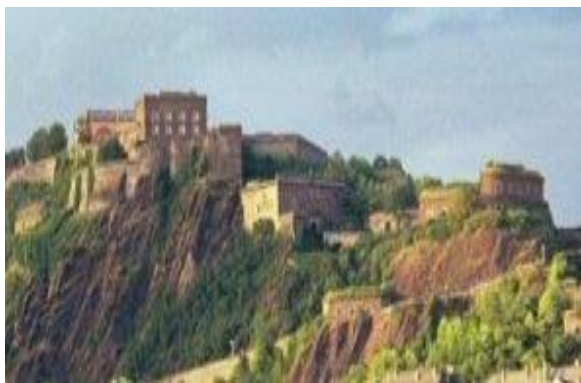


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President's View from the Observation Post By Gil Bernabe

In 2017 the 17th Artillery Regiment marked 100 years of service to the Nation. As we mentioned in our January Newsletter, 2018 will be a year when we remember our Fallen Heroes who sacrificed their lives in 1968. This year - 2018 - marks 50 years since the 1968 Tet Offensive; and 50 years 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 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery Commander, LTC Robert Whitback, was killed during Tet in January 1968 while assigned to his new unit.

On April 3, 2018, at 10:00 am, Bill Beers and several of his veteran friends met me at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, DC, for a Ceremony of Remembrance. Bill and Cuma Beers were accompanied by two couples: Richard and Jane Alderton, USAF Veteran and Bud and Melinda Wagner, US Army Veteran. We all gathered in front of Panel 47E, and, touched all the names of our Charlie Battery comrades who were killed on Landing Zone George on Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam. As we stood in front of Panel 47E, we were joined by a crowd of tourists from all over the United States and some from Europe. The crowd easily numbered between 50 to 70 people and they listened intently, as I read my remarks. My remarks, "Remembering the Fallen Heroes of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment Who Gave All!", are printed elsewhere in this Newsletter. The crowd was respectfully quiet, as Bill Beers and I read all the names of the Charlie Battery Heroes and then the names of all the other 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery casualties from the Vietnam War.

April 2018 was a busy month – as our Scholarship Committee evaluated and selected the winners of the 2018 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship Program. The four winners were Ashley Beard, Carrie Snelbaker, Olivia Guerrette, and Daniel Bratcher. Those super students earned GPA's ranging from 3.7 to 4.72; and were very involved in their school and community activities. For me – as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, it was unique to have two Great-Grand-Children compete for our annual scholarships. CSM Delmar Beard who recently turned 92 is smiling and proud of his two Great Grand-Children – Ashley Beard and Daniel Bratcher. Read about all four winners elsewhere in this Newsletter. As of this Newsletter, the 17th Artillery Regiment Association has awarded 44 scholarship, totaling \$57, 420.00, to very deserving students.

2018 Reunion Headquarters



Courtyard Dunn Loring Fairfax - 2722 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22180-7133

In five (5) short months, we will be meeting for our 20th Annual 17th Artillery Regiment Association Reunion. This issue of the Castle contains all the key information that you need to know to make your reservations for the 2018 Reunion in Fairfax/Vienna and Washington, DC. The high point of this reunion will be our travel to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) and our Vigil Prayer for our Fallen Comrades. So, make your hotel reservations and send in your Reunion Registration Form to Dan Reeves,

You all know what a fund raiser Dan Reeves has turned out to be. His next campaign will begin in July 2018 to raise money to support our Reunion and scholarship program. So, if you know anyone who would like to donate to the 17th Artillery Regiment Association – you can ask them yourself or give Dan their contact information and Dan will contact them for you.

Tom Kurtz has researched and provided us with another superb article. This time he tracked all the Vietnam casualties and provides us the name of each casualty, along with details on how each soldier died.

Richard Smith, our Chaplain, again, has written an excellent piece on staying positive and working to be happy. But the best line - and you have to read his article to really appreciate this quote – is advise from the elderly that when you have a problem: “Leave it alone, give it to Jesus. If you handle it, you’ll just mess it up more!”

How often do you wear your 17th Artillery baseball cap? Not to brag, but I wear my cap every time I go somewhere. Often, this special 17th Artillery cap saves me money when a cashier offers to give me a “military discount,” when I did not know the store or restaurant offered it or when I forgot to ask for it. When people see my special cap, many offer a “Thank you for your service!” and recently I have heard more and more kind people say “Welcome home, Soldier!” That greeting really blows me over. When I first heard it, I did not catch onto the true meaning of what they were saying. Also – my special cap leads to many short and long conversation with other veterans. We talk about Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and a few about World War II and Korea. I find these conversations very fulfilling. It is fulfilling to share our war stories as patriotic citizens who served in the military and are uniquely very proud of their service to the Nation. We almost always end our conversation with a “Thank you” for your service and take care of yourself!”

So – if you need a new 17th Artillery Baseball cap – look for the order form in this Newsletter. Our newly designed baseball cap is available with a 100-year anniversary patch on it. A picture of the new patch is located with the order form in this newsletter. Find the order form for your 100-Year Anniversary cap and send (email or mail) it to me with your \$25.00 check and we will order your cap and ship it to you.

**17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards
College Scholarship to
Northwest Christian School Graduate**

In May 2018, the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awarded college scholarships to four very deserving students who included a Great Granddaughter and Great Grandson and two Granddaughters of 17th Artillery Regiment veterans. The four scholarships totaled \$5,500.00. Each scholarship winner received a monetary award, a Letter of Congratulations, and a framed 17th Artillery Regiment Association Certificate of Achievement. Each year the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awards scholarship grants to children and grand children of veterans and current active duty soldiers who have served with this proud regiment. Applicants must meet the association’s eligibility requirements and are evaluated on academic achievement, community service, extra-curricular activities at school, an essay on a different annual topic, and a faculty member’s Letter of Recommendation.

The 2018 first-place winner is Ashley A. Beard, a 2018 graduate of Northwest Christian School in Phoenix, AZ. Throughout Miss Beard’s four years of high school, she challenged herself by taking nine Dual Enrollment College Courses, five Honors Courses, and two Advanced Placemen Courses and maintained a 4.72 Grade Point Average. She ranked in the top 8% of her senior class – 9th out of 113.

A review of her extra-curricular activities demonstrates that she was always a hard worker and well organized. She dedicated herself to achieving outstanding grades in all her courses; and she excelled in community service and sports. She competed on her school’s Varsity tennis team and cross-country team for all four years and was the Team Captain of the Cross-Country Team. Ashley earned a Varsity Letter in both sports. Ashley was a key member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), as Vice President, and was in charge of getting FCA information out to her school’s weekly announcements. She was also in charge of FCA social media account. Ashley served as a volunteer for three years in Student Missionary Internship where she and other students trained for 13 weeks and then travelled to California to put on Vacation Bible School for poverty-stricken areas and churches. She made time to mentor underclass students at school; and on a weekly basis conducted small group discussions on a religious topic selected for weekly Chapel Time.

Her English teacher offered this high praise of her: “Ashley has demonstrated outstanding leadership and maintained a clear sense of purpose...Ashley displays character, integrity, and leadership skills...Ashley also leads through her acts of service...Ashley has organized and led multiple Mission trips with student teams to build homes for others in Mexico.”

For her outstanding accomplishments, Ashley Beard was honored at her high school’s awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship award of \$2,000.00. Her connection to the 17th Artillery is through her Great Grandfather Sergeant Major Delmar D. Beard, who served in Vietnam with the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery in 1967 and 1968.

Historical Note:

This scholarship was named in honor of “The Fallen Heroes,” from C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery who were killed in Vietnam on April 3, 1968.



Caption for attached picture:

With Principal Josh Schlesinger present, Ashley Beard receives a \$2,000.00 scholarship from her Great-Grandfather, Command Sergeant Major Delmar Beard, who previously served with the 17th Artillery in Vietnam.



**17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards
College Scholarship to
Red Land High School Graduate**

In May 2018, the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awarded college scholarships to four very deserving students who included a Great Granddaughter and Great Grandson and two Granddaughters of 17th Artillery Regiment veterans. The four scholarships totaled \$5,500.00. Scholarship winners received a monetary award, a Letter of Congratulations, and a framed 17th Artillery Regiment Association Certificate of Achievement. The 17th Artillery Regiment Association annually awards scholarship grants to children and grand children of veterans and current active duty soldiers who have served with this proud regiment. Applicants must meet the association's eligibility requirements and are evaluated on the following: academic achievement, community service, extra-curricular activities at school, an essay on a different annual topic, and a faculty member's Letter of Recommendation.

The 2018 Runner-Up winner is Carrie Snelbaker, a 2018 graduate of Red Land High School in Lewisberry, PA. Throughout Miss Snelbaker's four years of high school, she challenged herself by taking seven Advanced Placement/Honors Courses and maintained a 4.044 Grade Point Average. She ranked in the top 5% of her senior class – 15th out of 289 senior students.

A review of her extra-curricular activities demonstrates that she was always a hard worker and well organized. She dedicated herself to achieving outstanding grades in her courses; and excelled in community service and sports. She competed on her school's Varsity tennis team for three years and earned a Varsity Letter. She also competed on the track team her senior year. With an already busy schedule, she worked part-time in her senior year.

Her Biology / Anatomy & Physiology teacher paints a more complete picture of this top-notch student: "I can confidently say Carrie embodies both the academic skill and personality of someone I wish to see enter the healthcare professions.

Carrie is intelligent, conscientious, and focused. Her diligence and writing skills will ensure the accurate complete documentation necessary for the best medical outcomes. She works extremely well with others, instilling both confidence and levity as needed. I can easily imagine the reassurance I would feel putting my

well-being or that of a family member in her care in the future."

Historical Note:

This scholarship was named in honor of First Lieutenant John T. Wilkinson, of Tennessee, who was killed on April 3, 1968, defending the Charlie Battery Firebase in Vietnam. His unit was: C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery.



For her outstanding accomplishments, Carrie Snelbaker was honored at her high school's awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship award of \$1,500.00. Her connection to the 17th Artillery is through her Grandfather William Beers, who served in Vietnam with the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery in 1968.



**17th Artillery Regiment Association
Awards College Scholarship to
Weedsport High School Graduate**

In May 2018, the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awarded college scholarships to four very deserving students who included a Great Granddaughter and Great Grandson and two Granddaughters of 17th Artillery Regiment veterans. The four scholarships totaled \$5,500.00. Each scholarship winner received a monetary award, a Letter of Congratulations, and a framed 17th Artillery Regiment Association Certificate of Achievement. Each year the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awards scholarship grants to children and grandchildren of veterans and current active duty soldiers who have served with this proud regiment. Applicants must meet the association's eligibility requirements and undergo a selection process by a selection committee to be awarded a scholarship.

One of the 2018 winners is Olivia Guerrette, a 2018 graduate of Weedsport High School in Weedsport, NY. Throughout Miss Guerrette's four years of high school, she challenged herself by taking six Dual Enrollment College Courses and two years of Advanced French Language Studies – all while maintaining a 4.17 Grade Point Average. She ranks second in her senior class of 89 students.

A review of her extra-curricular activities demonstrates that she was always a hard worker and well organized. Olivia dedicated herself to achieving outstanding grades in all her courses; and she excelled in community service and sports. She competed on her school's Track & Field Team (two years), the Swim Team (two years) and she earned a Varsity Letter in both sports.

Olivia was selected to the prestigious National Honor society and served as the President of that organization. She also participated on the Mathematics Team. She really demonstrated her talents with her participation in the School Chorus (4 years) and also starred in her high school's Musical Theater Program (three years). Her community service activities included being a Salvation Army Bell Ringer and delivering cookies to elderly citizens

for her church. Despite her already busy schedule, Olivia also worked part-time during the school year.

Her Foreign Language Teacher offered the following high praise of her: "It is truly a pleasure to tell you about ...(Olivia)...who possesses character, excellent academic achievement and the respect of her fellow classmates and faculty at Weedsport High school...She is a very bright, self-directed and talented young lady. She fulfills her obligations with determination and perseverance, . . . Mature, independent and resourceful, she possesses all the necessary attributes to meet the challenges of a college education."



For her outstanding accomplishments, Olivia Guerrette was honored at her high school's awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship award of \$1,000.00. Her connection to the 17th Artillery is through her Grandfather James Shernesky who served in Vietnam with the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery in 1968 and 1969. Olivia and her Grandfather are pictured above.



**17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards
College Scholarship to
Anaheim Magnolia Christian School**

In May 2018, the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awarded college scholarships to four very deserving students who included a Great Granddaughter and Great Grandson and two Granddaughters of 17th Artillery Regiment veterans. The four scholarships totaled \$5,500.00. Scholarship winners received a monetary award, a Letter of Congratulations, and a framed 17th Artillery Regiment Association Certificate of Achievement. The 17th Artillery Regiment Association annually awards scholarship grants to children and grand children of veterans and current active duty soldiers who have served with this proud regiment. Applicants must meet the association's eligibility requirements and are evaluated on the following: academic achievement, community service, extra-curricular activities at school, an essay on a different annual topic, and a faculty member's Letter of Recommendation.

One of the winners is Daniel Bratcher, a 2018 graduate of Anaheim Magnolia Christian School, in Anaheim, CA. Throughout Mr. Bratcher's four years of high school, he enrolled in challenging courses and earned a 3.7 Grade Point Average. Academically, he graduated with 30 more course units than were required.

A review of his extra-curricular activities demonstrates that he was always a hard worker and well organized. He dedicated himself to achieving outstanding grades in his course work; and excelled in community service and sports. He competed on his school's Varsity basketball team for three years and earned a Varsity Letter. As part of the Speech and Debate Team, he earned First Place in a Memorial Day Challenge. Daniel was also a volunteer assistant in a school and community refugee program. Despite an already busy schedule, he worked part-time at his church and was a Sport's Director at a local Day Care Center during the school year.

His Varsity basketball coach describes Daniel as "...one of the finest young men that I have had the privilege of coaching...he has demonstrated great character and athletic development...Daniel has always demonstrated strong character qualities...Those traits have only grown with each passing year. The honor he shows others is very admirable. He respects others around him whether they are his coach, teammate, or opponent. Furthermore, Daniel Bratcher has demonstrated great

responsibility as a player and man. He knows what is expected of him and thwarts any notion of unreliability."

Historical Note:

This scholarship was named in honor of Artilleryman Private First Classman Clifford A. Draper who was killed on August 23, 1968, defending Landing Zone Schueller in Vietnam. His Unit: B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery.



For his outstanding accomplishments, Daniel Bratcher was honored at his high school's awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship award of \$1,000.00. His connection to the 17th Artillery is through his Great-Grandfather Command Sergeant Major Delmar Beard, who served in Vietnam with the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery in 1967-1968. Daniel and his Great-Grandfather are in the picture above.



Poems For Soldiers
by B.J. Tuttleton – Everman Police Chaplain

Editor’s Note: Bill Dahlin has sent us these B.J. Tuttleton poems and the following information on the poet.: B. J. Tuttleton, Everman, Texas, Police Chaplain and former Police Chief of Westover Hills, Texas, would be astounded and so humbled to know that a couple of his poems are being sent out the army veterans and members of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment Association. B.J. is so grateful to the God that he is being used by Him to bless others with the Word of God. B.J. is 80.5 years old and he and his wife faithfully and sincerely serve their community, their church body, the police officers of Everman, which is a small community surrounded by Fort Worth’s south side. B.J. also compassionately ministers to the men and women who find themselves incarcerated in the Everman jail.

**To Those Who Serve –
A Memorial Day Tribute**

Today we honor those who serve
And risk your lives for you and me;
You sacrifice so very much
To keep our nation free.

To those we lost in combat,
We owe you more than we can say
For fighting for your country,
And for our freedom every day.

And we are praying for your families
For all the heartaches they go through,
Never knowing what might happen
And never knowing what to do.

To all the soldiers who were injured
Just know that we will ask the Lord
To give you peace and rest,
And still deal with pain and stress,



A SOLDIER AT THE DOOR
B. J. Tuttleton, Everman Police Chaplain

When somebody rang her doorbell
She looked out through the blind;
The visitor wore a uniform
With medals of every kind.

The lady opened up the door
To hear the things he had to share;
But from everything that she had heard
She knew why he was there.

The soldier said he was so sorry
And his voice begin to crack;
He told her that her husband
Would not be coming back.

We ask the Lord to keep you safe
On this very special day,
And his protection for your family
During times when you’re away.

A special tribute to the families
Of those who serve so far away,
May God shower you with blessings
And give you peace each passing day.

Romans 13:7c
Give honor and respect to all those to whom it is due.



He said, "Your husband gave his life
To keep his country free;
And, he made the greatest sacrifice
That there will ever be."

And when he turned and went away
Her tears begin to flow;
She was left without a husband
Her newborn child would never know.

At first, she blamed it on the Lord.
Why did He take her man away?
She had prayed for his protection
Every night and every day.

But, many families lose a loved one
Who went to war to keep us free,
Although it’s hard to understand
That’s the way it has to be.

John 15:13 MEV
down our lives for the brothers.

that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Greater love has no man than this:

1 John 3:16 MEV

By this we know the love of God: that He laid
down His life for us, and we ought to lay

Acts 7:33 MEV



A SOLDIER'S FAITH
B. J. Tuttleton, Everman Police Chaplain

A soldier ran for cover
Bombs were falling all around;
And he was giving thanks to Jesus
While he was crawling on the ground.

He prayed for his friends around him,
Their protection was his concern;
And he prayed for all their families
Praying for their safe return.

He said, "Have mercy on my brothers
For some are lost in their sin,
If they're killed here on the battle field,
The devil will win again."

These men and women who are fighting
Love their country most of all;
Some may not come home again,
But, they still answered the call.

And there's many NFL players
With brains made out of clay;
When they hear our National Anthem
They take a knee and ruin the day.

And I guess I'll never understand
Being sent home in a bag.
While I hear of so many soldiers
Why these people despise our flag;

Deuteronomy 20:8 ISV

Let the officials also speak to the many, "Is there a man here
who is afraid and faint-hearted?
Let him go back home. Otherwise, he may demoralize his
fellow soldier."



**"Remembering the Fallen Heroes of the
17th Field Artillery Regiment
who gave all!"**

The following remarks were read at The Vietnam Veterans Memorial by 17th Artillery Regiment Association President, Gil Bernabe.

Fifty Years ago, today – on the morning of April 3, 1968 – an enemy sapper unit of unknown size attacked Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery – which was occupying a fire base near the village of Tuy Puoc in Binh Dinh Province in the Republic of Vietnam.

At 1:30 in the morning, enemy B-40 rockets were launched from outside the unit perimeter at bunkers in the battery area.

The fire direction center bunker received the first round.

Several enemy attackers entered the perimeter unnoticed and using satchel charges - destroyed the battery observation post.

At approximately the same time – part of the perimeter barrier wire was destroyed allowing the enemy to breach the battery position in force.

Enemy sappers inside the perimeter - using satchel charges, grenades, and small arms - attacked the fire direction center, the executive post, two howitzer emplacements and perimeter bunkers on the north side of the battery area. At the same time – a second breach of the perimeter was made.

During the attack – battery personnel fired direct fire with a 105 mm howitzer and were supported by a South Vietnamese Army platoon with 105 mm howitzers firing illumination.

Helicopter flare ship, gunships, and an observation aircraft provided additional support.

After approximately four hours of heavy fighting and with the aid of repeated strikes by supporting gunships and the O-1 observation aircraft - the men of Charlie Battery – regained control of the battery position; and the enemy withdrew.

Charlie Battery suffered 11 KIA and 22 WIA and today we remember those brave soldiers – those great warriors!

We also remember ALL our other Artillerymen who served Our Nation in Vietnam and made the Supreme sacrifice.

God bless you all!

**VIETNAM WAR 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17 th
Artillery- 2nd BATTALION, 17th ARTILLERY+**

***Private First-Class William Cutshaw -January 17,
1966-**

***Private First-Class Hiram D. Strickland -February 1,
1966-**

***Second Lieutenant Gilbert B. Bush -May 8, 1966-**

***Private First-Class Billy R. Foster -June 15, 1966-**

***First Lieutenant James P. Schueller -June 17, 1966-**

***Private First-Class Michael A. Lowery -February 5,
1967**

***Master Sergeant Robert J. Gritte -March 4, 1967-**

***Private First-Class David W. Lauritsen -April 8,
1967-**

***Specialist Fourth Class Joseph W. Cruz -August 13,
1967-**

***Corporal Jimmy G. Mayfield -August 13, 1967-**

**FROM CHARLIE BATTERY
2ND BATTALION, 17TH ARTILLERY**

***Private First-Class Larry W. Barrett -April 3, 1968+**

***Staff Sergeant Felipe Camarillo -April 3, 1968+**

***Specialist Fourth Class Robert L. Caswell -April 3,
1968+**

***Specialist Fourth Class Gilbert De La Pena -April 3,
1968+**

***Specialist Fourth Class Fred R. Glover -April 3,
1968+**

***Private First-Class Ralph C. McGowan -April 3,
1968+**

***Specialist Fourth Class Danny J. Richardson -April 3,
1968+**

***Corporal Edgar L. Simmons -April 3, 1968+**

***Private First Class Thomas P. Visker -April 3, 1968+**

***Private First Class Elbert B. Walker -April 3, 1968+**

***First Lieutenant John T. Wilkinson -April 3, 1968+**

**FROM BRAVO BATTERY, 2ND BATTALION, 17TH
ARTILLERY**

***Private First-Class Clifford A. Draper -August 23,
1968+**

***Corporal Stephen A. Jordan -August 25, 1968+**

**FROM OTHER BATTERIES
2ND BATTALION, 17TH ARTILLERY**

***Warrant Officer 1 Francis D. Alivento -May 8, 1969+**

***Specialist Fifth Class Donald L. Brightman -June 15,
1969+**

***Sergeant Valeriano D. Contreras -June 15, 1969+**

***Sergeant Francis B. Madden -June 15, 1969+**

***Specialist Fourth Class Kem L. Wallace -July 17,
1969+**

***Sergeant Richard J. Parnell -July 21, 1969+**

***Specialist Fourth Class Nickoaus C. Zozula -
November 2, 1969+**

***Sergeant Robert A. De Die -November 24, 1969+**

***Staff Sergeant Robert R. Brown -December 1, 1969+**

***Captain George B. Colgan III -December 1, 1969+**

***Warrant Officer 1 Peter C. Behrens -December 4,
1970+**

***Captain James R. Heimbold -December 4, 1970+**

***Command Sergeant Major Andrew Machristie**



17th Artillery Regiment Association's Twentieth Annual Reunion

Vienna/Fairfax, Virginia and Washington, DC

November 8 – 11, 2018

2018 REUNION INFORMATION

What: The 2018 Annual Reunion will be held in Vienna/Fairfax, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

When: Thursday, November 8, 2018 to Sunday, November 11, 2018. Check out on Monday, November 12, 2018.

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 at 1 – (800) 321 – 2211 or (703) 573 – 9555** to reserve a room under the 17th Artillery Regiment Association. A Credit Card will be required. Room rates are \$99.00 per night plus tax. Room rates are from November 6 through November 12, 2018. **When making reservations identify yourself as part of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association group staying at Courtyard Dunn Loring Fairfax, located at 2722 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22180-7133.**

Reservation link: [Book your group rate for 17th Artillery Regiment Association Reunion](#)

The hotel rate is for a room with 2 queen beds.

Deadline: Reservations must be made by **Tuesday, October 9, 2018, to receive the 17th Artillery room rate of \$99.00 per night.**

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 check 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 two (2) days before your arrival date to avoid being charged.

The hotel website is: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/iadcy-courtyard-dunn-loring-fairfax/>

The Reunion Registration Fee is \$80.00 per person and will cover Hospitality Room refreshments, Thursday's evening social, the bus rental for travel to Washington DC National Mall & Memorial Parks, and the Banquet meal.

Please send the registration slip and fee to the Association Treasurer, to arrive no later than October 9, 2018. If you miss the dead line, call Dan Reeves and coordinate with him to pay your fee at the reunion.

Please come and bring your spouse, family members and friends to tour our Nation's Capital. Bring your 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 and you may make some new friends. The Association's Quartermaster- Rich Flowers - will have 17th Artillery Regiment Association gear items available.

Don't Forget The Auction! Please bring an item to auction off after the banquet.

The money raised from Association's auction will be placed in the general and scholarship funds. Now is the time to make your plans to attend and make your Hotel reservation. Please send in your registration slip and fee.



**17th Artillery Regiment Association
Registration Form
2018 Reunion- November 8 to November 11, 2018**

Please fill out the Registration Form below

The Reunion's registration fee of \$80.00 per person will cover Thursday's evening social, Hospitality Room refreshments, the bus rental for travel to Washington DC National Mall & Memorial Parks and our Annual Banquet.

Please make your check or money order payable to: **17th Artillery Regiment Association.**

Mail to the Association's Treasurer: Dan Reeves
5235 Laguna Court
Byron, CA 94505

CUT OR TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER.

(Send your check or money order to arrive NLT October 9, 2018)

Cut/tear here -----

NAME: _____ **(Please Print)**

Battery: _____ **Battalion** _____ **Dates Served: From** _____ **to** _____

Name (s) of spouse, relatives, and friends attending:

(Name tags will be printed from the names submitted)

Address: _____

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

Registration fee: \$80.00 per person - X- Number Attending _____ **= \$** _____
(Number in your party)

Please donate toward the Hospitality Room. ----- **\$** _____
Total \$ _____



17th Artillery Regiment Association



2018 Reunion - Schedule of Events

The 2018 Annual Reunion will be held in Vienna/Fairfax, Virginia and Washington, D.C; from Thursday, November 8, 2018 to Sunday, November 11, 2018.

Help us make the 2018 Reunion a very successful event. Make plans NOW to attend. Make your hotel reservation. Fill out your Reunion Registration Form and mail it to Dan Reeves. Early registration will assist the Treasurer to know who and how many members will be attending.

2018 Reunion - Schedule of Events:

Tuesday – November 6, 2018.

- a. Association Board of Officers arrive and check into Hotel.
- b. Review Agenda and items for Annual Business Meeting (Wednesday).
- c. Review Reunion schedule and assign volunteers for all events.

Wednesday - November 7, 2018

- a. **Annual Business Meeting** - Hotel Conference Room.
- b. Time: 1: 00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- c. 6:00 pm - Supper with wives at Black Finn Restaurant – site of Reunion Banquet.

Thursday - November 8, 2018.

- a. Members arrive - check into hotel. Sign in with Treasurer – Dan Reeves.
- b. Hospitality Room opens – Meet and Greet – Self-guided sightseeing and tours – in Washington DC area – Metro available two block away.
- c. **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm– Welcome and Social Event** – in Hospitality Room.

Friday - November 9, 2018.

- a. Breakfast: 8:00 am to 9:00 am – in our hotel breakfast room – first floor.
- b. Open day for self-guided tours in Washington, DC - Take METRO to tour sites - List of tour sites will be available.

Saturday - November 10, 2018.

- a. **Early breakfast: 7:30 am to 8:30 am** – in our hotel breakfast room - first floor.
- b. 8:30 am – bus pick up – travel to Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Constitution Gardens – National Mall, Washington, DC.
- c. 9:30 am – Bus drops off members at Constitution Gardens.
10:00 am – **Vigil Prayer Ceremony at Constitution Gardens.** - Then walk over to **Vietnam Veterans**

- d. **Memorial** for continuation of ceremony and honoring our Vietnam Fallen Heroes and other 17th Artillery Fallen Heroes from other conflicts. **Visit:** The **Three Servicemen Monument, Vietnam Women's Memorial, Lincoln Monument.**
- e. 11:00 am - Bus picks group up on Henry Bacon Drive; drive over to **World War II Memorial.**
- f. 11:45 am – Bus travels to **Korean War Veterans Memorial.**
- g. 12:30 pm – Load onto bus – Optional Site – still pending: Arlington Cemetery – Visit grave site of LTC Robert Whitback, Jr. Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, KIA during Tet, January 1968.
- h. 1:30 pm – Lunch at Pentagon City – Food Court.
- i. 2:30 pm – Bus departs and we tour and return to hotel on our own. Metro is available at Pentagon City.
- j. Hospitality Room – available all day.

Sunday, November 11, 2018.

- a. Breakfast: 8:00 am to 9:00 am – in our hotel breakfast room, first floor.
- b. **9:30 am to 11:30 am - Annual Membership Meeting:** first floor meeting room
- c. 12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm - **Annual Banquet – Black Finn Restaurant** – one block away
- d. 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm – **17th Artillery Association Reunion – Auction**
- e. 10:00 pm – Close Hospitality Room

Monday, November 12, 2018.

- a. Breakfast to 8:00 am to 9:00 am – breakfast room, first floor.
- b. By Noon – members check out – travel home safely.
- c. If you wish to stay in the hotel longer – inform hotel at check-in.

Danny (Dan) L. Reeves –
5235 Laguna Court Byron, CA 94505
Email address is: dreeves@cdedrill.com

**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 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: Danny Reeves (*Association Treasurer*) 5235 Laguna Court, Byron, CA 94503. Upon receipt of your 2018 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 PASSWORD to access the on-line veteran’s roster located on the association’s web site. (www.17thartilleryregiment.org). The Password is changed January 1 each year and will be sent to you by U. S. Mail or email.

Join or renew now: 2018 Membership Dues is \$30.00 (January – December) (Annual dues \$30.00 per year)

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 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) _____

NOTE: Please enclose a copy of your DD Form 214 with your application (Mail a COPY, do not send the Original). If you have previously mailed a copy of your DD Form 214 to the association, there is no need to send another copy).

ACTIVE DUTY: If you are on active duty check here. You may not have a DD Form 214 yet.

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If you purchased a 17th Artillery Association cap a long time ago, you might be ready for a new cap. And, we have exactly what you need. Our new order of caps includes a mesh cap made for the summer months.

Gil Bernabe is taking orders for your new 17th Artillery Association cap. The new cap will have the 100 Years Anniversary patch that is marked 1917 – 2017.



You may order a cotton twill or mesh cap. One cap is a six- panel cap - made of cotton twill. The mesh cap has 2 panels of cotton twill and 4 panels of mesh – at the back. The mesh cap breathes and keeps the wearer cool in the summer months.

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(Place an X at your choice)

1. Type cap – select one:

a. 6 panel, all cotton twill material: _____ or

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a. **Black** _____

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– 6304; Email: Gilbernabe29@aol.com**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
Got Happiness?

Happy summer to all! I know some of us love summer the best as being our favorite season because we can get outside, go to the beach, mountains, lake, or just work in the yard. Then there are others that still, Pray for snow! • Warmer weather seems to always lift most of our spirits.

We all have certain days and times of the year that bring us down more than others. But we also have a way to look at a down' day and turn it into a happy day!

One thing that has made me happy is I'm now celebrating my 10th anniversary as chaplain of this great organization. I get to talk to several people during the year due to sickness, distress, or deaths in the families. I feel this has been a Godsend for trying to bring others closer to Christ and God the Father. I'm happy that a summit took place regarding the Korean peninsula.

I'm very much in love, and no we're no different than other couples because we argue too. We have children and grandchildren. We have a roof over our head. We also have bills, health problems, and sometimes even pity parties. I think everyone reading this article has experienced some of these events at some point in their lives. Now take a look around and you can always see someone in worse shape than ourselves.

When I get like this, or see someone else dealing with it, I think about what an elderly person told me years ago. She told me, Leave it alone and give it to Jesus! If YOU handle, it you'll just mess it up more! (VERY true.) This is when it comes time for us to go to our quite place and take a moment to pray.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 11:28, Come *to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*•

In MK 5:6 Jesus tells us, *Don't be afraid just TRUST me.*• In closing, when you have troubled times, take a minute by yourself and have a talk with our Heavenly Father. He will listen and is open 24/7 too. Be persistent with your prayers as well. The more you talk to Him the better you get to know him!

The following deaths have been reported to me since the last newsletter along with cards, calls, and posting to the Guestbook (Unless the family requests it not be publicized.) have gone out.

1) John Bagley (LM) 2) Charles Riley (LM) 1963-1979 USAR 3) Steve Rumnock (LM) 4) Neal Fouts mother passed away at 96 years old.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

1) Jim Sanders-breathing issues 2) Cuma Beers (wife of Bill Beers) cancer 3) James Will-prostate problems 4) Norm and Annette Jones

Please continue to call or email me (RSmith3024@nc.rr.com) if you receive any news about a member or his family that has taken ill or has passed way. (Note: I do NOT publish home addresses or phone numbers on the web site or the newsletter being this would become public information.)

God Bless,
Richard
Richard A. Smith- Chaplain
17th Artillery Regiment Association



**DEATHS OF 2nd HOWITZER
BATTALION, 17th ARTILLERY
and 2nd BATTALION, 17th
ARTILLERY**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
VIETNAM 1966-1971**

**Killed in Action (KIA), Died of
Wounds (DOW) or Non-Battle
Deaths, Non-Hostile Death**



WILLIAM CUTSHAW, Private First Class

Battery B, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Vietnam, attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: April 19, 1946

Home of Record: Greeneville, Greene County, Tennessee

Serial Number: RA14856531

MOS: 11B40 Infantryman

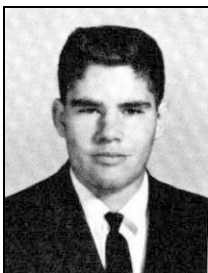
Started tour: August 11, 1965

Causality Date: January 17, 1966

Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile), accident, a grenade went off in his hands.

On the Wall: Panel 04E Line 076

Buried: Greeneville Memory Garden, Green County, Greeneville, Tennessee



HIRAM DILLARD STRICKLAND, Private First Class

Battery B, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Vietnam, attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: October 20, 1945

Home of Record: Graham, Alamance County, North Carolina

Serial Number: RA 14846920

MOS: 13A10 Cannon Artillery Crewman

Started tour: November 28, 1965

Casualty Date: February 1, 1966

Reason: KIA, (Small Arms Fire) PFC Strickland was the Radio Telephone Operator (RTO) for the Forward Observer (Sergeant Flossie) from Battery B and was killed by small arms fire when his patrol from 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (AM) walked into an ambush.

On the Wall: Panel 04E Line 131

Buried: Plot: Legion #370, Pinehill Cemetery, Alamance Country, Burlington, North Carolina



GILBERT BYRON BUSH, Second Lieutenant

Battery A, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Vietnam, attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: January 17, 1942

Home of Record: Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming

Serial Number: 0-5418780

MOS: 1193 Artillery Officer

Started Tour: January 4, 1966

Casualty Date: May 8, 1966

Reason: KIA, (Small Arms Fire) Lieutenant Bush was killed by small arms fire during hostile action in the vicinity of Thanh Son (2) (Grid Coordinates BS 860100, 5KM southwest of Tam Quan), while acting as a Platoon Leader for Troop D, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (AM) during Operation Davy Crockett. 2LT Bush had been the Forward Observer for the 1st Platoon and took over as platoon leader after the regular platoon leader became incapacitated.

On the Wall: Panel 07E Line 039

Buried: Plot: Row W, Lot 30, Space 8, Greenhill Cemetery, Laramie, Wyoming



BILLY RAY FOSTER, Private First Class

Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Vietnam, attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: December 6, 1943

Home of Record: Minden, Webster County, Louisiana

Serial Number: RA 18614770

MOS: 13A10 Cannon Artillery Crewman

Started Tour: August 18, 1965

Casualty Date: June 15, 1966

Reason: NBD (Non Hostile), Died of Wounds (DOW)

Battery C was located at Catecka Tea Plantation, near Pleiku, Pleiku Providence, South Vietnam during Operation Hooker. Private First Class Foster died of wounds to the abdomen from a muzzle blast from a 105mm howitzer being fired.

On the Wall: Panel 08E Line 049

Buried: Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Webster Parish, Minden, Louisiana



JAMES PATRICK SCHUELLER, First Lieutenant

Battery B, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group, further attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: August 10, 1942

Home of Record: Marshfield, Marathon County, Wisconsin

Serial Number: O5419577

MOS: 1193 Artillery Officer

Started Tour: July 16, 1966

Casualty Date: June 17, 1966

Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile, Aircraft Crash), On June 17, 1966 a C-130 of the 722nd Troop Carrier Squadron, 463rd TCW, Mactan AB Philippines, was making a scheduled "round robin" fight originating at

and returning to Tan Son Nhut. The aircraft was to make several stops within South Vietnam before returning to Tan Son Nhut. At the An Khe Airstrip (Grid Coordinates BR 476447) the Hercules was about to lift off when it suddenly veered to the left and departed the runway. The pilots steered the aircraft back on to the runway but overshot the end, ran down an embankment and burst into flames. Of the 56 passengers and crew on board a total of 35 were killed, including US, South Vietnamese, and South Korea troops. A Lieutenant that fit the description of First Lieutenant Schueller was thrown clear of the burning aircraft, but chose to return in the flaming aircraft to help survivors when the airplane exploded. Landing Zone Schueller, located west of An Khe and between Mang Yang Pass along Highway 19 was named in his honor

On the Wall: Panel 22E Line 002

Buried: Plot: Westside, Row 3, Corpus Christi Catholic Cemetery, Bakerville, Wood County, Wisconsin



MICHAEL AYR LOWERY, Private First Class

Battery D, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group, further attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: March 23, 1946

Home of Record: San Francisco, San Francisco County, California

Serial Number: US 56420861

MOS: 13A10 Cannon Artillery Crewman

Started Tour: October 23, 1966

Date of Casualty: February 5, 1967

Reason: Died of Wounds in Action, (DOW) Misadventure Friendly Fire, premature detonation of a 155mm round, on February 4, 1967

On The Wall: Panel 14E Line 123

Buried: Plot: Section EE, Site 891-A, San Francisco National Cemetery, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California



ROBERT JOSEPH GRITTE, Master Sergeant,
(Posthumous Promoted as indicated)

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group, further attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: November 25, 1929

Home of Record: Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts

Serial Number: 11169581

MOS: 13E40 Artillery Fire Direction Specialist

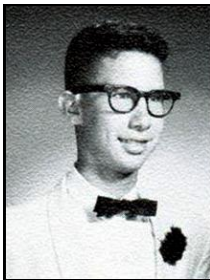
Started Tour: August 19, 1966

Date of Casualty: March 4, 1967

Reason: NBD (Accidental), while severing as S2 NCOIC, MSG Gritte was breaking up a fight in the barracks between two soldiers, one with a loaded M16 and was shot dead. (Camp Radcliff South Vietnam)

On the Wall: Panel 16E Line 016

Buried: Plot: Section 3, Plot 783, Fort Sill Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Comanche County, Oklahoma



DAVID WAYNE LAURITSEN, Private First Class

Battery B, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group, further attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: June 23, 1947

Home of Record: Seattle, King County, Washington

Serial Number: 18974287

MOS: 12A10 Pioneer Basic

Started Tour: February 9, 1967

Date of Casualty: April 8, 1967

Reason: NBD (Accident), suffocated, while filling sandbags, when a bank of sandbags fell upon him and another soldier from 21st Artillery vicinity of Hung Long,

An Lao Valley, South Vietnam (Grid Coordinates BS 745110)

On the Wall: Panel 17E Line 124

Buried: Forest Lawn Cemetery, Seattle, King County, Washington



JIMMY GENE MAYFIELD, Corporal

(Posthumous Promoted as indicated)

Battery A, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group, further attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: February 22, 1942

Home of Record: Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas

Serial number: US 5443852

MOS: 13A10 Canon Artillery Crewman

Started Tour: February 24, 1967

Date of Casualty: August 3, 1967

Reason: KIA, Died of Wounds (DOW) from a mortar round fired on his battery position at -LZ Schueller Hwy QL-19, 12 KM west of An Khe, South Vietnam.

On the Wall: Panel 25E Line 093

Buried: Aurora Cemetery, Aurora, Texas



JOESPH WILLIAM CRUZ, Specialist Fourth Class

Battery D, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group, further attached to 1st Cavalry Division (AM)

Date of Birth: October 14, 1945

Home of Record: Agana Heights, Guam

Serial Number: RA 10122044

MOS: 13E20 Artillery Fire Direction Specialist

Started Tour: May 6, 1967

Date of Casualty: August 13, 1967
Reason: KIA, Died of Wounds (DOW) as a result of injuries received as a gunner on a 155mm howitzer when a premature 155mm round detonated.
On the Wall: Panel 24E Line 106
Buried: U. S. Naval Cemetery #2, Piti, Guam



LARRY WAYNE BARRETT, Private First Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
Date of Birth: September 16, 1947
Home of Record: Redkey, Jay County, Indiana
Serial Number: US 55945117
MOS: 13E20 Artillery Fire Direction Specialist
Started Tour: March 17, 1968
Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968
Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky. Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam
On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 045
Buried: Garden of Memory, Muncie, Delaware County, Florida



FELIPE DURAN CAMARILLO, Staff Sergeant

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
Date of Birth: May 26, 1933
Home of Record: Sequin, Guadalupe County, Texas
Serial Number: US 54118071
MOS: 13B40 Canon Artillery Section Chief
Started Tour: May 27, 1967
Date of Casualty: KIA, April 3, 1968
Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at

Landing Zone George on Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam.
On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 047
Buried: Plot: Section I, Site 268, Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, El Paso County, Texas



ROBERT LYNN CASWELL, Specialist Fourth Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
Date of Birth: October 10, 1947
Home of Record: Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan
Serial Number: US 54963262
MOS: 13A10 Cannon Artillery Basic
Started Tour: July 3, 1967
Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968
Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh, Province, South Vietnam.
On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 047
Buried: Oxbow Lakeside Cemetery, White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan



GILBERT DELA PENA, Specialist Fourth Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
Date of Birth: July 4, 1942
Home of Record: Pinedale, Fresno County, California
Serial Number: US 56668364
MOS: 13A10 Cannon Artillery Basic
Started Tour: August 4, 1967
Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968

Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh, Province, South Vietnam
On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 048
Buried: Clovis Cemetery, Clovis, Fresno County, California



FRED RICHARD GLOVER, Specialist Fourth Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
Date of Birth: July 9, 1946
Home of Record: Bartow, Polk County, Florida
Serial Number: US 53699842
MOS: 13E40 Artillery Fire Direction Specialist
Started Tour: January 4, 1968
Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968
Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky. Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh, Province, South Vietnam
On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 050
Buried: Herwing Cemetery, Bartow, Polk County, Florida



RALPH CHARLES MCGOWAN, Private First Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
Date of Birth: April 26, 1948

Home of Record: Trenton, William County, North Dakota
Serial Number: RA 16945169
MOS: 36K20 Tactical Wire Communications Specialist
Started Tour: January 7, 1968
Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968
Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky. Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh, Province, South Vietnam
On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 053
Buried: Trenton Cemetery, Trenton, William County, North Dakota



DANNY JOE RICHARDSON, Specialist Fourth Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
Date of Birth: March 26, 1948
Home of Record: Covington, Newton County, Georgia
Serial Number: RA 14939142
MOS: 36K20 Tactical Wire Communications Specialist
Started Tour: November 11, 1967
Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968
Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam
On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 053
Buried: Lawnwood Memorial Park, Covington, Newton County, Georgia



EDGAR LEE SIMMONS, Corporal

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group

Date of Birth: March 18, 1948

Home of Record: Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas

Serial Number: US 54387507

MOS: 13B40 Cannon Artillery Section Chief

Started Tour: July 13, 1967

Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968

Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky. Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam

On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 055

Buried: Section 14, Site 530, Little Rock National Cemetery, Jefferson County, Little Rock, Arkansas



THOMAS PETER VISKER, Private First Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group

Date of Birth: March 22, 1947

Home of Record: Warden, Grant County, Washington

Serial Number: US 56985921

MOS: 13A10 Cannon Artillery Basic

Stated Tour: January 12, 1968

Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968

Reason: KIA, Died of Wounds (DOW) from burns when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing George on Ky. Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam

On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 057

Buried: Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Grant, Grant County, Washington



ELBERT BERTON WALKER, Private First Class

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group

Date of Birth: November 18, 1949

Home of Record: North Platte, Lincoln, County, North Dakota

Serial Number: RA 16980897

MOS: 36K20, Tactical Wire Communication Specialist

Started Tour: December 28, 1967

Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968

Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam

On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 057

Buried: Floral Lawns Memorial Gardens, North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska



JOHN TERRELL WILKINSON, First Lieutenant

Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group

Date of Birth: March 22, 1946

Home of Record: Manchester, Coffee County, Tennessee

Serial Number: O-5424606

MOS: 1193 Artillery Officer

Started Tour: July 30, 1967
 Date of Casualty: April 3, 1968
 Reason: KIA, from multiple fragmentations when Battery C was attacked early in the morning of April 3, 1968 at 0130 hours by an enemy sapper unit of an unknown size at Landing Zone George on Ky Son Mountain near Tuy Puoc, Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam
 On the Wall: Panel 47E Line 058
 Buried: Manchester City Cemetery, Manchester, Coffee County, Tennessee



CLIFFORD ARVIN DRAPER, Private First Class

Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: August 26, 1944
 Home of Record: Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska
 Serial Number: 27702157
 MOS: 13A10 Cannon Artillery Basic
 Started Tour: February 27, 1968
 Date of Casualty: August 23, 1968
 Reason: KIA, Died of Wounds (DOW) when LZ Schueller (Grid Coordinates BR 367468) received 20-25, 82mm mortar rounds
 On the Wall: Panel 47W Line 040
 Buried: Sunset Memorial Gardens, Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska



STEPHEN ALAN JORDAN, Corporal

Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 41st Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: October 29, 1949
 Home of Record: Monrovia, Los Angeles County, California
 Serial Number: RA 18852057
 MOS: 13E40 Artillery Fire Direction Specialist

Started Tour: February 25, 1968
 Date of Casualty: August 25, 1968
 Reason: KIA, Corporal Jordan was the Forward Observer for Company B, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry (MECH) and was killed in the initial volley when the Company B was attacked by an estimated enemy company with small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 rocket fire 2 KM south of HWY QL-19 (Grid Coordinates BR 295435), 19KM west of An Khe, South Vietnam
 On the Wall: Panel 46W Line 016
 Buried: Live Oak Memorial Park, Monrovia, Los Angeles County, California



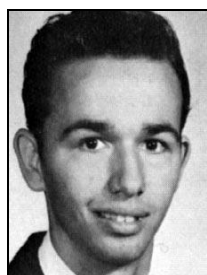
FRANCIS DOMINICK ALIVENTO, Warrant Officer 1

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, attached to 41st Artillery Group, 1st Field Forces Vietnam.
 Date of Birth: December 20, 1846
 Home of Record: New York City, Kings County, New York
 Serial Number: 076365822
 MOS: 062B Helicopter Pilot Utility and Light Cargo Single Rotor
 Started Tour: December 12, 1968
 Date of Casualty: April 4, 1969
 Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile), Helicopter (OH-6A 67-16561) hit the mountain on the north side of Mang Yang Pass, Binh Dinh, Province
 On the Wall: Panel 27W Line 035
 Buried: Long Island National Cemetery, Suffolk County, Farmingdale, New York

(Note: One passenger was also killed in the crash of helicopter OH-6A 67-16561: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ivan I. Green, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 41st Artillery Group, 1st Field Force Vietnam.)



FRANCIS BERNARD MADDEN Jr., Sergeant
 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion,
 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 52nd
 Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: June 25, 1952
 Home of Record: Newark, Essex County, New Jersey
 Serial Number: US 51203547
 MOS: 13E40 Cannon Fire Direction Specialist
 Stared Tour: June 30, 1968
 Date of Casualty: June 15, 1969
 Reason: KIA, (Explosive Device) died when the vehicle
 he was riding in struck a mine.
 On the Wall: Panel 22W Line 054
 Buried: Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hanover, New Jersey



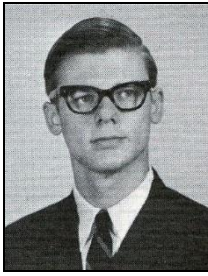
**DONALD LAVOYCE BRIGHTMAN, Specialist
 Fifth Class**
 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion,
 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 52nd
 Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: October 7, 1948
 Home of Record: Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma
 Serial Number: RA 15930629
 MOS: 71H20 Personnel Specialist
 Started Tour: December 12, 1967
 Date of Casualty: June 15, 1969
 Reason: KIA, (Explosive Device), died when the vehicle
 he was riding in hit a mine
 On the Wall: Panel 22W Line 051
 Buried: Hillcreek, Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma



VALERIANO DAVID CONTRERAS, Sergeant
 (Posthumous Promoted as indicated)
 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion,
 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 52nd
 Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: October 14, 1948
 Home of Record: El Pasco, El Paso County, Texas
 Serial Number: 67128099
 MOS: 94B40 Food Service Specialist
 Started Tour: January 2, 1969
 Date of Casualty: June 15, 1969
 Reason: KIA, (Explosive Device) died when the vehicle
 he was riding in hit a mine
 On the Wall: 22W Line 051
 Buried: Section I, Site 912, Fort Bliss National Cemetery,
 Fort Bliss, El Paso County, Texas



**KEM (KIRK) L. WALLACE, Specialist Fourth
 Class**
 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion,
 17th Artillery 1st Field Forces, attached to 52nd Artillery
 Group
 Date of Birth: September 28, 1947
 Home of Record: El Pasco, El Paso County, Texas
 Serial Number: 458842857
 MOS: 64B20 Heavy Wheeled Vehicle Driver
 Started Tour: September 23, 1968
 Date of Casualty: July 17, 1969
 Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile) ,accident, died of other
 causes
 On the Wall: Panel 20W Line 013
 Buried: Plot I, 1110, Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort
 Bliss, El Paso County, Texas



RICHARD JAMES "RICKY" PARNELL, Sergeant (Posthumous Promoted as indicated)
 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion,
 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 52nd
 Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: February 6, 1947
 Home of Record: Greenville, Pitt County, Greenville,
 North Carolina
 Serial Number: 244748504
 MOS: 13E20: Cannon Fire Direction Specialist
 Started Tour: January 3, 1969
 Date of Casualty: July 21, 1969
 Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile), died of other causes-self-
 inflicted, Camp Radcliff, An Khe, South Vietnam)
 On the Wall: Panel 20W Line 031
 Buried: Plot: 7/732, New Bern National Cemetery, New
 Bern, Craven County, North Carolina
 (Graduate of University of North Carolina)



NICKOLAUS CHARLES ZOZULA, Specialist Fourth Class
 Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces
 Vietnam, attached to 52nd Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: November 18, 1945
 Home of Record: Roslindale, Suffolk County, Maine
 Serial Number: 028340158
 MOS: 13A20 Cannon Artillery Crewman
 Started Tour: April 4, 1969
 Date of Casualty: November 2, 1969
 Reason: KIA, died of wounds (DOW) received at a
 Landing Zone (LZ), which came under rocket and mortar
 attack. (Quang Duc Province)
 On the Wall: Panel 16W Line 021
 Buried: St. Michaels Cemetery, Roslindale, Massachusetts

Note: Ukrainian American Veterans Post 31 (Founded 1991), Boston, Massachusetts is named in his honor, at the corner of Hemman and Kittredge Streets, Roslindale, Massachusetts. The post was dedicated in 2012.



ROGER ALLEN DE DIE, Sergeant
 Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces
 Vietnam, attached to 52nd Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: August 13, 1948
 Home of Record: Vicksburg, Michigan
 Serial Number: 365501193
 MOS: 13B40 Cannon Artillery Chief
 Started Tour: March 24, 1969
 Date of Casualty: November 24, 1969
 Reason: KIA, died during a mortar attack at Bu Brang
 Special Forces Camp, Quang Duc Province, South
 Vietnam. Sergeant De Die howitzer section has been sent
 to the camp to provide fire support.
 On the Wall: Panel 16W Line 116
 Buried: Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park South,
 Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan



ROBERT RAYMOND BROWN, Staff Sergeant
 Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces
 Vietnam, attached to 52nd Artillery Group
 Date of Birth: August 2, 1945
 Home of Record: Fort Peck, Valley County, Montana
 Serial Number: 517504914
 MOS: 13B40 Cannon Artillery Section Chief
 Started Tour: March 26, 1969
 Date of Casualty: December 1, 1969
 Reason: KIA, Died of Wounds (DOW) received from a
 mortar and rocket attack at Bu Prang, Quang Duc
 Province, South Vietnam. SSG Brown died helping to
 rescue a wounded comrade he was transporting a wounded
 soldier by littler when struck by shrapnel.
 On the Wall: Panel 15W Line 012

Buried: Hillview Cemetery, Hinsdale, Montana



GEORGE BURTON COLGAN III, Captain
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion,
17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to 52nd
Artillery Group

Date of Birth: August 2, 1946

Home of Record: Alexandria, Virginia

Serial Number: 226609308

MOS: 4510 Ammunition Officer

Started Tour: July 7, 1968

Date of Casualty: December 1, 1969

Reason: KIA, Died of Wounds (DOW) received from a mortar attack at Bu Prang, Quang Duc Province, South Vietnam. Captain Colgan at the time was the Battalion's S4. He previously served as Battery Commander of Battery C.

On the Wall: Panel 15W Line 012

Buried: Section 46, Site 901-7, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia



ANDREW MACHRISTIE, Command Sergeant Major (Posthumous Promoted as indicated)

Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to Provisional Artillery Group

Date of Birth: August 5, 1917

Home of Record: Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Serial Number: 165036726

MOS: 00Z50 Command Sergeant Major

Started Tour: January 9, 1970

Date of Casualty: December 4, 1970

Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile), died in a helicopter crash in Duc Co Pass (Hwy QL 21), Khanh Hoa Province, South Vietnam. Command Sergeant Major Machristie was a passenger on an OH-58A Kiowa helicopter (Tail Number 68-16803) returning to Ban Me Thuot from Nha Trang, South Vietnam

On the Wall: Panel 6W Line 107

Buried: Section I, Site 2396, Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, El Paso County, Texas (CSM Machristie was also a veteran of World War II and the Korea War.)



PETER CLAUS BEHRENS, Warrant Officer (WO1)

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to Provisional Artillery Group

Date of Birth: November 28, 1944

Home of Record: Newburg, Phelps County, Missouri

Serial Number: 499485375

MOS: 6280 Helicopter Pilot

Started Tour: March 3, 1970

Date of Casualty: December 4, 1970

Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile), died in a helicopter crash in Duc Co Pass, Hwy QL-21, Khanh Hoa Province, South Vietnam. Warrant Officer Behrens was the pilot of the OH-58A Kiowa (Tail Number 68-16803) helicopter returning to Ban Me Thuot from Nha Trang, South Vietnam

On the Wall: Panel 6W Line 105

Buried: Fort Plot: Section L, Site 60, Leonardwood Post Cemetery, Fort Leonardwood, Pulaski County, Missouri



JAMES REEVE HEIMBOLD, Captain

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, attached to Provisional Artillery Group

Date of Birth: February 3, 1943

Home of Record: San Jose, Santa Clara County, California

Serial Number: 150322160

MOS: 1193 Artillery Officer

Started Tour: July 14, 1970

Date of Casualty: December 4, 1970

Reason: NBD (Non-Hostile), died in a helicopter crash in Duc Co Pass, Hwy QL-21, Khanh Hoa Province, South Vietnam, Captain Heimbold was a passenger on an OH-58A Kiowa (Tail number 68-6B 16803) helicopter returning to Ban Me Thuot from Nha Trang, South Vietnam

On the Wall: Panel 6W Line 106

Buried: Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Wilmauma County, Florida

(Note: There was one other passenger on OH-58A who also died as a result of the crash.)

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kermit Leslie Mathews who was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Field Forces Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam

The above data on those who died in Vietnam from the 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery has been compiled from:

- (1) Operational Reports on Lessons Learned of the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery, dated December 22, 1965 through April 3, 1971.
- (2) Coffelt Database of Vietnam Casualties 2003-2014, www.coffeltdatabase.com
- (3) The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration, Vietnam Conflict Extract Data File, as of April 29, 2008, 6/8/1956 – 5/28/2006 www.archives.gov
- (4) The Virtual Wall @ Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, www.VIRTUALWALL.org
- (5) Find a Grave www.findagrave.com



WORLD WAR I Private James Howard Hurd



The picture shows Private James Howard Hurd (left) and an unknown comrade at Camp Robinson, Wisconsin in November 1917. Picture was taken a couple of days prior to the deployment of the regiment to France. Private Hurd is in the guard uniform, at the time, armed with a .45 Cal. 1911 Pistol. Private Hurd enlisted on August 23, 1917 and was initially assigned to the Supply Company of the Regiment, and then he was transferred to Battery D on October 23, 1917. Private Hurd died of wounds on June 20, 1918 after Battery D came under heavy German artillery fire.

The picture was sent to the association by Mr. Clark Baker (USMC/LAPD, Ret) from his family records. Mr. Clark's grandmother was in correspondence with Private Hurd at the time of World War I. Mr. Clark also provided two copies of the letters that Private Hurd mailed to his grandmother.

Here are some excerpts from Private Hurd letters concerning his training at Camp Robinson: "Working hard on foot drills and learning a lot of things, such as the Semaphored Signaling with flags". "Walking to our tents, to sleep in, while on the march, taking hikes over the hills and such like", "They send us where ever is a regiment not filled up. We are almost filled up now and expect to leave soon" and "Yes, the big guns on the land is the type we use here it is drawn by a team of 8 horses, one man to two horses".



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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 (Deceased)	November 5, 2004
048	Pete Schwarz	November 13, 2004
049	Robert M. Kinton (Deceased)	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(Deceased)	January 3, 2011
129	James M. Shernesky	January 10, 2011
130	John P. Clingan	February 13, 2011
131	Bruno A. Kalkowski(Deceased)	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(Deceased)	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 Jr. (Deceased)	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
182	Phillip I. Smith	January 22, 2018

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*Camp Radcliff at An Khe, South Vietnam, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery area (1968).
Golf Course Airstrip is in the background.
Picture is from the photo collection by Master Sergeant (Retired) Gerald (Jerry) F. Brown,
Battalion Communication Chief (1967-1968).*

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