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The President's Observation By Gil Bernabe

Hello again, 17th Artillery Regiment Association members, wives, family and friends. We are finally getting close to September 2021 and our annual reunion. June and I hope you are ready to make the trip to Gettysburg for our 2021 Reunion at the Hilton Garden Inn. By now, most of you have probably received your full complement of COVID jabs (if you wanted to receive the vaccines) and are anxious to get out of your home. Currently, the state of Pennsylvania has lifted all COVID restrictions, and the Hilton Garden Inn is operating at full capacity. Let's hope these health rules do not change!

Reunion Information. **Dates:** September 20 to September 24. Monday through Friday.

Reunion Location: Gettysburg, PA, at the Hilton Garden Inn – 1061 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Check the following pages for additional important reunion information.

Pre-Registration. Our Treasurer, Rich Siebe would greatly appreciate it if you filled out the reunion registration form and mailed it to him with your check – real soon. Your registration makes it easier for the Board of Officers and the hotel to plan for the number of 17th Artillery folks who will attend – especially for planning the number of meals to prepare and pay for. **Deadline to register: September 1.**

What does our schedule look like? The reunion activities begin on Saturday, September 18 with the arrival of the association officers. The officers will have the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, September 19. **Members will begin arriving on Monday, September 20.** Of course, you are always welcome to arrive early and stay late.

Reunion Schedule. Some of the 2021 reunion highlights include Monday's Welcome Social – a catered event - followed by a briefing on the Gettysburg Tour by Dr. Jeff McCausland and Tom Vossler. Also, Tom Vossler will be available to autograph his book, "A Field Guide to Gettysburg," which is a gift to each member attending the reunion. Tuesday is your opportunity to sight-see on your own. Wednesday – we load onto two buses for a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Thursday is the day for our major events: General Membership Meeting and everyone is invited; our always hilarious and profitable auction; and we close with our Annual Banquet - a catered event. Of course, all week long we have the opportunity to socialize and trade stories of how we survived the COVID-19 invasion.

This Castle Newsletter contains some always very interesting stories beginning with articles on the 2021 17th Artillery Regiment Association scholarship winners. Our Chaplain, Richard Smith, provides some good words to live by and updates us on the health of some of our members. We have two articles reporting on Vietnam – one on the graciousness of Ann-Margret and a Tom Kurtz report on the Pleiku Campaign of 1965. See you at our Reunion Headquarters – Hilton Garden Inn – in Gettysburg.

17th Artillery Regiment Association's Twenty-Second Annual Reunion
Gettysburg, PA
September 20 to 24, 2021
2021 REUNION INFORMATION



What: The 2021 Annual Reunion will be held at Gettysburg, PA,

When: From Monday, September 20 to Friday, September 24, 2021. Check out Friday – September 24, 2021. The Board members will arrive on September 18 & 19 for the Annual Business Meeting.

Where: Reunion Headquarters: Hilton Garden Inn, 1061 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Hotel reservations: You may make your hotel reservation several ways:

- 1.** Call directly to: Gettysburg Hilton Garden Inn – **1-717-334-2040; Press Ext Zero (0) - Our Group Code is ARA**
- 2.** **Link for reservations: Book Reunion Rate for 17th Artillery Reunion at Hilton Garden Inn:**
Click hyperlink below:

https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MDTGHGI-ARA-20210918/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Room rates: \$109.00 per night plus tax. Room rates are from September 18 to September 24, 2021. Room options: 1 king bed, 1 queen bed with sofa bed, or 2 queen beds. Accessible rooms are available. Reservations deadline: August 19, 2021, to receive the 17th Artillery room rate of \$109.00.

Hotel deadline: Reservations made after August 19, 2021 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 free WiFi, on-site restaurant, indoor pool, fitness center, and free parking. If you have to cancel, cancellation must be made before 3:00 PM on September 19, 2021 (one day before scheduled check-in), to avoid being charged. The hotel website is: **<http://www.gettysburg.gardeninn.com>**

Registration Fee: **The Reunion Registration Fee will be \$65.00 per person.**

(See Reunion Registration Form in this Newsletter.) Fee will cover your breakfast each morning, Tuesday's Welcome Social meal, Hospitality Room refreshments and snacks, bus rental and Thursday's Annual Banquet. If you eat any other meals at the restaurant, mention you are with 17th Artillery Reunion to receive a 10% discount **on food only**.

Remember to bring your 17th Artillery historical pictures, movies, and items for the always entertaining AUCTION.

Come & experience the beauty & historic allure of Gettysburg area.

Visit Civil War landmarks and the famous Gettysburg Battlefield - minutes from the hotel.

Also nearby are Gettysburg National Military Park,

**National Civil War Museum, & delightful antique shops,
restaurants & historical homes in downtown Gettysburg.**

**17th Artillery Regiment Association's Reunion
Registration Form
2021 Reunion- September 20 – 24, 2021**



Please fill out the Registration Form below

The association's registration fee will cover your daily breakfasts, Monday evening's Welcome Social, Hospitality Room refreshments & snacks, bus rental, and the Annual Banquet.

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

Mail to the Association's Treasurer: **Rich Siebe**
3060 64th Street
Sacramento, CA 95820 - 2004

CUT OR TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER.

(With your check or money order to arrive **NLT September 1, 2021**)

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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: \$65.00 per person - X- Number Attending _____ **\$** _____
(number in your party)

Please donate toward the Hospitality Room Expenses: **\$** _____

Check Total **\$** _____



17th Artillery Regiment Association

2021 REUNION SCHEDULE – MAJOR EVENTS

Day 1 – Saturday – September 18 - Officers Arrive at Hilton Garden Inn, Gettysburg

Day 2 – Sunday – September 19 - Review Reunion Schedule / Recon Area

1:00 - 4:00 pm – Annual Business Meeting

6:00 pm – Leadership Team Supper

Day 3 – Monday – September 20 - Members Arrive

10:00 am – Registration begins

Shopping for Hospitality Room items

3:00 pm – Open Hospitality Room – In Meeting Room

5:00 – 7:00 pm - Welcome Social – In Meeting Room – Catered Event

7:00 - 8:00 pm – Briefing on Gettysburg Battlefield – COL (Ret, USA) Jeff McCausland, PhD. – Commander, 3rd Bn, 17th FA – November 1990 to January 1992; and COL (Ret, USA) Tom Vossler

Day 4 - Tuesday – September 21 – Self-Guided tours around Gettysburg

Day 5 – Wednesday – September 22 –

8:30 – Load onto Two Buses & Depart Hotel for the Gettysburg Battlefield

9:00 to 12:30 – Tour of Gettysburg Battlefield – via Bus – Tour Guides: Dr. Jeff McCausland, Ph.D., and Tom Vossler

Note: Plan to make four stops – with little walking

1:00 pm - Wednesday Afternoon: Self-Guided Tours – Free Time

Day 6 – Thursday – September 23

9:00 to 11:00 – General Membership Meeting - In Meeting Room – all are invited.

11:00 to 1:30 – Auction - In Meeting Room

2:00 to 4:00 – Annual Banquet - In Meeting Room – Catered Event

POW Ceremony – Presentation of Life Member Certificates

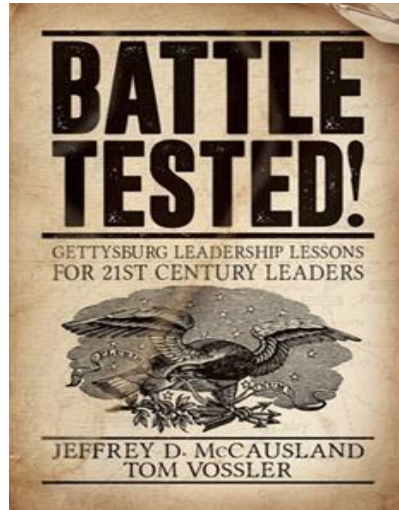
Presentation of 17th Artillery Association Coins to wives

10:00 pm – Close Hospitality Room – Clean up meeting room – all items GONE.

Day 7 – Friday – September 24 – Checkout – Drive Safely! See First Sergeant for Vehicle Safety Inspection!

Win a book at the Welcome Social.

At our Welcome Social – we will raffle two books and each winner will receive a signed copy of **Battle Tested**, co-authored by Dr. Jeff McCausland and Tom Vossler who, incidentally, are our volunteer tour guides.



Battle Tested – by Dr. Jeff McCausland and Tom Vossler

Jeff McCausland is the founder and CEO of Diamond6 Leadership and Strategy, LLC. He also serves as a Visiting Professor of International Security Affairs at Dickinson College and is a former Distinguished Visiting Professor of Research and Minerva Chairholder at the U.S. Army War College. Jeff is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, holds a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and is a West Point graduate. His military assignments included: the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Army Staff; command of an artillery battalion during the Gulf War; Dean of the Army War College; and Director for Defense Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council Staff, the White House. Since retiring he has served as a Chaired Professor of Leadership at the U.S. Naval Academy and subsequently a Visiting Professor at the Penn State Graduate School of International Affairs. Jeff is also a national security consultant for CBS radio and television as well as a Senior Fellow at both the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs in New York, and the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the Naval Academy. He has published and lectured broadly--both in the United States and over twenty-five foreign countries--on national security affairs, NATO, the wars in Afghanistan/Iraq, and leadership development.

Co-author Colonel Tom Vossler, U.S. Army (Retired) served thirty years active military service in the U.S. Army to include command of an infantry platoon in combat during the Vietnam War. Since retiring in 1998, Tom has worked as a Federally examined and Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg where he specializes in battlefield studies and leadership seminars for national and international military units and civilian corporations. Additionally, Tom conducts on an annual basis upwards of fifty Gettysburg battlefield tours for individuals, families, and youth groups.

For the past ten years, Tom has served as the leading historian for Jeff McCausland's Diamond6 Leadership and Strategy, LLC. on American Civil War battlefields at Gettysburg, Antietam, and Manassas. The book which they've collectively put forward is the culmination of ten years of leadership seminars conducted "on the field" with various and disparate groups of high achievers.

Tom is the co-author of two previous books on the 1863 battle at Gettysburg (one in the second edition) and one book on the 1862 battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg, Maryland. His television credits include participation in historical documentary programs appearing on The History Channel, The Discovery Channel, C-SPAN 3, and the Pennsylvania Cable Network.

Don't Forget to Support Our Auction

On Thursday, September 23, will have our Annual General Membership Meeting; followed by the always entertaining auction. As you know, the auction raises funds to support our scholarship program. Please remember to bring an item or two for the auction. We will wrap up our 2019 Reunion with our Annual Banquet.

Of course, in between all these exciting events we will have plenty of time to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

[And, of course, hurry and make your hotel reservation – also - at the Hilton Garden Inn](#)

[Deadline to register for a hotel room: August 19, 2021.](#)

Before you forget – find the Reunion Registration Form in this Newsletter, fill it out and mail it, along with your \$65.00 per person, to Rich Siebe. See you soon at our Headquarters at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Gettysburg, PA. Registration Form to Rich Siebe –

Deadline: September 1, 2021.

We need to know if you are coming – so we can plan how much food to order.

SECRETARY'S REPORT By Jack Stroud

I would like to inform you of my intention to resign from my board position as your secretary due to the secretary's eyesight and bone cancer along with physical disabilities this will be YOUR last Newsletter from me my resignation will be effective immediately after this printing.

Unless there is someone who is able to pick up the office of Association Secretary and take over the secretary's position it will end after this edition. If it be known I have held every position in the Association with the exception of Treasurer. I would hope there is someone that would step in and take over this position at the reunion.

While serving as a board member in every position with the exception of Treasure in our Association, I have seen much growth in the Association, and I am truly satisfied with the progress we have made. I feel that my contribution has met its limit and that it would be beneficial to the organization if I were to step down. In doing so, I will be able to spend more time with my many challenging health issues.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity as a non-Artilleryman but a Signal Corps Senior NCO to be part of such a strong and dedicated organization of real Artillery men. I look forward to seeing the continued success of our Association.

ELECTIONS AT THE 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The following association officer positions are open for election: President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The President will gladly step down if members wish to run for President. The Acting Treasurer, Rich Siebe, insists on stepping down. He only assumed the Treasurer's duties to get the Association to the next reunion. The Secretary, Jack Stroud, has been pleading and offering cash awards for anyone who is willing to assume his duties.,

The Chairman-Scholarship Committee, Gil Bernabe, is willing to step down from this scholarship position. Gil has put together a **Guide to a Scholarship Program** that is a step-by-step guide for a successful scholarship program. Gil promises to be around to assist the new Chairman.



Information on 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarships

The association formally announces the annual scholarship program each January with the publication of the January *Castle* Newsletter. Once the scholarship program is announced, the chairman will email the 17th Artillery Association Scholarship application to applicants. Completed application must be returned by March 15.

Eligibility: To be eligible, for a 17th Artillery Association scholarship grant or special award, 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.

- a) 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**.
- b) 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**.
- c) If the applicant has been previously awarded a 17th Artillery Association scholarship grant or special award, then, that applicant is not eligible to apply for another scholarship grant or award.
- d) **Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2021) or a freshman, sophomore, or a junior attending any college, vocational school or technical school**. Scholarship grants and special awards will be awarded in all areas of study.

The amount of annual scholarship depends on donations received the prior year and on the success of the reunion auction.

Mistakes to avoid for a successful application:

1. A typed application is much easier to read and much neater.
2. The application - especially Section One: Applicant Information - must be completely filled out. Phone number and email address are especially important – in case we need to contact the applicant.
3. Make sure your Letter of Recommendation is SIGNED.
4. Transcripts must include 3.5 semesters – that includes three years plus the first semester of senior year.
5. Ensure the Grade Point Average (GPA) is converted to the 4.0 scale. If the applicant does not know what a Grade Point Average (GPA) is – then, ask a school official. Without a proper GPA, your application will be marked “Incomplete” and returned.
6. Check and double check your essay for misspellings and grammatical errors.

17th Artillery Association members - if you have a relative who is interested in applying for a scholarship – have them send an email to the Chairman, Scholarship Program with the following information. Once the Chairman receive the Scholarship Applicant Information – the applicant will be place on a waiting list until January when the scholarship application will be sent out to interested students.

Date: _____

MMEO FOR Chairman – 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship

Applicant's Full Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip code: _____

Applicant's Email address: _____

Best phone number to reach applicant: _____

Name of 17th Artillery Veteran who is sponsoring you: _____

Veteran's Email Address: _____

Veteran's Phone Number: _____

17th Artillery Unit veteran served with & service dates: _____ Battery, _____ Battalion
17th Artillery Dates _____

Chairman's Information: Gil Bernabe – Chairman - Email: Gilbernabe29@aol.com

Cell: (903) 421 – 6266

KUDOS to Our Scholarship Donors and Contributors

Every year at our annual reunion we conduct an auction. The auction is supported by attending members who purchase our “historical relics” and some items actually have a value. Everyone who spends money at our auction is supporting our scholarship program. A big THANKS to you for this support.

Beside the reunion attendees, our association is blessed with support for our scholarship program from several individuals who are not able to attend our reunions but, most years, they send in the large donations. Two generous members are Tom Kurtz and Bill Dahlin. While everyone contributes to the success of the scholarship program, Tom and Bill really make the awarded scholarship a “big deal” for the winners.

Another contributor has generously donated funds to support our Gettysburg reunion. That individual is George Winton.

A special thanks to Tom Kurtz, Bill Dahlin and George Winton for your generous support.

Thanks to everyone who supports our 17th Artillery Association Scholarship Program and the Association's activities.

And, of course, we cannot forget a BIG thanks to our faithful Reunion attendees and the Board of Officers who keep the Association rolling forward in good shape. Thank you all for your wonderful contributions!!!

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

The 17th Artillery Regiment Association recently awarded college scholarships to three very deserving students, who included one daughter, one granddaughter and one grandson. The three scholarships totaled \$7850.00. Each scholarship winner received a monetary award, a Congratulations Letter, and a 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 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 first-place winner is Aaron Snelbaker, a 2021 graduate of Red Land High School, in Lewisberry, PA. During his high school years, Aaron applied himself diligently to his academic course work. He enrolled in five Advanced Placement and/or Honors Courses and completed them with outstanding grades – enough to earn college credit in three courses. He was selected to the National Honor Society and the prestigious Spanish Honor Society.

A review of Aaron's high school activities reflects a very busy and dedicated student-athlete. He played football for four years, earned two varsity letter and, in his senior year, was the Team Captain. He also excelled in track & field, running the sprints and hurdles. As a member of the Key Club for four years, he was active assisting in all types of events at his high school and community. As the Director of a local group, Patriots Helping Patriots, he managed the collection and distribution of food to the local American Legion and to some 100 veterans in need. He also found time to participate in Junior ROTC and was a Staff Officer in his senior year. Highly recognized for his leadership skills, the principal appointed him to the West Shore School District Student Advisory Council. The school coaches also valued Aaron's leadership skills and appointed him to the Student Athlete Advisory Council. On both of these councils, he brought his leadership and good ideas to make his high school better.

His high school principal writes that "Aaron has earned a reputation amongst staff as a student that is honorable, dependable, and committed to excellence. Aaron's leadership and desire to continually challenge himself academically and personally is evident in his numerous achievements while at Red land High school."

For his outstanding achievements, Aaron Snelbaker was honored at his school's award ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship Award of \$3, 350.00. This 17th Artillery Scholarship was named in honor of Staff Sergeant Felipe Duran Camarillo, who served with C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery. He was killed in hostile action in Vietnam and is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC, at Panel 47e, Line 47. Aaron Snelbaker's connection to the 17th Artillery is through his grandfather, William Beers, Jr., who served in Vietnam with 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery in 1968 and 1969. 17th Artillery Regiment Association



Scholarship winner, Aaron Snelbaker and his grandfather, Bill Beers, Display Aaron's scholarship award

17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards College Scholarship to Carson-Newman University Student

The 17th Artillery Regiment Association recently awarded college scholarships to three very deserving students, who included one daughter, one granddaughter and one grandson. The three scholarships totaled \$7850.00. Each scholarship winner received a monetary award, a Congratulations Letter, and a 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 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.

One of the 2021 winners is Bethany Schafer, a current student at Carson-Newman University, in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Bethany has continued her nursing education by completing a Post Masters Certificate. Once she completes the program and board certification, she will be permitted to practice as a Nurse.

Along with her very time-consuming academic schedule, she found time to contribute to her church and the American Legion Riders. She was very active in her church as an adult bible teacher. She also found time to serve as the Secretary for the local American Legion Riders.

Bethany's university Chairperson of the Nursing Department commented that "Her reflection of clinical experience demonstrates genuine concern for her patients, excellent communications skills, and strong leadership potential."

For her outstanding accomplishments, Bethany Schafer will receive a 17th Artillery Regiment Association Award of \$2,500.00. This 17th Artillery Scholarship was named in honor of Second Lieutenant Gilbert Bush, who served bravely in Vietnam, while assigned to A Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery. He was killed in hostile action in Vietnam and is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC, at Panel 07e Line 39. Bethany's sponsor with the 17th Artillery is her father, Donald Brooks, who served in the 17th Artillery at Fort Sill, OK, and Vietnam from 1964 through 1966.



A proud grandfather, Donald Brooks, and 17th Artillery veteran, presents his granddaughter, Bethany Schafer, with a 2021 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship.

17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards College Scholarship to Nanuet High School Student

The 17th Artillery Regiment Association recently awarded college scholarships to three very deserving students, who included one daughter, one granddaughter and one grandson. The three scholarships totaled \$7850.00. Each scholarship winner received a monetary award, a Congratulations Letter, and a 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 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.

One of the 2021 winners is Elizabeth Dudek, a recent graduate of Nanuet High School, in Nanuet, NY. During her high school years, Elizabeth made an outstanding mark academically, as an athlete and in community service. Academically, she challenged herself by taking three college courses, including Criminal Justice, Psychology and business law; as well as taking an Honors English Course. To compliment her understanding of the criminal justice systems, she was involved in a weekly Youth Court Program.

Elizabeth proved to be an integral member of her community as she was involved in her school's Red Cross Club and the community's Meals on Wheels Program. She guided her Red Cross Club members to write over 200 support letters to a local hospital's first-responders. With the Meals on Wheels Program, she was part of a heartwarming effort for the community by collecting food from local pet stores for families who could not obtain pet food during the pandemic. She also created and delivered Blizzard Boxes, which contained non-perishable food and supplies, to families to store for harsh weather days when deliveries could not be made. Throughout her high school years, she was also a dedicated volleyball player and softball player. For her unselfish contribution to the volleyball team, she received the Sportsmanship Award in her sophomore year. Showing her dedication to volleyball, Elizabeth competed and was selected to play on one of the area's elite volleyball teams. In her spare time, she managed to work twenty hours per week and in the summer, she was a camp counselor – making a positive impact on the community's youngsters.

Elizabeth's school counselor writes that "Elizabeth thrives on activity, makes opportunities for herself and multitasks effortlessly. She is admired by her teachers, and maybe more important, she is well liked by her peers. She is the young woman any parent would feel comfortable having their daughter room with freshman year in college!"



17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship winner, Elizabeth Dudek, and her grandfather, Henry Dudek, display Elizabeth's scholarship award.

For her outstanding achievements, Elizabeth Dudek was honored at her school's award ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Regiment Association Scholarship Award of \$2,000.00. This 17th Artillery Scholarship was named in honor of Sergeant First Class Charles Riley, who was a valuable non-commissioned officer with the 4th Battalion, 17th Artillery for many years. Elizabeth Dudek's connection to the 17th Artillery is through her grandfather, Henry Dudek, who served with 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery at Fort Sill, OK, and in Vietnam, from 1964 to 1966

“Never was so much owed by so many to so few.” – Winston Churchill

Henry and Patricia Dudek Sent a warm THANKS to the Scholarship Committee and the Association.

HENRY J DUDEK
7 SUNNYBANK DRIVE
NANUET, NEW YORK 10954

April 18, 2021

Dr. Gil Bernabe
President 17th Artillery Association
2916 Sedalia Trail
Sherman, Tx 75092


Dear Gil,

On behalf of my wife, Patricia, and myself, we would like to thank you, the scholarship committee and the entire 17th Artillery Regiment Association for awarding our granddaughter, Elizabeth Dudek, an association scholarship.

All of the time and effort which was expended by the committee was not in vain. Elizabeth has been accepted at and plans on furthering her education at the New York State College for Education at Cortland, New York.

I am sure you realize the tremendous cost of education today, and this scholarship is greatly appreciated as it will be very helpful in defering some of the numerous costs.

Sincerely yours,


Henry J Dudek

845 623-4407

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Drop the block and watch the clock!

Greetings to all! Gettysburg here we come! I am so happy that Covid appears to be on a downfall here but let's pray the new Covid will be conquered as well. We have finally gotten to take off our masks in most places and rekindle our friendships with others as well as families. Our own president Gil Bernabe was hospitalized with it as well as my sister-in-law as well as many millions of people.

I know you are wondering about the title. Well now you'll see. We are ALL living in a clock as our life goes on and wondering as to when it will come to an end. **In Luke 12:7, "Why even the hairs on your head are numbered."**

We have all held grudges against someone at some point in our life. How many times have you thought about how you were going to get that person back for something they did to you? That is carrying the block because you're holding a grudge. In **Leviticus 19:18 "Do not seek revenge or bear grudge against one of your people but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."**

So, while you're still mad at the event that angered you, think about something the apostle Paul says in **Ephesians 4:26 "In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry and do not give the devil a foothold."** (I bet you have known people that have died in their sleep so don't go to bed mad!) In **Romans 3:23 "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."**

So now with all of that being said take your grudges (the blocks on your back) and rid yourself of them. Your time (clock) on this earth is ticking. The 'hereafter' is an eternity which is longer than our minds can fathom. Not to mention but it will even take a little stress from you as well when the 'blocks' are gone." All you have to do is ask God for forgiveness and be sincere about it.

I have been notified of the following members or relatives of same that have passed since the last newsletter. 1) Brenda Lovejoy's, (wife of Larry Lovejoy) mother Ruby Adams passed away Feb.3, 2021.

The following members I have spoken with due to sickness. 1) Paul Shepherd- had stints implanted in his arm for aorta problems along with losing his voice for a month.

2) Our president Gil Bernabe and his wife June both tested positive for Covid in Feb. this year. June suffered no symptoms while Gil wasn't as lucky having to spend about 12 days hospitalized and eight days in physical & occupational therapy and rehabilitation.

3) Harry Fetsick had 12" of his colon removed this year.

4) May, 2021-Dan Reeves went to the hospital for an infection and found out he'd had a heart attack. Dan also tested positive for Covid. They couldn't treat his heart problem until Covid was taken care of. Dan came back later and had several stints implanted in his heart. He's looking at heart surgery the latter part of this year or first of next year.

5) Norm and Annette Jones- health problems

6) Tom Kurtz- caretaker

7) Jack Stroud- (cancer) He reports that his numbers are steady this past month. Let's pray it stays that way or better!

Pocket Bibles from Gideon's were also sent to those sick along with cards and calls. If you hear of a member or a family member of one who is sick or has passed away, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Gettysburg!

God Bless,

Richard

Richard A. Smith

Chaplain 17th Artillery Regiment Association

RSmith3024@NC.RR.COM

(No phone numbers or addresses are published on this page for privacy reasons. Obtain roster.)

PLEIKU CAMPAIGN (19 OCTOBER - 30 NOVEMBER 1965)

By Thomas R. Kurtz

On September 3, 1965, when the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery arrived at Quin Nhon Harbor, South Vietnam, it was initially assigned to the United States Army Republic of Vietnam (USARVN) and attached to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) station at Camp Radcliff, An Khe, 36 miles west of Quin Nhon along Highway 19, in the central highlands of South Vietnam.



Presidential Unit Citation

For its actions, the 1st Cavalry Division, from the period October 23 to November 26, 1965 the division and its supporting units, which included the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. Reference: Department of the Army, General Orders 40, paragraph 1, dated 21 September 1967.

The following were the actions of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery during that period of October 19 to November 30, 1965.

When the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) attacked the U. S. Army Special Forces Camp CIDG at Plei Me Province early in the morning of October 19, 1965, the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery was preparing to support the 1st Cavalry Division Operation Claudine in support of the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade, in an operation, southwest of Bong Song. The battalion minus Battery B moved by road from their base camp at An Khe to Phu Dat, then the battalion (-) was airlifted by CH-47 to their positions: BR 903516, BR 803837. The operation was conducted from October 20 to October 23, with 77 missions and 1,562 rounds being fired in support of the Army of Vietnam (ARVN).

Battery B during the same period was located northeast of Phu Cat, south of Bong Song fired missions in an adjacent sector for an ARVN Marines operation. Battery B was provided additional support by Aerial Rocket Artillery. Battery B fired 252 missions with 1,379 rounds being fired.

On October 22, the commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division received the following order. Commencing first light 23 Oct 65, 1st Cavalry Division, deploy a Battalion Task Force (Minimum 1 Infantry Battalion and 1 Artillery Battery, to Pleiku, with mission to be prepared to assist in defense of Key US/GVN installations, Vic Pleiku or reinforce II Corps Operations to relieve Plei Me Special Forces CIDG Camp

The Pleiku Campaign opened on the morning of October 23rd. Task Force Ingram composed mainly of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, and Battery B, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery moved, by air, from An Khe to Camp Holloway, at Pleiku, to reinforce the area. Also, the Commander 1st Cavalry Division received permission to move the 1st Brigade to Camp Holloway to assist in the security mission. On October 23, Battery B was attached to the 2nd Battalion, 19th Artillery for Operation Long Reach until November 11, 1965. Battery B fired in support of the operations of the 2nd Battalion, 19th Artillery, as the battalion supporting operations of the 1st Brigade, in the areas around Pleiku and Plei Me Special Forces Camp. Battery B moved to four different firing locations; movements were made by CH-47s and 3/4Ton trucks. Locations: YA 962185, YA 975035, ZV 175102 and ZA206341. During this period Battery B fired 252 missions with 1,379 rounds fired.

Meanwhile the battalion (-) moved to Quin Nhon, by organic transportation, where the battalion vehicles and howitzers were loaded on Landing Craft Utility (LCU) and Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM) for transportation to

Tuy Hoa to support the 41st Infantry Regiment. 22d Division (ARVN) for Operation Elise from October 26 to October 28. Location: CQ150489.



One of the Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM) used to move the battalion from Quin Nhon to Tuy Hoa, October 1965. Photo courtesy of Jack Picciolo.

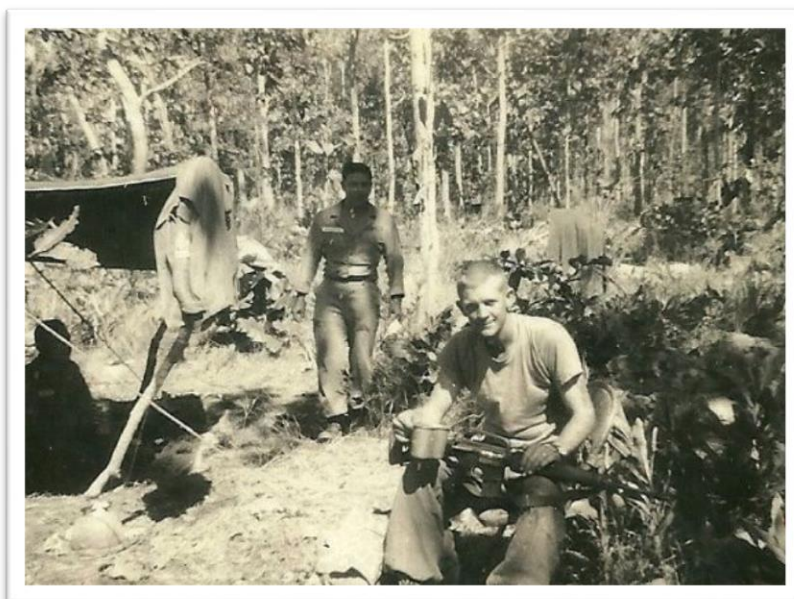
On the night of October 29, the Battalion Fire Direction Center controlled a Time on Target (TOT) mission, which included naval gunfire from the destroyer U.S.S. Epperson and ARVN Artillery located in Tuy Hoa. Battalion (-) fired 77 missions with 513 rounds fired. Operation Elise was quickly followed by Operation Eugene, from November 2 to November 4. Locations: CQ 118437, CQ 097413. The battalion (-) supported the 22nd Division (ARVN) task force consisting of the 47th Infantry Regiment and two battalions of the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade. During the operation on November 3rd the battalion moved into the village of Phong Nien, where the Viet Cong had recently fled, leaving their flag flying in the village. The commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 41st Regiment, which was providing security for the 17th, tore down the flag and presented it to the 17th Battalion Commander, LTC Harry O. Amos, in appreciation of the fine artillery support rendered by the battalion. During this period, the battalion fired 77 missions with 964 rounds fired, with additional support from naval gunfire. Next was Operation Francoise, from November 7 to November 12, still supporting the 22nd Division in the Tuy Hoa area. Location: CQ068591. The battalion (-) performed a direct support mission for the ARVN Division, since no ARVN artillery was in range of the operation. The battalion (-) during this period fired 76 missions with 2,782 rounds fired. At the end of Operation Francoise, the battalion (-) moved to Quin Nhon, by CH-47s and LCU's. From Quin Nhon, the battalion (-) moved back to their home camp An Khe by organic transportation.

Battery B which was attached to the 2nd Battalion, 19th Artillery, in the Pleiku/Plei Me Area, from October 23rd to November 11th, then the battery moved back to An Khe, for two days. Battery B still attached to 2nd Battalion, 19th Artillery moved into position along Highway 19, west of An Khe, along with the 19th Artillery, to support Republic of Vietnam Naval Forces (RVANF) Marine Task Force for Operation Leatherneck, from November 13th to November 19th. During this period Battery B fired 55 missions and expended over 2,343 rounds.

On Sunday November 14, at approximately 1300 hours Battalion Headquarters Battery, Batteries A and C were ordered to move by road to Katecka Tea Plantation, south of Pleiku. Then early in the morning of November 15, elements of Battalion Headquarters and Battery C were air lifted by CH-47s to Land Zone (LZ) Columbus (AR 802446) to reinforce the fires of the 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery which was providing artillery support to LZ X-Ray. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery also occupied LZ Columbus. (Batteries A and C, 21st Artillery was located at LZ Falcon)



November 15, 1965, initial registration LZ Columbus (R-L) 2LT Thomas Turner, AXO Battery C, 2LT Richard F. Carmody, Battalion FDC Office, Headquarters Battery, 2LT Raymond Young, FO, Battery C, Unknown. Photo courtesy of Jack Picciolo



LZ Columbus between November 15-17, 1965. Battery C Command Post. (L-R) Captain Franklin Johnston, Battery Commander, Staff Sergeant Juan C. Hernandez, Communication Chief, and First Sergeant Robert Jackson, First Sergeant. Photo courtesy of ISG Jackson son, Robert Jackson JR.

On November 18, Battery C moved from LZ Columbus to LZ Cooks (YA 974035), by CH-47s, with the additional mission of direct support of the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade. On November 19, Battery C mission changed from reinforcing 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery to reinforcing 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery. The reinforcing mission of the 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery was later cancelled. Around noon, on the November 20th, the 6th Battalion of the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade observed that its sister battalion, the 3rd Battalion, which was maneuvering from west to east across its front, was being followed by a battalion size enemy force. After adjustment Battery C fired over 1,000 rounds into an area approximately 500 yards in diameter in a space of just over an hour. By the time, the mission was over, two howitzers had blown seals on the recoil mechanism, and one had sunk so far into the mud of the gun position, that the gunner was on his hands and knees laying for deflection. Within two hours after the ARVN force resumed the offensive, the initial People Army of North Vietnam (PAVN) body count was estimate over 200 with half attributed to the artillery; captured equipment included mortars, automatic weapons, small arms.

Among the NVA killed were five Chinese Communists (CHICOM) advisors, in uniform. From November 15 to November 26 Battery C fired 520 missions and 8,135 rounds.



PFC Patrick H. Garthwaite. (without helmet) Battery C's Armorer loads another round at LZ Crooks, November 1965



*LZ Crooks, November 20, 1965, 6th Howitzer Section, Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery.
(L-R) Sergeant William J. Moss, Gunner, Staff Sergeant McKinley Smith, 6th Howitzer Section Chief and unknown
Photo Courtesy of Jack Picciolo.*

Battery A provided perimeter support of the Katecka Tea Plantation, and Camp Holloway area in the Pleiku 20-26 November 1965. Battery A returned to An Khe by organic transportation on November 26. Battery C moved by CH-47 from LZ Crooks to Duc Co Special Forces CIDG camp (YA 848256) on November 26 for Operation Heloise to support CIDG combined search and clear operation of the village of Plei Ya Kavn and provide H & I and the diversionary fires during the movement phase. The battery also planned defensive fires along force maneuver routes, check points and maintained communication relay between the force and base camp. Aerial Artillery was also deployed with SS-11 missiles to reduce a gate barring entrance to Plei Ya Kavn. Battery C fired 95 missions with 400 rounds fired. Battery C returned to An Khe on November 30, 1965.



*January 1966, main facility Katecka Tea Plantation, south of Pleiku.
Photo courtesy of Thomas R. Kurtz.*

Additional Notes:

- *LZ Crooks was named for Major Ron Crooks, Operations Officer, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (AM)*
- *On November 18, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery and Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery moved from LZ Columbus to LZ Crooks. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry was also air assaulted into LZ Crooks for perimeter defense and they conducted patrols from the landing zone. Units at LZ Crooks received light probes and harassing small arms fire and mortar fire. On the afternoon of November 19, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry was airlifted out of LZ Albany into LZ Crook and assumed responsibility for a portion of LZ Crooks security along with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry and conducted company-size sweeps of the immediate vicinity of LZ Crooks. November 22, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery was replaced by a battery from the 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery. November 26 the battery from the 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery was moved to Camp Holloway and Battery C, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery moved to the Special Forces Camp at Duc Co.*
- *Additional artillery fire support was also provided from LZ Golf for the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade from November 18-26, by other firing batteries of the 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery, until they were replaced by the 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery.*
- *The operational name for the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade in Ia Drang was Than Phong 7.*
- *The NVA units that the 6th Battalion Vietnamese Airborne Brigade engaged on November 20 were from the 32nd NVA Regiment, the 635th and 334th Battalions. In October, the 635th had been the NVA blocking force to the South Vietnamese Plei Me relief column from Pleiku. The 635th Battalion suffered heavy losses due to air strikes and artillery fire. On November 20th, the 635th commander refused to engage the enemy and retreated without authorization, leaving its sister battalion 334th alone on the battlefield. It was several days before contact was made again with the 635th Battalion, by the NVA.*
- *Brigadier General Du Quoc Cong, CG, VN Airborne Brigade sent a letter of appreciation to the Battalion Commander, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, dated 23 November 1965.*
 1. *I extend to you my sincerest thanks my appreciation for the support your organization rendered during the period 18 Nov 65 to 23 Nov 65, in the area south of Duc Co.*

2. *The accuracy of your fire, the bravery of your forward observers and the quickness of your response to our soldiers' calls shows a high state of training. The close and continuous fires on the 20th of Nov 65 heartened our soldiers and demoralized the enemy enabling our 6th Bn to obtain a great victory for the Republic of Vietnam.*
3. *The professional knowledge, soldierly courage and everlasting effort put forth by your organization to support my Brigade lands great credit on you, your men, and the United States of America*

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**Notes on the Bob Hope Show with Ann-Margret
From the Henry Dudek Archives**

SOME OF US SAW HER PERFORMANCE WITH BOB HOPE, I ALSO SAW EDDIE FISHER AND THEN MET HIM AFTER HIS SHOW WHILE HE WAS TAKING A TOUR OF THE LOCAL AREA. THOSE WERE THE DAYS I'LL NEVER FORGET.



Richard, (my husband), never really talked a lot about his time in Viet Nam, other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8 x 10 black and white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann-Margaret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo, so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing.

When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot, and disappeared behind a parking garage. Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted.

Richard was disappointed but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home... Ann-Margaret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as second in line, it was soon Richard's turn.

He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it."

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country, and I always have time for 'my gentlemen.'" With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she

appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he were the only one there.

That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet. I'll never forget Ann-Margaret for her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband.

Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big, strong husband broke down in tears. "That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army," he said.

I now make it a point to say 'Thank you' to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap, and I am grateful for all those who have served their country.

If you'd like to pass on this story, feel free to do so. Perhaps it will help others to become aware of how important it is to acknowledge the contribution our service people make.

“A True Patriot Will Pass This On. A foreigner in this country might not.”

COVID Protocol for Gettysburg – Currently the state of Pennsylvania does not have any COVID restrictions. The Hilton Garden Inn is operating at FULL CAPACITY with no restrictions. The Veterans Administration states that the current vaccines will protect personnel who are fully vaccinated.

Bill Beers will follow up on any changes to safety and health rules and keep us informed.

We will have to decide “Go – No Go” on our reunion around August 1.

We have to inform the hotel 45 days out if we are to cancel – to avoid any charges.

Let's hope for the best and good health for everyone.

See you at Gettysburg in September!

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