington Area will commemorate all of the 17th Artillery's Vietnam Fallen Heroes. The Prayer Vigil at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and at Arlington Cemetery will also pay respects to other 17th Artillery soldiers who were killed in action during other military operations.

The four scholarships to be awarded in 2018 are named for the artillerymen of Bravo Battery and Charlie Battery, 2nd Bn, 17th Artillery who were killed in Vietnam. The 17th Artillery's 2018 Scholarship Program is also announced and provides information on

contacting the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Gil Bernabe, to request a scholarship application.

In this issue of the Castle Newsletter, we again find the results of Tom Kurtz's superb research. First, he provides us a list of 2018 "Regimental Milestone." Tom also pays homage to our fallen 17th Artillery brethren, who were killed during the Korean War. In a third article, he provides a summary of facts about how our 40 scholarship winners are related to our 17th Artillery soldiers and the wars/combat operations our related veterans fought in.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars provide our readers with great information on the history of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial – which turned 35 years old in November 2017; and with some interesting statistics about our Vietnam Veterans.

Chaplain Richard Smith in his article on "The Spirit that Keeps on Giving," encourages us to be charitable and to support churches, veterans, and homeless organizations that provide assistance to the needy. Richard also reminds us to pray for our members and their families who are suffering poor health.

And finally, here are some quick facts on the November 2018 Reunion:

See information at page 2.

When:

Thursday, November 8 to Sunday, November 11, 2018. Board members arrive on November 6 for the Annual Business meetings. (Please see the Reunion Flyer in this Newsletter.)

Where:

Reunion Headquarters will be at the **Courtyard Dunn Loring Fairfax, 2722 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22180.**

We are still in the planning phase.

We know WHAT we will be doing. We just need to coordinate our activities with the National Park Service and Arlington Cemetery. We will participate in a Prayer Vigil at the Vietnam Memorial and at Arlington Cemetery. Of course, we will have the opportunity to tour our Nation's Capital and all the monuments and museums. A lunch time Potomac River cruise will be scheduled.

MEET AT THE Vietnam Veterans Memorial on April 3, 2018

On April 3, 2018, I will be traveling to Washington, DC to pay my respects to the Fallen Soldiers of Charlie Battery. You are all invited to join me at The Wall at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. During that week, I will coordinate preparations for our November 2018 Reunion. After our RECON is complete, we expect to send out completed details on all Reunion activities before June 1, 2018.

HELP WANTED – Updating our Website

We need your assistance in updating the following Reunion sites with pictures:

- 2015 – St Augustine, FL
- 2016 – Colorado Springs, CO
- 2017 Charleston, SC

If you have pictures of yourself and/or other members at any of the listed reunion sites, please send them to Gil Bernabe or Jack Stroud. We will organize the pictures and forward them to our Web master – Ed Hitchner.

Your Assistance is needed for the 2018 Reunion

If you have any experience in conducting a ceremony at The Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and/or the Tomb of the Unknown, please contact Gil Bernabe. We are looking for members who know how to obtain wreaths and know their way around The Wall and Arlington Cemetery. Your experience and assistance will prove invaluable as we prepare for our visit to those sites in November 2018. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and support!



Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS SINCE 2004:

Number of Scholarship Grants:

Since 2004, the association has awarded forty (40) scholarship grants, in the amount of \$51,920.00 to the children, grandchildren of 17th Field Artillery Regiment veterans and active duty soldiers.

Break down of scholarship grants (2017)

World War II Veterans – One Grandson

Cold War Veterans – One Son; Five Granddaughters

Korean War Veterans – Three Grandsons

Vietnam War Veterans – Two Sons; Three Daughters; Three Grandsons; Sixteen Granddaughters

Operation Desert Shield/Storm Veterans – One Daughter

Active Duty Soldiers (Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation Enduring Freedom), – One Son; Four Daughters

**List of 2017 – 17th Field Artillery Association
Reunion Attendees
Charleston, SC**

	Name	Spouse/Guest	Email Address
1	Gil Bernabe	June	Gilbernabe29@aol.com
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26	James Will	Ruth	Call – 540 – 298 – 9497 mjwill@comcast.com
27	Willie Gates		Peweebill@comcast.net
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29	Buford Calfee	Linda	calfeelinda@yahoo.com
30	Greg Boyette	Christine	Gil's Guests – cookout & banquet



REGIMENTAL MILESTONES for 2018

By: Thomas R. Kurtz

1918: (100 years ago), (World War I), *January 2, 1918, The 17th Field Artillery Regiment arrived by train at Camp du Valdahon, France from Brest, France, for a period of intensive training from January 3, 1918 to March 17, 1918. Here at Camp Valdahon, the 17th Field Artillery Regiment was issued their equipment and the French Schneider 155mm Horse Drawn Howitzers.

(World War I), *March 24 to May 13, 1918 the 17th Field Artillery Regiment along with the 2nd Division (US) were located in the Toulon-Troyon Sector, On March 19, 1918 at Rupt, France the Regiment fired its first rounds at the Germans.

(World War I) *Armistice Day, November 11, 1918 (Meuse-Argonne Offensive) the 17th Field Artillery Regiment was located at Beaumont, France, here the regiment fired their last rounds of the war. The regiment fired a total of 119,021 rounds during the war. The regiment was awarded two Croix de Guerre with Palm and the French Fourragere, for their actions during the war. In addition, Battery D was the only separated US Battery to be awarded a Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star.

*November 17, 1918, 17th Field Artillery Regiment began their march from France through Belgium to

Bendorf, Germany; arriving on December 16, 1918 and was designed a unit of the Army of Occupation.

1923: (95 years ago), *May 8, 1923, the 17th Field Artillery Regiment Distinctive Unit Insignia is approved.

1933: (85 years ago), *Battery D, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, the Ford Light Truck Battery (Experimental), travel in January 1933 to Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont for winter testing, with stops at Fort Humphrey and Fort Myer, Virginia

*March 1933, Battery D 17th Field Artillery Regiment, the Ford Light Truck Battery (Experimental), started their road march from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with stops at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Sam Houston, Texas along the way.

At Fort Sill, the trucks, equipment and howitzers of the light truck battery were turned over to Battery A, 1st Field Artillery Regiment.

1943: (75 years ago), (World War II), *January 6, 1943, 17th Field Artillery Regiment proceeded to Chanzy, Algeria (about 60 miles Southeast of Oran) to continued training there and also at Bedeau, Algeria.

(World War II), *2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment left for Tunisia the last week of January 1943 and fired their first round on February 3, 1943 at Kasserine Pass.

(World War II), *February 14, 1943 at Faid Pass, Tunisia the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was overrun by the 21st Panzer Division (German) resulting in the loss of half of their personnel, all of their equipment and 18 howitzers. Later, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was reorganized and equipped with 105mm howitzers.

(World War II), *May 6, 1943, the 17th Field Artillery Regiment was in its final positions of the African Campaign in the vicinity of Tebourba, Tunisia, near the Anserine Farm. Here on May 8, 1943, the last rounds of the African Campaign that were fired.

(World War II), *July 13, 1943, 17th Field Artillery Regiment sailed from Tunis, Tunisia for Sicily, as part of the invasion force, arriving at Gela, Sicily on July 14, 1943.

(World War II), *July 1943, During the Sicily campaign, the 17th Field Artillery Regiment supported the 1st Infantry Division, 9th Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Division, and 45th Infantry Division (all US).

(World War II), *September 3, 1943, 17th Field Artillery Regiment participated in the firing of the preparation for British crossing of the Strait of Messina.

(World War II), *September 23, 1943, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment sailed from Termini Immerse, Sicily for Italy.

(World War II), *In October 1943, both the 1st Battalion and 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment were reequipped with 155mm M1 towed howitzers.

(World War II). *October 16, 1943, Regimental Headquarters and 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment joined 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery

Regiment in supporting VI Corps, north of Volturno River, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment had already been firing in support of the 34th Infantry Division for the first crossing of the Volturno River.

(World War II), *December 10, 1943, 17th Field Artillery Regiment was relieved of mission supporting VI Corps (US) and assigned the mission of supporting C.E.F. (French Expeditionary Corps).

1948: (70 years ago), *January 24, 1948, Battery B, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, inactivated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; concurrently, re-designated as Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion and activated on December 15, 1948 at Fort Sill Oklahoma.

*October 1, 1948, 537th Field Artillery Battalion is activated at Camp Carson, Colorado.

1953: (65 years ago), *At the beginning of 1953, the 537th Field Artillery Battalion stripped of most of its personnel, due to the Korean War, was preparing for a training cycle, in order, to train 500 recruits to build back its personnel to a battalion size unit.

1958: (60 years ago), *June 1, 1958, Battery A, 17th Field Artillery Battalion is inactivated and re-designated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (constituted April 24, 1958 and activated in Korea June 1, 1958); Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion is inactivated June 1, 1958 and re-designated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery and activated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma June 25, 1958. (The 537th Field Artillery Battalion transferred its equipment and personnel to the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery); Battery B, 17th Field Artillery Battalion is inactivated on June 1, 1958 and re-designated 3rd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (organic elements constituted June 1, 1958 and were activated June 25, 1958, in Germany) (The 802nd Field Artillery Battalion is re-flagged as the 3rd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery); Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 17th Field Artillery Battalion is inactivated June 1, 1958 and is re-designated 7th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery and assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division (organic elements constituted and activated May 2, 1960 at Fort Benning, Georgia).

*June 25, 1958, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 537th Field Artillery Battalion is inactivated and re-designated Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 8th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery and activated August 1, 1967 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky (organic elements constituted April 16, 1967 and activated August 1, 1967).

1963: (55 years ago), *January 25, 1963, 7th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, at Fort Benning, Georgia is re-designated 7th Battalion, 17th Artillery.

*February 15, 1963, Battery A, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (Fort Sill) is re-designated Battery A, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 42nd Artillery and sent to Fort Benning, Georgia to join the newly formed 11th Air Assault Division.

*February 25, 1963, 6th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (USAR) is inactivated at Bogaluse, Louisiana.

* June 6, 1963, Battery A, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery is reconstituted and resumed its role in the battalion's mission at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

*August 1, 1963, 4th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (USAR) is re-designated as 4th Battalion, 17th Artillery.

*December 1963, Battery B, 3rd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery moves to Merrell Barracks, Nuremberg, Germany, here the 3rd Gun Battalion, 39th Artillery (280mm gun) is inactivated and its personnel are assigned to the 3rd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery to form a M110 8-inch howitzer battalion attached to 210th Artillery Group

1968: (50 years ago), (Vietnam War), *February 9, 1968, Battery D, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery (Provisional) was discontinued.

*April 1, 1968, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery is re-designated 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery (Vietnam War), *April 3, 1968, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery near Tuy Phuc, South Vietnam was attacked by an unknown number of enemies, from 0130 to 0530 hours. This attack resulted in the highest number of casualties suffered by the battalion during the Vietnam War: 11 KIA, (1 officer, 10 enlisted); 27 WIA, (2 officers, 25 enlisted).

(Vietnam War), *November 12, 1968, SFC Victor V. Evans, Chief of Firing Battery, fired the 750,000 round for the battalion from Battery A (Forward), 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery.

1973: (45 years ago), *September 1, 1973, the 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (USAR) is relieved from assignment to the Third United States Army and assigned to First United States Army.

1978: (40 years ago), *July 1, 1978, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery is released from attachment to 72nd Field

Artillery Group and attached to 210th Field Artillery Group.

1983: (35 years ago), *March 31, 1983, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery is inactivated in Germany and reflagged as 3rd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery.

1988: (30 years ago), *March 1988, 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery is converted to a M110A1 8-inch SP battalion.

*July 16, 1988, 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery is withdrawn from the Army Reserve, allotted to the Regular Army and activated in Germany assigned to 210th Field Artillery Brigade; the 2nd Battalion, 28th Field Artillery is re-flagged at 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery activated in Germany as a M109A3, 155mm SP battalion attached to 210th Field Artillery Brigade.

1993: (25 years ago), *1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (Fort Sill) participated in the 75th Field Artillery annual exercise "Taut Lanyards" in the massing of fires. The battalion fired in two Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises (CALFEXs), conducted battalion Field Training Exercise (FTXs) and with their Evaluation Exercise Evaluation (EXEVAL) in August that prepared them to support the 1st Cavalry Division at National Training Center (NTC).

*2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (Fort Sill) became the Army's first unit to field the M109A6 Paladin in June; they conducted New Equipment Training (NET) and collective training in July and August and was certified as the first Paladin battalion in its September EXEVAL.

*3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (Fort Sill) trained on their Multiple Mission Essential Task List (METL) to deploy, fight and sustain operations, their first, since the battalion moved from Europe to Fort Sill, in order to support the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment at NTC.

*5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (Fort Sill) trained on their METL tasks to deploy, fight and sustain operation; underwent their first EXVALs since their movement from Germany to Fort Sill and started preparing to convert to a Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) battalion.

1998: (20 years ago), *1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment (Fort Sill) began the year with several field exercises, training on new Paladin tactics then later

deployed nearly simultaneously to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas and Darwin, Australia.

*2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division (Korea) was in direct support to the Army's only light/heavy brigade the battalion spent the year honing their skills, by synchronizing live prep and Suppression of Enemy Air Defense (SEAD) fires, conducting more than 30 CALFEXs, and fired live copperheads for both ground and aerial observes.

2003: (15 years ago), (Operation Iraqi Freedom), *March 29, 2003, the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment departs Fort Sill, Oklahoma to Kuwait, as Task Force 1-17, to support the operations of the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq, as an attached unit. Task Force 1-17 provided direct support to the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment (Task Force Saber).

(Operation Iraqi Freedom), *April 14, 2003, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment (Task Force 1-17) enters Iraq with the 4th Infantry Division. The 1st Battalion fired its first mission against "Target Sadden", a defensive network around Balad Airfield, Iraq.

*September 1, 2003, 6th Howitzer Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (USAR) is re-designated 6th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery.

*November 15, 2003, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery becomes the organic artillery unit for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division (Korea).

2008: (10 years ago), *(Operation Iraqi Freedom) January 10, 2008, the combine Batteries of Battery B and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, deployed to Iraq, as Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, as a convoy security company, station at Contingency Operating Base Adder, Talill, Iraq.

*February 2008, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment (Fort Sill) sent a small detachment to Fort Bliss to support the 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment. The majority of the rest of its members of the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment were reassigned to the 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment, which later deployed to Iraq, on a Brigade Interment Security Mission.

2013: (5 years ago), (Operation Enduring Freedom), *January 2013, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division returned from Afghanistan, to their home station at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington.

*December 11, 2013, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment is inactivated at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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Since the 17th Artillery Regiment Association Reunion will be held in the Nation's Capital. We thought it would be beneficial for our members to read the following facts about The Wall.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL TURNS

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By Dave Spiva

VFW has supported all endeavors of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund—from The Wall to its yet-to-be-built education center.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated 35 years ago on Nov.13, 1982. Since then, more than 100 million people have visited the iconic structure, according to Jan Scruggs, founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. The National Parks Service noted that nearly 5.6 million people visited in 2016, making it the nation's second-most popular memorial or monument. The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was the top attraction with nearly 8 million visitors last year.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is more popularly known as "The Wall" because its central feature is a long black granite wall that lists the names of all 58,318 (as of May 2017) U.S. troops who died in the Vietnam War.

Donations from more than 275,000 individuals and other entities paid for the wall's construction. VFW contributed more than \$300,000 and was one of its earliest champions.

Scruggs, a Vietnam War veteran and member of VFW Post 341 in Washington, D.C., said VFW "never wavered" in its support of The Wall when other organizations were against its design.

Here are some facts about one of the most popular memorials in America.

Maya Lin, the designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, earned only a B for her design in a class at

Yale. However, Lin's design was chosen over her professor's entry by a group of architects assembled by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, according to the book Maya Lin by Tom Lashnits

The average age of the service members on The Wall is 22 years, 9 months.

Names by the Numbers (Source: *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund*)

- 58,318 Total names as of May 2017
- 1,604 Names of those missing in action, as of August 2017
- 376 Names added since 1982, as December 2016
- 160 Medal of Honor recipients
- 120 Individuals from other countries
- 31 Sets of brothers
- 16 Chaplains
- 8 Women (all nurses)
- 3 Sets of fathers and sons

ITEMS LEFT AT THE WALL

More than 400,000 items have been left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial since 1982. Many of these items—ranging from letters to service members on the wall to service medals and ribbons—are displayed online at www.vvmf.org/items. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund plans to display about 4,000 to 6,000 items left at the wall at the yet-to-be-built Education Center at The Wall.

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

The Wall was designed to place the names of service members killed in Vietnam in chronological order of death rather than alphabetical order.

Air Force Technical Sgt. Richard B. Fitzgibbon Jr. is the first American service member killed in the Vietnam War. He died June 8, 1956, but his name was not on The Wall until May 31, 1999. His son, Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, also was killed in the Vietnam War on Sept. 7, 1965.

The last name on the wall belonged to Air Force 2nd Lt. Richard Vandeger, who died on May 15, 1975. Vandeger was killed on Koh Tang Island off Cambodia during an attempted rescue mission. Some of Vandeger's remains were buried in Arlington National Cemetery in May 2013, according to The Plain Dealer, a newspaper in Cleveland.

VFW Support

VFW so far has contributed nearly \$650,000 toward the construction of the memorial's yet-to-be-built education

center. It will be called The Education Center at The Wall. The plan is for the center to be an “interactive learning facility” in Washington, D.C., according to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Visit www.vietnamera.org.

**KOREAN WAR DEATHS 17th FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION (1950-1953)
KIA (Killed in Action) Hostile,
DOW (Died of Wounds),
NBD (Non-Battle Death) Non-Hostile**



PAUL RICHARD BLEW, Captain

Battery C
Serial Number: O-1169428
Birth: February 6, 1921
Home: Benton County, Arkansas
MOS: 2110
Date of Casualty: Unknown
Death: KIA, (Hostile), Died in Captive
Was captured on October 21, 1951, date of dead in captive is unknown, his body was not recovered. Captain Blew was Battery Commander of Battery C at the time of his captured.
Buried: Body not recovered-name is inscribed on the court (4) of the missing National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Awards: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

HENRY LEE CHAMBERS, Corporal

Battery: Service Battery
Serial Number: RA 14069544
Birth: December 30, 1919
Home: Dothan, Alabama
MOS: Unknown
Date of Casualty: December 8, 1952 at Paeksong-ni, North Korea

Death: NBD (Non-Hostile), Killed by friendly fire-while driving a jeep back to his unit in the dark and was shot by person or persons unknown.

Buried: City Cemetery, Dothan, Alabama (Also was a veteran of World War II)

Awards: World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

ALLEN R. DALE, Private First Class

Battery C
Serial Number: RA 17316732
Birth: July 8, 1932
Home: Renville, Minnesota, Enlisted: Fairfax, Michigan
MOS: 1844
Date of Casualty: November 18, 1952
Death: KIA (Hostile) Killed by an incoming 152mm mortar round
Buried: Fort Ridgley Cemetery, Nicolet County, Minnesota
Awards: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

RICHARD F. DODMEAD, Private First class

Battery C
Serial Number: US 5514681
Birth: May 7, 1931
Home: Neillsville, Clark County, Wisconsin
MOS: 3844
Date of Casualty: June 15, 1952
Death: KIA, (Hostile), He was hit by an incoming 152mm mortar round and (DOW) died of wounds
Buried: Saint Mary Cemetery, Neillsville, Pine Valley Township, Wisconsin
Awards: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

CHARLES HENRY EVANS – Private

Battery A
Serial Number: RA 13425372
Birth: July 4, 1934
Home Town: Hyattsville, Maryland
MOS: Unknown
Date of Casualty: January 16, 1953
Death: NBD (Non-Hostile), Killed by friendly fire near Yonchon, North Korea
Buried: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia
Plot: Section 12, Site: 7763

Awards: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

MIKE M. GARZA, Private First Class

Battery: C
Service Number: US 56096069
Birth: 1928
Home: Los Angeles, California
MOS: 3844
Date of Casualty: June 15, 1952
Death: KIA, (Hostile), Killed by a 155mm mortar round
Buried: Unknown
Awards: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

FRED HAMLIN, Private

Battery B
Serial Number: US 52131363
Birth: March 23, 1930
Home: Portsmouth, Virginia
MOS: Unknown
Date of Casualty: February 8, 1953
Death: NBD (Non-Hostile), Killed by friendly fire near Woltongmak, North Korea
Buried: Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Portsmouth City, Virginia
Plot: Section F. Lot 501, Grave 1
Awards: National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

CARLOS MANUEL HERNANDEZ, Private

Battery A
Serial Number: US 51062063
Birth: March 7, 1926
Home: New York, New York
MOS: Unknown
Date of Casualty: January 18, 1952
Death: NBD (Non-Hostile), Died of other causes near Chajang-ni, South Korea
Buried: Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Suffolk County, New York Plot: 392
Awards: National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

FREDERICK WILLIAM LANKFORD, Private First Class

Battery A
Serial Number: US 55148498

Birth: February 17, 193
Home: Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri
MOS: Unknown
Date of Casualty: July 19, 1952
Death: NBD (Non-Hostile), drown while wading in deep water near Komipo, North Korea
Buried: Ashland Cemetery, Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri
National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal

DONALD B. PERRIN, Private First Class

Battery C
Service Number: US 55185461
Birth: October 15, 1929
Home: Inkster, Michigan
MOS: 3844
Date of Casualty: June 15, 1952
Death: Unknown Cause
Buried: Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan
Awards: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

FLOYD THOMPSON, Private

Battery B
Serial Number: RA 18347541
Home Town: Hockley, Texas
Birth: September 15, 1931
Enlisted: Levelland, Texas
MOS: 4812
Death: KIA (Hostile), Died fighting the enemy on, November 30, 1950
Buried: Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mated County, California Plot: V O 5236
Awards: Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

HAROLD EUGENE VAN LEHN, Captain

Battery Unknown
Serial Number: O-0410791
Home: Uhrichsville Township, Tuscarawas, Ohio
Birth: August 1, 1913
Son of Roy B and Lillian E Van Lehn
MOS: Unknown
Date of Casualty: May 24, 1953
Buried: NBD (Non-Hostile), Died of other causes
Buried: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia Plot: Section 10 Site 10702
Awards: National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal

CHAPLIAN'S CORNER
THE SPIRIT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

By now the presents are unwrapped and put away. We stop and think about what we received for Christmas, whom we forgot to buy for or send a card. We have a strong sense of thankfulness Christmas morning for “*Unto us a child is born.*” (Isaiah 9:6) and the material presents we received. But what about those that *didn't* receive presents, food, shelter, or even the ‘spirit of Christmas’ by giving or receiving?

I think I have heard every excuse known about why I can't tithe, why I can't give to a church, homeless shelter, a soup kitchen, my money is too tight, or kids need shoes. Guess what? I've known more people that found a way to give than those that couldn't! It's called BELIEVE! “*Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*” (Luke 6:38) “*Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*” (Roman's 12:13)

Find a charity, religious, military, homeless etc. and donate the cost of a meal a week. It won't mess up your budget as bad as you think.

I'd like to ask you to keep the following members and their families in your prayers and thoughts: John Bagley, health issues; Tom Kurtz-caregiver; Charles Riley –recovering from throat cancer and pneumonia; Patricia Beard (wife of CSM Delmar Beard Ret.) eye surgery; Paul Shepard-health problems; Norman & Annette Jones-health problems.

I have been notified of the following deaths since the last newsletter; 1) Daniel Lazenberry 2) George Schaefer 3) CSM Charles Garner (Ret.) and 4) Richard and Phyllis Flowers daughter-in-law.

Please remember cards, calls, emails, and prayers go a long way! Please don't hesitate to contact me if a member or family is sick, distressed, or has passed away. My email is RSMITH3024@NC.RR.COM (all in lower case)

God Bless and may everyone have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Richard A. Smith-Chaplain 17th Artillery Regiment Association

ATTENTION CHARLE BATTERY
WARRIORS

If you were assigned to Charlie Battery in 1968, we kindly request your assistance. Our editors wanted to write a story on the April 3, 1968 attack on Charlie Battery; but, as we began our researched into the event, we quickly realized that this is an immense project. We wanted to be respectful to the men of Charlie Battery and the best way to achieve this result was to obtain as much first-person information as possible from the Warriors who were present at the scene.

So, contact Gil Bernabe (email: Gilbernabe29@aol.com; phone: (903 786-6304). Be prepared to provide your information on the attack. Our plan is to write a significant report on the April 3 Attack and to publish it in the next Castle Newsletter.

If you can attend the April 3, 2018 10:00 am meeting at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to honor the Charlie Battery Fallen Heroes, contact Gil Bernabe at that time and he will interview you for this report.

If you have information on the 2008 (?) Dateline report on the April 3 attack or have a copy of this TV program, please share this information with Gil Bernabe.

**17th Artillery Regiment Association's Twentieth
Annual Reunion Vienna, VA
November 8 – 12, 2018
2018 REUNION INFORMATION**

What we know for Sure.

When: The 2018 Annual Reunion will be held in Vienna, Virginia from Thursday, November 8 to Sunday, November 11, 2018. Check out on Monday – November 12, 2018. The Board members will arrive on November 6 and 7 for the Annual Business Meetings.

Where: Reunion Headquarters will be at the **Courtyard Dunn Loring Fairfax, 2722 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22180**. Hotel reservations can be made by calling Marriott Reservations 1 (800) 321-2211 or (703) 573-9555 using the group name “17th Artillery Association Reunion.”

Room rates: \$99.00 per night plus tax. Room rates are from November 6 to November 12, 2018.
Link for reservations: [Book your group rate for 17th Artillery Regiment Association Reunion](#)

The hotel rates are for a room with 2 queen beds. (Note: A limited number of 1 king bed rooms are available. If you prefer - ask for a room with a king bed.). Reservations must be made by October 9, 2018, to receive the 17th Artillery room rate of \$99.00.

Hotel deadline:

Reservations made after October 9, 2018 will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only.

Check-in time is 3:00 PM and sign out time is 12:00 Noon. The hotel provides a complimentary daily breakfast; free high-speed internet, and free parking. If you make a room reservation and have to cancel, the cancellation must be made prior to 3:00 PM on November 6, 2018 (2 days before your scheduled check-in), to avoid being charged. The hotel website is: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/iadcy-courtyard-dunn-loring-fairfax/>

Still in the planning Phase:

At this time, we estimate that the Reunion Registration Fee will be approximately \$70.00 per person. This fee will cover Hospitality Room refreshments, Thursday evening meal and the “Banquet meal”.

The reason for the increase in Reunion fee is that we will rent a bus to carry all members to the Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Commentary, and to Pentagon city for lunch.

Additionally, we are planning a Potomac River lunch time cruise, and individually self-paced tours of the regular Nation's Capital monuments. And of course, we will have our annual membership meeting and the always popular auction.

On April 3, 2018, I will be traveling to Washington, DC to pay my respects to the Fallen Soldiers of Charlie Battery. You are all invited to join me at The Wall at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. During that week, I will coordinate preparations for our November 2018 Reunion. After our RECON is complete, we expect to send out completed details on all Reunion activities before July 1, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
17th Artillery Regiment Association

Please disregard if you are already a member for the year 2018 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: Dan Reeves (Association Treasurer) 5235 Laguna Court, Byron, CA 94505. Upon receipt of your 2018 dues or renewal, a membership card will be mailed to you.

Life members will receive the following: a numbered 17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Membership Coin; a Life Membership Certificate mounted on a plaque; USER ID and PASSWORD to access the on-line veteran's roster located on the association's web site (www.17thartilleryregiment.org). Updated ID and Password are changed each January and are mailed to members.

Join or renew now: 2018 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:	Battery or Batteries:
<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Field Artillery/Battalion/Group/Regiment (Prior to 1958)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – Present)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 2008) (2010 -Present)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 1995) (2007-2010)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1995)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1995)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 6th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1995)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 7th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1960 – 1972)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 8th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1967 – 1971)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE DUTY: If you are on active duty check here.	

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.

Dan Reeves (Association Treasurer)
5235 Laguna Court,
Byron, CA 94505
Cell: 925 – 584 – 6209
Email: dreeves@cdedrill.com

**To become a member, life member or to renew your membership with the
"17th Artillery Regiment Association"
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Join or renew now: 2016 Membership Dues is \$30.00 (January – December) (Annual dues \$30.00 per year)

Life membership fees: Through age 30---\$270.00 31-40---\$260.00 41-50---\$240.00 51-60---\$220.00
61-70---\$190.00 71-80---\$150.00 81 plus---\$110.00

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 – 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 – 1996) _____
- 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1996) _____
- 6th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1963) _____
- 7th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1960 – 1972) _____
- 8th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1967 – 1971) _____

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5235 Laguna Court
Byron, CA 94505



2018 Information for 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarships
17th Artillery Regiment Scholarship Program:
Dr. Gilbert A. Bernabe, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

2018 Scholarships:

The 17th Artillery Association general membership has approved four (4) scholarships for 2018. The following scholarships and amounts have been authorized and dedicated in the memory of the listed "Fallen Heroes:"

- First Place- \$2,000.00 – Fallen Heroes, C Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery (KIA: April 3, 1968)
- Second Place - \$1,500.00 – First Lieutenant John T. Wilkinson (KIA: April 3, 1968)
- Third Place - \$1,000.00 – Corporal Stephen A. Jordan (KIA: August 25, 1968)
- Fourth Place- \$1,000.00 – PFC Clifford A. Draper (KIA: August 23, 1968)

To date, the Association has awarded 40 scholarship grants for a total of \$51,920.00 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, 2916 Sedalia Trail, Sherman, TX 75092; or via telephone: (903) 786 – 6304; or email: Gilbernabe29@aol.com. When leaving a phone message, please provide your name and phone number.

Eligibility:

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

Those parents, grandparents or great-grandparents who have served or who are now serving with the regiment must have served or be currently serving under honorable conditions. If the parent, grandparent or great-grandparent received a discharge, under less than honorable conditions, then the applicant is not eligible.

The terms child, grandchild and great-grandchild used above applies to both biological and legally adopted children. **Foster children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are not eligible.**

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

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2017) 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 by U.S. mail no later than **March 15, 2018** to:
Dr. Gilbert A. Bernabe, 2916 Sedalia Trail, Sherman, TX 75092.

Applications sent by email or fax will not be accepted.

2018 Scholarship Selection Committee: Chairman: Gilbert A. Bernabe--**Voting Members:** Bill Dahlin, Mike Klingemann, John Melacesca, Jerry Cody, and Harry Fetsick.

17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Membership Coin Holders

<u>Coin Number:</u>	<u>Name of Coin Holder:</u>	<u>Life Member as of:</u>
001	Harold & Erma M. Brown Sr.	June 3, 2000
002	Thomas Vernor (Deceased)	January 9, 2001
003	Harold (Buck) M. Brown Jr.	June 6, 2001
004	Nolan Putman (Deceased)	September 9, 2001
005	Thomas R. Kurtz	November 20, 2001
006	Richard (Rich) Siebe	January 1, 2002
007	James H. Drennan	February 23, 2002
008	John J. Korsun JR. (Deceased)	April 8, 2002
009	Paul J. Barton	April 24, 2002
010	Leslie B. Scott (Deceased)	April 29, 2002
011	Robert R. Brooks II	May 7, 2002
012	James Moore (Deceased)	May 21, 2002
013	Edward (Ed) T. Hitchner	May 22, 2002
014	Thomas (Mike) M. Turner (Deceased)	June 24, 2002
015	Paul Fusco	August 2, 2002
016	Norman (Richard) R. Jones	August 4, 2002
017	Gary L. Bress	October 4, 2002
018	John C. Melasecca Jr.	November 15, 2002
019	Frank Zitzman	November 19, 2002
020	Bobby (Bob) A. West	January 8, 2003
021	Peter Coffin	January 17, 2003
022	Jerome L. Fritsche II (Deceased)	February 22, 2003
023	Walter (Jack) J. Larson (Deceased)	February 26, 2003
024	John (Jack) J. Picciolo	March 24, 2003
025	William J. Wright	April 4, 2003
026	C. Alex Brassert	June 4, 2003
027	Dietrich W. Neckien (Deceased)	April 27, 2003
028	Michael W. Mason	October 9, 2003
029	Michael (Mike) Burke	October 10, 2003
030	Eugene Johnson	November 14, 2003
031	Francis (Fran) C. Rash	November 28, 2003
032	Delmar D. Beard	December 2, 2003
033	Charles E. Morrison	December 14, 2003
034	Robert Gary Kohl	December 20, 2003
035	Michael Dages	January 15, 2004
036	Lonnie O. English (Deceased)	January 21, 2004
037	Webster Cole	March 15, 2004
038	Leonard T. Elzie	March 22, 2004
039	Richard P. Carmody	April 29, 2004
040	Jerry E. Pifer	May 15, 2004
041	Louis J. Mazzarella	May 17, 2004
042	Richard J. Flowers	May 22, 2004
043	James M. Sherrill	July 20, 2004
044	Wallace L. Bates	September 1, 2004
045	Richard A. Smith	September 14, 2004
046	George A. Schaefer (Deceased)	October 30, 2004
047	Charles Riley	November 5, 2004
048	Pete Schwarz	November 13, 2004
049	Robert M. Kinton	November 13, 2004
050	Robert L. Plata	November 13, 2004
051	Gilbert A. Bernabe	November 13, 2004
052	George Winton	November 19, 2004
053	Harry O. Amos	January 4, 2005
054	Stephen J. Lowery	January 14, 2005
055	Gerald F. Brown (Deceased)	January 28, 2005
056	Larry E. Miller (Deceased)	February 7, 2005
057	Raymond P. (DAK) Lais (Deceased)	March 26, 2005
058	Larry J. Davis	May 7, 2005
059	Leon Mc Kenzie Sr.	June 4, 2005
060	Leonard S. Spencer	July 29, 2005
061	Terry L. Wallace	August 9, 2005
062	Lyndle E. Claus	August 25, 2005
063	James R. (Dick) Graves (Deceased)	September 16, 2005
064	Daniel L. Lazenberry (Deceased)	September 24, 2005
065	Robert L. Hallahan	October 26, 2005
066	Bruce Latour	January 12, 2006
067	Wiley A. Jarrell	January 30, 2006
068	James H. Sanders	February 9, 2006
069	Raymond C. Gomez	February 28, 2006
070	Charles G. Ross	April 5, 2006
071	Neal P. Fouts	April 12, 2006
072	David S. Bickler	June 24, 2006
073	George W. Adkisson (Deceased)	August 7, 2006
074	Henry E. Griffendorf Jr.	August 17, 2006
075	Thomas C. Bast	September 21, 2006
076	Ketrick T. Mc Millin	December 3, 2006
077	John Ryan	December 16, 2006
078	James T. Caudill	February 7, 2007
079	David W. Gogel	April 8, 2007
080	Stephen J. Audett	June 26, 2007
081	Ronald W. Terry	September 10, 2007
082	Thomas W. Remley	November 18, 2007
083	Hollis B. Cahoon	December 7, 2007
084	Raymond J. Heuring	December 9, 2007
085	Paul M. Moser	January 17, 2008
086	Avery Hall	January 23, 2008
087	John J. Luxenburger Jr. (Deceased)	January 24, 2008
088	David P. Rush	February 21, 2008
089	Francis J. Roberts	April 14, 2008
090	Rod L. Guerrero (Deceased)	July 7, 2008
091	Thomas P. Ross	January 30, 2009
092	Birdeye L. Middleton	February 7, 2009
093	Rickie B. Simpkins	February 15, 2009
094	Robert E. Lax	March 2, 2009
095	Philip J. Brunwald	March 25, 2009
096	Larry Hightower	April 11, 2009
097	Albert (Bert) Ryan	August 9, 2009
098	Roy E. Korkalo	August 15, 2009
099	William P. Dahlin	October 19, 2009
100	Jackie Stroud	September 30, 2009
101	Donald L. Brooks	November 9, 2009
102	Jerry (Doc) Cody	November 9, 2009
103	Michael Klingeman	November 11, 2009
104	Charles Garner (Deceased)	November 11, 2009
105	Larry R. Werkheiser	December 18, 2009
106	William K. Beers Jr.	December 18, 2009
107	Dennis C. Smith	January 4, 2010
108	James M. Caiella	January 4, 2010
109	Paul V. Shepherd Sr.	January 11, 2010
110	Leonard A. Eason	February 13, 2010
111	Jeffrey S. Wilcox	April 26, 2010
112	Holice Barton Jr. (Deceased)	April 26, 2010
113	Robert H. Giselbach	August 9, 2010
114	William A. Selis	August 9, 2010
115	Ronald B. Hood	August 16, 2010
116	Jon M. Johnson	August 31, 2010
117	Todd R. Wasmund	November 12, 2009
118	Cecil P. LeGrand	September 9, 2010
119	Stephen D. Gerhardt	October 1, 2010
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
177	Steve Rumnock	May 15, 2016
178	Ronald J. Makinson	January 6, 2017
179	Norman L. Barton	March 22, 2017
180	Jack L. Lambert	June 20, 2017
181	Robert J. Brown	July 10, 2017

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Gil Bernabe

Association President
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We will continue to mail the NewsLetter to anyone who does not have an internet connection.

You must be a **PAID UP MEMBER** to receive the NewsLetter.

Jackie M. Stroud
2461 Meadow Ridge Drive
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(2009, Southern Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom) A M577A2, Towed, 155mm, Howitzer from the 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division being airlifted by a CH-47 Chinook Helicopter.

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