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The Vice President's View

By Dave Rowell, First Vice President

Our 2022 Reunion in Branson, Missouri, was a total success. Everyone enjoyed fun, fellowship, great food and wonderful entertainment.

The Radisson Hotel facilities and the staff, particularly Dara, met our reunion needs and provided us a hospitality room that was exceptional. The buffet breakfast helped start our day out on a cheery note as we traveled to different events during the week.

Our reunion folks were able to enjoy an excellent meal at the Keeter Center at the College of the Ozarks. The students at the college are on a “work for tuition plan” and are held to high standards in the many employment positions they fill. What a beautiful college campus, magnificent hotel and a great military museum they have.

We also experienced a dinner show and cruise on the Showboat Branson Belle paddle boat as we cruised on beautiful Table Rock Lake. The live show was wonderful, and we all had a good time. Special thanks go to MAJ Steve Presley, USA, Retired, and the owner of Eagle Travel who worked with us to plan and coordinate this event.

Our annual auction was held, and the monies raised help fund the scholarships we award each year. The auction always serves up some good laughs as we bid against each other and enjoy our fellowship. (Special thanks go to the 101st Airborne unit, meeting down the hall from us, for donating TWO LARGE BOTTLES of Makers Mark Bourbon Whiskey for our auction.)

We enjoyed our Annual Banquet held in the hospitality room as we closed out our 2022 reunion.

In addition, special thanks goes to Dr. Gil and June Bernabe who, although unable to attend the reunion, were instrumental in organizing many of the details that made it easy for me to fill Gil’s shoes at the reunion. Also, a special thanks to Judy Dingman who stepped up and filled the 17th Artillery Regiment Association’s secretary position and is editor of “The Castle Newsletter” and for keeping us focused during our membership meeting and taking copious notes.

Finally, thanks to Mike and Melanie Klingeman, Jack and Molly Rae Stroud, Richard and Cathy Smith, Richard and Phyllis Flowers and my wife, Jerri, who all worked so hard to make our 2022 Reunion a success.

Second VP offers thoughts on planning convention

By Mike Klingeman, Second Vice President

Before suggesting a place for our next reunion in 2024, it would really help the team of officers if you could do some research on the location first.

Things to consider are: location, hotels (current reviews, cost per room size, any required permits, etc.), attractions and points of interest nearby, the nearest airport for those who choose to fly, etc.

Most of this information is usually available from the city’s Chamber of Commerce, Trip Advisor or AAA Travel office.

Providing some of the research before choosing our next location would help in the planning for another great reunion in 2024.

See you in Savannah!

{Send your thoughts and suggestions for the 2024 reunion to lqky64vette@aol.com.}

2022 Reunion – Branson, Missouri



Those attending the 2022 reunion in Branson included (front row, left to right): Trudy Bates, Dave Rowell, Jerri Rowell, Phyllis Flowers, Richard Flowers, Jerry “Doc” Cody, Joanne Cody, Howard Strom, Inez Strom, Peggy Dages, Dan Reeves, Judy Dingman, Joanne Willett, Spring (service dog), (middle row) Wallace Bates, Brenda Lovejoy, Cathy Smith, Richard Smith, Mike Klingeman, Melanie Klingeman, Mindy Weilbacher, Ruth Will, Pat Beard, Delmar Beard, Molly Stroud, Sharon Bergevin, (back row) Leigh Geobel, Steve Gerhardt, Larry Lovejoy, Nathan Weilbacher, James Will and Jack Stroud. ©Flash Photo



The flag quilt made an appearance at several auctions of the association. It is now retired. Dan Reeves (left) and Wallace Bates (right) were bidding against each other this year, called a truce and decided to each pay one-half of the bid. They presented it to Judy Dingman, secretary/editor for the association.

Photo by Melanie Klingeman



Inez and Howard Strom from Minnesota appear to be enjoying themselves at the dinner cruise and show aboard the Showboat Branson Belle planned as part of reunion activities. This was the first time for them to attend a reunion of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association.

Photo by Judy Dingman

2022 Reunion – Branson, Missouri



Melanie Klingeman (left), auctioneer, holds a handmade stained glass piece during the annual auction. Cathy Smith watches the crowd for bids. Jerrilyn Rowell (right) took a very serious pose as she modeled one of the items included in the auction. The auction is one of the highlights of the reunion for the camaraderie and competition it generates among members, all while gathering funds for the annual scholarships, which have totaled \$85,740 since inception in 2004. Photos by Melanie Klingeman and Judy Dingman.



A few members of the 17th Artillery Association visited members of Currahee Bravo 1/506 101st Airborne next door to offer a toast to the late Bill Beers, who had also been a member of the 101st.

Photo by Judy Dingman



Members of the color guard for the opening ceremony at the evening social were members of the Bobcat GOLD (Guard Officer Leadership Development) program at College of the Ozarks. Established in 2018, the program is one of five in the state with the Missouri Army National Guard. The program prepares eligible students to commission as officers in MOARG up graduation.

Photo by Melanie Klingeman

17th Artillery Regiment Association

Scholarships for 2023



Dr. Gilbert A. Bernabe, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

The 17th Artillery Regiment Association general membership approved the following scholarships and special awards for 2022:

- First Place \$2,500.00
- Second Place \$2,000.00
- Third Place \$1,500.00
- Fourth Place \$1,000.00
- Special Awards \$ 500.00

To date, the Association has awarded 63 scholarship grants and special awards for a total of \$85,740 to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the veterans and active-duty soldiers who have served or those currently serving in the regiment.

Request for Scholarship Application Packet: Individuals may request a scholarship application packet from: Dr. Gilbert A. Bernabe, 2916 Sedalia Trail, Sherman, TX 75092; or via telephone: (903) 421 - 6266; or email: Gilbernabe29@aol.com. When leaving a phone message, please provide your name and phone number.

Eligibility: To be eligible for a 17th Artillery Association 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. 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, the applicant is not eligible.

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

If the applicant has been previously awarded a 17th Artillery Association scholarship grant or special award, that applicant is not eligible to apply for another scholarship grant or award. **Applicant must be a graduating high school senior (Class of 2023) or a college student attending any college, vocational school or technical school.** Scholarship grants and special awards will be awarded in all areas of study.

Scholarship applications with all supporting documents must be returned **by U.S. mail** no later than **March 20, 2023** to: **Dr. Gilbert A. Bernabe**, 2916 Sedalia Trail, Sherman, TX 75092.

Applications sent by email or fax will not be accepted.

2023 Scholarship Selection Committee: Chairman: Gilbert A. Bernabe -- **Voting Members:** Bill Dahlin, Mike Klingeman, Bruce Latour, Donald Brooks and Dave Rowell

Scholarship Grants Since 2004

Number of Scholarship Grants
Since 2004, the association has awarded 63 scholarship grants in the amount of \$85,740 to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of 17th Field Artillery Regiment veterans and active-duty soldiers.

Break Down of Scholarship Grants (as of 2022)

World War II Veterans

One grandson

Cold War Veterans

One son and six granddaughters

Korean War Veterans

Three grandsons

Vietnam War Veterans

Two sons, three daughters, 11 grandsons; 27 granddaughters, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter

Operation Desert Shield/Storm Veterans

One daughter

Active-Duty Soldiers (Veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and/or Operation Enduring Freedom)

One son and five daughters

Scholarship Grants have been awarded to 22 males and 41 females.

Awardees included: six attending college, four attending trade schools and 53 high school graduates.

17th Artillery Regiment Association's 24th Annual Reunion Savannah, Georgia September 18 to 23, 2023



WHEN: **September 18 to 23, 2023**

Board of Officers Arrives
September 16 & 17, 2023

Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, September 17, 2023

WHERE: **COUNTRY INN & SUITES
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SAVANNAH, GA 31406

Country Inn and Suites in midtown Savannah is located at 7576 White Bluff Road. It is near a variety of shopping, dining, historic and tourist attractions.

MAKING YOUR ROOM RESERVATION:

Call Country Inn & Suites Savannah – **(912) 692 – 0404 - FRONT DESK**

ASK FOR: Haleena or Barbara (very important)

Tell hotel personnel you are with 17th Artillery Regiment Reunion.

GIVE DATES: September 18 to 23

Have your credit card ready!

Room Rate: \$89.00 per room per night plus tax = \$105.57

Reservations Deadline: September 01, 2023

Bed Choices: queen or king

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Call hotel 24 hours before arrival or you will be charged one night stay plus tax (approximately \$105.57).

Reunion Fee: \$65.00 per person

Send Registration Form To: Rich Siebe – 3060 64th Street – Sacramento, CA 95820-2004

Reunion Registration Deadline: September 01, 2023

Registration Form on page 7

Things to Do in Savannah

Savannah, the oldest city in Georgia, was established in 1733 on the Savannah River. A strategic sea port during the American Revolution and the Civil War, it is still an important seaport on the Atlantic coast. It was the southernmost commercial port of the original 13 colonies.

Local authorities negotiated a peaceful surrender when General William T. Sherman was making his March to the Sea, thus saving the city from destruction during the Civil War.

Girl Scouts in the group might find the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts, of interest.

Railway buffs will find the Central of Georgia Railway roundhouse complex to be the oldest standing antebellum rail facility in the United States. A museum and visitor center can be found there now.

The city's downtown area is famous for its 22 park-like squares. The downtown largely retains the original town plan by James Oglethorpe. A number of tours can be arranged to see and learn about the squares. Likewise, tours of the city's cemeteries seem to be popular tourist attractions.

One possible activity while there is to take advantage of the Savannah Riverboat Cruises (<https://savannahriverboat.com/all-cruises/>). Lunch (\$51.95), dinner (\$78.95) and narrated harbor tours (\$34.95) are available. Cost is per person prior to the addition of local and state taxes and harbor fees. Boarding is on the historic waterfront area.

Oglethorpe Mall is near the hotel. It features 120 shops and a variety of eating/dining establishments.

Hunter Army Airfield located in Savannah is a military airfield and subordinate installation to Fort Stewart, located in nearby Hinesville. Hunter features a runway that is 11,375 feet long and an aircraft parking area of more than 350 acres. The runway and apron, combined with the 72,000 square foot Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group facility and nearby railhead, allow the 3rd Infantry Division from nearby Fort Stewart to efficiently deploy soldiers and cargo worldwide. NASA identified Hunter as an alternate landing site for the Space Shuttle orbiters.

In addition, Hunter is also home to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, the Army's premier light infantry unit and special operations force within the US Army Special Operations Command. The regiment can deploy one Ranger battalion with 18 hours of alert notification, per information on Wikipedia. The 75th Ranger Regiment is one of the U.S. military's most extensively used units. On December 17, 2021, it marked 7,000 consecutive days of combat operations.



The Haitian Monument in Franklin Square commemorates the heroic efforts of one of the few black regiments to fight on the American side in the Revolutionary War. Vinney Van Go-Gos pizza is located across the street and offers inside and outside seating. Photo by Judy Dingman



The Savannah National Wildlife Refuge offers a drive-through way to view alligators in their natural habitat. Photo by Judy Dingman



The American Temperance Museum near Ellis Square features an interesting mural on the outside wall. Photo by Judy Dingman

17th Artillery Regiment Association's Reunion

Registration Form

September 18-23, 2023

Please fill out the information below.

The association's registration fee will cover Monday evening's Welcome Social, Annual Banquet and a portion of the Hospitality Room refreshments and snacks.

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

Mail the registration to the association treasurer:

Rich Siebe
3060 64th Street
Sacramento, CA 95820-2004

CUT/TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER.

(With your check or money order to arrive no later than September 1, 2023.)

Name _____

(Please print)

Battery _____ Battalion _____ Dates Served: From _____ to _____

Name(s) of Spouse, Relatives and/or friends attending as they should appear on name tags:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Registration fee is \$65 per person X number attending _____ = \$ _____
(number in your party)

Please donate toward the Hospitality Room Expenses: \$ _____

CHECK TOTAL \$ _____

A New Year, A New Way, A New Day

By Richard Smith, Chaplain

I want to wish all a happy belated New Year! Cathy and I had a great time in Branson as I hope all of you did. I think one of the highlights, that wasn't in the program, was going to our 101st Airborne brothers' hospitality room next to ours. I asked the president and chaplain there if we could do a toast to one of our brothers who had recently passed away -- Bill Beers. Bill wore the 101st patch on all 2.5 tours of Viet Nam. (He was injured on his third and sent home.) When I told them that Bill's father wore the same patch when he jumped on June 6th, 1944, *every* member stood up! The lake cruise was wonderful, as well.

Savannah is one of mine and Cathy's favorite places, so that's something to look forward to at this fall's reunion.

There's an old saying that "New Year's resolutions are made to be broken." I'm no different from any others. I've broken a few in my lifetime. But what if you just found out you had days or hours to live? A lot of us would be on our knees praying! Why wait until then? We're all going to leave this world sooner or later, one way or another.

So why not start this:

1. Check your values *daily*. 1st Timothy 4:16 (NIV) "*Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them because if you do, you will save both yourself and hearers.*"
2. Check your thoughts *daily*. Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV) "*Finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*" Satan also never takes time off!
3. Pray *daily*. Romans 10:9 (NIV) "*That if you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*"

I received a thank you card addressed to the association from the late Bill Beer's daughter, Michelle Snelbaker. She and the family thanked us for the flowers, the calls, the smiles that he got when members called him and especially the prayers given.

I have received the following reports of sickness:

- Harry Fetsick is finally home after a long battle with an infected knee and surgery from a fall last year. I recently learned that his infection is now gone and he's awaiting a date for another surgery while doing rehab at home.
- Mick Shanklin had a stroke and brain tumor. (No further word at present.)
- Jim Will had part of his thyroid gland removed.
- Jerry "Doc" Cody and JoAnna are recovering from Covid.
- Bill Dahlin had his pacemaker replaced.
- Webster Cole had eye surgery.
- Norm and Annette Jones have health issues.
- Tom Kurtz is a caregiver for a family member.
- Buddy Armstrong (a Korean War vet) is having leg problems. He's had to quit walking four miles daily five times a week at 90 years old! (You're making us younger ones look bad, Buddy! Keep it up!)
- Gene Johnson is on dialysis and sends his regards.
- Jack Stroud has health issues.

Fortunately, there are no deaths to report since the last issue.

I want to personally thank all of those who have sent cards, calls, emails and especially prayers for Cathy and me since last September and especially thanks to Dave Rowell. I found out on the Monday after we returned home from the reunion that that I was diagnosed with a form of fibrosis in both lungs by a pulmonary doctor. I had no idea this was coming. This is categorized in several types of lung diseases, and they're still trying to figure out which one it is. God willing (unless Gil fires me), I will try to continue to begin my 16th year as chaplain and 20 years as a member of this great association. Things might be a little slower, but we all get older.

God Bless.

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Band, 17th Field Artillery

By Thomas R. Kurtz

The first recorded American band was in 1756, when fife-players and other musicians marched with the 1,000 (+) men of the Regiment Artillery Company of Philadelphia. On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army for common defense. The resolution establishing the Army begin with resolved, that six companies of expert rifleman, captain, three lieutenants, four sergeants, four corporals, a drummer or trumpeter, and 68 privates. By 1776, the Continental Army had eight companies in 14 regiments. Each company had two fifers and two drummers, totaling 448 fife and drum positions. Some commanders during the Revolutionary War saw the role that music played by the drums and fife bands which at times inspired their soldiers well into enemy positions.

In the Civil War, both sides had military musicians to build soldiers' morale, help in announcing positions of troops and to raise the rallying cries in battle. Bands under General Sheridan would commonly perform under fire to encourage the troops, and the mounted band of General Custer led the charge at Columbia Furnace and the Battle of Washita. The musicians, when not in battle and not playing, often performed ambulance and stretcher bearers' duties. In 1862, Congress passed a bill to increase the number of musicians recruited for military bands and soon after each Union Regiment was accompanied by a band.



Band Section, Headquarters Battery, 17th Field Artillery Regiment at the French Village of Valdahon, October 7, 1917, Band Leader Carl Dillon

During World War I, the band played for the regiment and performed concerts for the wounded at Army hospitals, at recreational areas and in local French towns to help support a bond with French civilians. When not playing, band members often performed ambulance duties and were stretcher bearers.

At the end of World War I on November 11, 1918, the band was at Beaumont, France, with the regiment, and on November 17, 1918, it moved with the regiment through Belgium, Luxemburg and into Germany, arriving at Bendorf, Germany, on December 16, 1918, for occupation duty. On February 4, 1919, the band moved again with the regiment into Ehrenbreitstein Fortress on the Rhine River near Coblenz, Germany.

In 1917, Congress passed a bill to establish bands for Headquarters Companies of Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Coastal Artillery and Corps of Engineers. When the 17th Field Artillery Regiment was formed at Camp Robinson, Wisconsin, in 1917, a band section was organized as part of Headquarters Company. Later Headquarters Company was renamed as Headquarters Battery. The band deployed with the regiment from New York Bay on December 14, 1917, to France, aboard the U.S.S. Covington, arriving at the port of Brest, France on September 27, 1917.

General Pershing believed military bands played a significant role in supporting the morale of soldiers. After arriving in Europe, he convinced Congress to authorize an additional 20 bands, and he increased the number of band members from 28 to 48. General Pershing also created a band school at Chaumont, France, to train bandmasters and musicians. Overseas, most bands stayed close to their regiments. They performed for troops under fire in the trenches, for soldiers recovering in the rear and for ceremonies, concerts, and official entertainment.

Little information could be found on the Band Section, 17th Field Artillery. The following is what was found about the band and what happened later to the band.



17th Field Artillery Regiment Band at Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Coblenz, Germany, March 1919

During the occupation of Germany, the band lost one of its members due to illness. Band Corporal Hugh W. Chandler, Headquarters Battery, died of emphysema on June 25, 1919, and is buried in the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery, Tardenois, France.

On July 18, 1919, the regiment left the fortress with the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Division (US) and moved to Brest, France, for shipment back to the United States. The brigade left France on July 30, 1919, and arrived in the port of New York City on August 4, 1919. After a parade through the streets of New York, the 2nd Division remained in the area for discharging of the emergency men. The 2nd Division then moved to Camp Travis, Texas. The 17th Field Artillery Regiment was detached from the 2nd Division, in December 1920, and the regiment then moved, by train on January 5, 1921, from Camp Travis, Texas, to Camp Bragg, North Carolina, arriving on January 11, 1921.

In 1921, the band was reorganized and redesignated as the Band Section, Service Battery, 17th Field Artillery. On December 9th, at Monroe, North Carolina, a composite band formed by both bands of the 5th and 17th Field Artillery played during the presentation of the French Fourragere to both regiments by Supreme Allied Commander Field Marshall Ferdinand Foch, Commander of the Allied Forces during the latter part of World War I. Both regiments earned the Fourragere for their actions during the war in 1918.



On George Washington's birthday, in February 1919, the 17th Field Artillery Regimental Commander Colonel E. W. McCable raised the first American Flag at Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, Coblenz, Germany as the regiment band played to the right of the formation



Field Marshall Ferdinand Foch on the awards platform at Monroe, North Carolina.



Presentation of the French Fourragere to the 5th and 17th Field Artillery Regiments at Monroe, North Carolina, on December 9, 1921, by Field Marshall Ferdinand Foch.

Field Artillery Band were transferred to the 17th Field Artillery Band and the 17th Field Artillery Band was reconstituted at Fort Bragg. No details were given in the article on the reason why, but it could have been, at the time, most army units were under strength and found it hard to recruit young men to their ranks.

In those peaceful days between the big wars, the 17th Field Artillery was known as much for the music of its regimental band as for its prowess with its guns. For many years on Sunday afternoons the band was a popular attraction on Fort Bragg. A typical program in the spring of 1937 led by bandleader Eugene J. Lacock would open with the "William Tell Overture," then worked its way through "Tales from the Vienna Woods." The concert always ended with two rousers: "Col. McCloskey March" (named for a post commander) and the "The Star Spangled Banner." In the 1930s, the band would take the summers off from playing due to the hot weather temperatures at Fort Bragg.



Picture of the Band, 17th Field Artillery behind the Regiment Commander, his staff and colors. Picture is part of a panoramic picture taken of the regiment in 1938 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



Mickey Rooney (child movie star) playing the drums with what is thought to be the Band, 17th Field Artillery at Fort Jackson, South Carolina (1941), See the number 17 on the music stand on the left.

The 1941 regiment's yearbook reflects the band consisted of 28 members to include the band leader WO Theodore Bingert. This was the same number of musicians that General Pershing appointed to be members of bands during World War I.

In 1942, two members of the band, Sergeant Norman D. Kelly and Corporal Harold Carr, wrote a song for the regiment titled "The Glorious Seventeenth." Music was written by Tom Waring, brother of Fred Waring who was the band leader for the "Fred Waring Pennsylvanians and Glee Club," a popular band for four decades, from the 1930s and into the 1960s. The music and lyrics were copyrighted in 1942 by Words and Music, 1597 Broadway, New York, NY. Currently Pennsylvania State University holds the copyright to all of Fred Waring's music and recordings.

In March 1942, the band moved to Camp Blanding, Florida, with the regiment. In July 1942, during the Carolina maneuvers, the regiment moved back to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for a week to prepare for deployment overseas, then moved to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, for three days, then moved to New York Harbor for embarkation to England. The regiment stayed and trained in England before leaving to North Africa for Operation Torch in December 1942. After North Africa, in July 1943, the regiment landed in Sicily as part of the invasion force. In October 1943, the regiment left Sicily for Italy. Not much is known what role the band played in North Africa, Sicily and the early part in Italy. But when the band was not playing for the regiment's soldiers or entertaining other troops or civilians, they performed guard duty and took on only duties.

In December 1942, the War Department authorized the separate battalion arrangement for non-division field artillery units and groups. The transition of non-division field artillery regiments to groups was slow because considerable time was required to structure the battalions; the War Department delayed the improvements to the units that deployed to North Africa. By March 1944, those units were reorganized.

The 17th Field Artillery Regiment as other units that took part in invasions of North Africa were organized under the same regimental system used in World War I. In Italy, during February 1943, the reorganization of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment took place to the concept of field artillery groups/field artillery battalions. The regiment was reorganized into one field artillery group and two field artillery battalions.

On March 1, 1944, the Band, 17th Field Artillery was redesignated as the 245th Army Band and placed under Special Troops Fifth Army in Italy. An organizational chart for the Fifth Army dated January 3, 1944, reflected the Band, 17th Field Artillery was already assigned to the Special Troop, Fifth Army. With the redesignation, the Band, 17th Field Artillery ceased, in name, to be. Today, the 18th Army Band (inactive) traces its lineage back to the Band, 17th Field Artillery.

(From Army Technical Publication 1-19, dated July 2021) Army Bands promote the Army and National Interest, enable commanders to shape the environment to accomplish their mission, and set the conditions in American's Army and its readiness to conduct operations in peacetime, conflict, and war.)

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Peaches and Pound Cake

By Retired Maj. Gen. Robert H. Scales, U.S. Army

Let me give you the bottom line up front: I'm proud I served in Vietnam. Like you, I didn't kill innocents; I killed the enemy. I didn't fight for big oil or for some lame conspiracy; I fought for a country I believed in and for the buddies who kept me alive. Like you, I was troubled that – unlike my father – I didn't come back to a grateful nation. It took a generation and another war, Desert Storm, for the nation to come back to me.

Also, like you, I remember the war being 99 percent boredom and 1 percent pure, abject terror. But not all my memories of Vietnam are terrible. There were times when I enjoyed my service in combat. Such sentiment must seem strange to a society today that has, thanks to our superb volunteer military, been completely insulated from war. If they thought about Vietnam at all, our fellow citizens would imagine that 50 years would have been sufficient to erase this unpleasant war from our consciousness. Today, however, it's obvious that the memory lingers, and those of us who fought in that war remember.

The question is why. If this war was so terrible, why are we here? It's my privilege today to try to answer that question not only for you, brother veterans, but maybe for a wider audience for whom, 50 years on, Vietnam is as strangely distant as World War I was to our generation.

Vietnam is seared in our memory for the same reason that wars have lingered in the minds of soldiers for as long as wars have been fought. From Marathon to Mosul, young men and now women have marched off to war to learn that the cold fear of violent death and the prospect of killing another human being heighten the senses, sear these experiences deeply and irrevocably into our souls, and linger in the back recesses of our minds.

After Vietnam, we may have gone on to thrilling lives or dull; we might have found love or loneliness, success or failure. But our experiences have stayed with us in brilliant Technicolor and with a clarity undiminished by time. For whatever primal reason, war heightens the senses. When in combat, we see sharper, hear more clearly and develop a sixth sense about everything around us.

Remember the sights? I recall sitting in the jungle one bright moonlit night, marveling on the beauty of Vietnam. How lush and green it was, how attractive and gentle the people, how stoic and unmoved they were amid the chaos that surrounded them.

Do you remember the sounds? Where else could you stand outside a bunker and listen to the cacophonous mix of Jimmy Hendrix, Merle Haggard and Jefferson Airplane? Or how about the sounds of "incoming"? Remember, it wasn't a boom like in the movies but a horrifying noise like a passing train followed by a crack and the whistle of flying fragments.

Remember the smells? The sharpness of cordite, the choking stench of rotting jungle and the tragic sweet smell of enemy dead?

I remember the touch – the wet, sticky sensation when I touched one of my wounded soldiers one last time before the medevac rushed him forever from our presence but not from my memory, and the guilt I felt realizing that his pain was caused by my inattention and my lack of experience.



While peaches and pound cake in the C rations of the Vietnam War did not look like this, perhaps the creators of the food items hoped to help soldiers recall some fond memories of Mom's home cooking while providing sustenance.

Even taste is a sense that brings back memories. Remember the end of the day after the log bird flew away leaving mail, C-rations and warm beer? Only the first sergeant had sufficient gravitas to be allowed to turn the C-ration cases over, so that all of us could reach in and pull out a box on the unlabeled side, hoping that it wasn't going to be ham and lima beans again.

Look, 40 years on, I can forgive the guy who put powder in our ammunition so foul that it caused our M-16s to jam. I'm OK with helicopters that arrived late. I'm over artillery landing too close and the occasional canceled air strike. But I will never forgive the Pentagon bureaucrat who, in an incredibly lame moment, thought that a soldier would open a can of that green, greasy, gelatinous goo called ham and lima beans and actually eat it.

But to paraphrase that iconic war hero of our generation, Forrest Gump, "Life is like a case of C-rations: you never know what you're going to get." Because for every box of ham and lima beans, there was that rapturous moment when you would turn over the box and discover the bacchanalian joy of peaches and pound cake. It's all a metaphor for the surreal nature of that war and its small pleasures. Those who have never known war cannot believe that anyone can find joy in hot beer and cold pound cake. But we can.

Another reason why Vietnam remains in our consciousness is that the experience has made us better. Don't get me wrong. I'm not arguing for war as a self-improvement course. And I realize that war's trauma has damaged many of our fellow veterans physically, psychologically and morally. But recent research on post-traumatic stress disorder by behavioral scientists has unearthed a phenomenon familiar to most veterans: that the trauma of war strengthens rather than weakens us. They call it post-traumatic growth.

We know that a near-death experience makes us better leaders by increasing our self-reliance, resilience, self-image, confidence and ability

to deal with adversity. Combat veterans tend to approach the future wiser, more spiritual and content with an amplified appreciation for life. We know this is true. It's nice to see that the human scientists now agree.

I'm proud that our service left a legacy that has made today's military better. Sadly, Americans too often prefer to fight wars with technology. Our experience in Vietnam taught the nation the lesson that war is inherently a human, not a technological, endeavor. Our experience is a distant whisper in the ear of today's technology wizards that firepower is not sufficient to win, that the enemy has a vote, that the object of war should not be to kill the enemy but to win the trust and allegiance of the people, and that the ultimate weapon in this kind of war is a superbly trained, motivated and equipped soldier who is tightly bonded to his buddies and who trusts his leaders.

I've visited our young men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan several times. On each visit, I've seen firsthand the strong connection between our war and theirs. These are worthy warriors who operate in a manner remarkably reminiscent of the way we fought so many years ago. The similarities are surreal. Close your eyes for a moment, and it all comes rushing back.

In Afghanistan, I watched soldiers from my old unit, the 101st Airborne Division, as they conducted daily patrols from fire bases constructed and manned in a manner virtually the same as those we occupied and fought from so many years ago. Every day, these sky soldiers trudge outside the wire and climb across impossible terrain with the purpose, as one sergeant put it, "to kill the bad guys, protect the good guys and bring home as many of my soldiers as I can." Your legacy is alive and well. You should be proud.

The timeless connection between our generation and theirs can be seen in the unity and fighting spirit of our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Again and again, I get asked the same old question from folks who watch soldiers in action on television: why is their morale so high? Don't they know the American people are getting fed up with these wars? Don't they know Afghanistan is going badly? Often, they come to me incredulous about what they perceive as a misspent sense of patriotism and loyalty.

I tell them time and again what every one of you sitting here today, those of you who have seen the face of war, understand: it's not really about loyalty. It's not about a belief in some abstract notion concerning war aims or national strategy. It's not even about winning or losing. On those lonely fire bases, as we dug through C-ration boxes and drank hot beer, we didn't argue the righteousness of our cause or ponder the latest pronouncements from McNamara or Nixon – or Ho Chi Minh, for that matter.

Some of us might have trusted our leaders, or maybe not. We might have been well informed and passionate about the protests at home, or maybe not. We might have groused about the rich and privileged who found a way to avoid service, but we probably didn't. We might have volunteered for the war to stop the spread of global communism, or maybe we just had a failing semester and got swept up in the draft.

In war, young soldiers think about their buddies. They talk about families, wives and girlfriends and relate to each other through very personal confessions. For the most part, the military we served with in Vietnam did not come from the social elite. We didn't have Harvard degrees or the pedigree of political "blue bloods." We were, in large measure, volunteers and draftees from middle and lower-class America. Just as in Iraq today, we came from every corner of our country to meet in a beautiful yet harsh and forbidding place, a place that we've seen and experienced but can never explain adequately to those who were never there.

Soldiers suffer, fight and occasionally die for each other. It's as simple as that. What brought us to fight in the jungle was no different than the motive force that compels young soldiers today to kick open a door in Ramadi with the expectation that what lies on the other side is either an innocent huddling with a child in her arms or a fanatic insurgent yearning to buy his ticket to eternity by killing the infidel. No difference. Patriotism and a paycheck may get a soldier into the military, but fear of letting his buddies down gets a soldier to do something that might just as well get him killed.

I don't care whether America honors or even remembers the good service we performed in Vietnam. It doesn't bother me that war is an image that America would rather ignore. It's enough for me to have the privilege to be among you. It's sufficient to talk to each of you about things we have seen and kinship we have shared in the tough and heartless crucible of war.

Some day, we will all join those who are serving so gallantly now and have preceded us on battlefields from Gettysburg to Wanat. We will gather inside a fire base to open a case of C-rations, with every box peaches and pound cake. We will join with a band of brothers to recount the experience of serving something greater than ourselves.

I believe in my very soul that the Almighty reserves a corner of heaven, probably around a perpetual campfire, where someday we can meet and embrace all of the band of brothers throughout the ages, to tell our stories while envious bystanders watch and wonder how horrific and incendiary the crucible of violence must have been to bring such a disparate assemblage so close to the hand of God.

Until we meet there, thank you for your service, thank you for your sacrifice. God bless you all, and God bless this great nation.

(Retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert H. Scales delivered this message at the Harry S Truman Library & Museum in Independence, Mo., on Sept. 12, 2009. Reprinted with permission of The American Legion Magazine, c January 2010. www.legion.org.)

Thank You!

Thank you for the Cross pen engraved with my name. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in recognizing the donation I made.

Gary Bress

The 17th Artillery Regiment Association 2023 Calendar

Following is a list of events that occupy your Board of Officers all year long.

1. **October – December 1, 2022** – Interview hotel managers and select a hotel for next year’s reunion
2. **December - Beginning planning the January Castle Newsletter.**
 - a. Develop a newsletter plan
 - b. Gather standard articles for newsletter: President’s View, Vice-President’s View, History by Tom Kurtz, and Chaplain’s Article; Report on previous reunion with photos (Send photos to Ed Hitchner for inclusion on web site); Reunion Flyer and information; Reunion Registration Form; Announce the Scholarship Program and Summary of Scholarship Awards
 - c. Proof read all articles
 - d. Prepare newsletter to mail and email to membership NLT January 25-30
3. **January 1, 2023** -Send the new Password to all members
4. **January 2023 – Select a hotel for Reunion**
 - a. Negotiate hospitality room, hotel room rates, meals, catered events, costs, etc.
 - b. Develop reunion schedule
 - c. Establish reunion budget
 - d. Develop reunion flyer – include it in the January Castle Newsletter
5. **Announce the 2022 Scholarship Program in January Newsletter**
 - a. At General membership meeting – determine the number of scholarships and amount of each
 - b. Officially announce the current year’s scholarship program
 - c. Send out scholarship applications to candidates
 - d. Select essay title for scholarship applications
 - e. Select Scholarship application judges
 - f. Deadline for submitting scholarship applications: March 20
6. **March – April: receive scholarship applications, evaluate and select winners**
 - a. Contact scholarship applicants – explain awards to each winner
 - b. Provide association treasurer with winners’ names and amount of each check
 - c. Mail scholarship awards to each winner – before April 25
 - d. Ensure each scholarship winner contacts school counselor – to include 17th Artillery Scholarship winner in school’s awards ceremony
 - e. May - Write an article on each scholarship winner
 - f. May - Send article to winner’s local newspaper
7. **May – June: Select menus for reunion’s catered events**
8. **May – June: Begin planning the June-July Castle Newsletter**
 - a. Develop a newsletter plan – see paragraph 3 above
 - b. Print articles on scholarship winners
 - c. Print reunion information.
9. **July 1: Usual Deadline to cancel September Reunion – if necessary.**
 - a. Send menu choices for catered events to hotel manager
10. **September 1: Deadline to reserve hotel rooms** – to avoid charges.
11. **September 1: Deadline to send reunion registration and check to association treasurer**
12. **September:** 14 days before reunion catered meals – send in number of meals
13. **September** – One day before reunion begins - Annual Business Mtg – Board Officers

Thank You!

Thank you for the Cross pen with the 17th Arty logo and my name embossed on it. It was a perfect gift and heartfelt. I am old school and still indulge in handwritten letters and notes so the gift is welcomed and will be used often.

Jerrie Miller

Secretary's Musings

By Judy Dingman

Over the years, I've heard a variety of veterans refer to some of the things promised them for their service in the military. Some of those came to pass; others did not, per the reports. Some of them, actually most of them, require some effort on the part of the veteran to receive the benefit.

One benefit I would like to address today is the "right" to be buried in a veterans' cemetery. You might ask: Why would I want to be buried in a cemetery of other military veterans and not in the cemetery where my great-great-grandparents are buried?

I would ask you if those old family cemeteries are maintained as needed, mowed regularly and kept in a shape that recalls military inspection quality. A visit to the cemetery where our parents are buried on the last Memorial Day, found my 12-year-old grandson sitting on the ground near a grave marker with his feet not to be seen. He was waving at his mother and me with a big grin on his face. It seems that grave had sunk quite a bit. She and I were a bit horrified and quickly told him to get away from there. That was further confirmation for me that the perpetual care in a veterans' cemetery was something of importance to me, and I pointed it out to my daughter.

I think situations like that are what prompted my husband, Ed, to bring up the topic of being buried in a veterans' cemetery. We had visited a number of obscure, off-the-beaten-path family cemeteries with my mother-in-law over the years. It was not uncommon for Ed and me to visit a national cemetery, if it was near the path of our travel. We were always amazed at how well they were kept, even if they were very old. The preciseness of the alignment of the stones never ceased to amaze us.

About 2018, he asked me what I thought of a plan for us to utilize a veterans' cemetery when the need arrived. I was on board. I knew why it was important to him, and he had earned the right for us to be buried there. In our case, we chose a state veterans cemetery, which seemed appropriate to me due to his 28 years of service to the State of Missouri as a highway patrolman. We set about securing permission prior to actually having the need. We figured it would just make things easier for our children when the need did arise. It was a simple process of pulling the DD-214 from the file, filling out a form and mailing it. Within a short time, we had a letter securing our right to be buried in the new Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield. We watched as it took shape.

In the meantime, we gave each of our children a copy of the letter of pre-certification. It did not guarantee a definite location, but explained the burial spaces are assigned as needed upon the death of either of us. One line in the letter made the most sense to Ed and me and our children: *The purpose of the pre-determination of eligibility for burial in a state veterans' cemetery is to eliminate the delay in scheduling a burial while waiting for verification of military service.*

Our children took it in stride, although they sometimes winched when we talked of our death. In the end, they realized we were doing this to make the job easier for them down the road.

I can tell you from experience that it was very comforting to pull that letter from the file when we had to arrange Ed's funeral. That was one task that had already been checked off our list.

There are 164 cemeteries in the National Cemetery Administration. The authority to create military burial places came during the American Civil War, in an act passed by the U.S. Congress on July 17, 1862. By the end of 1862, 12 national cemeteries had been established.

If you will go to cem.va.gov, there is a wide variety of information you can access. Information available there includes:

- a nationwide gravesite locator (<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/ngl/index.jsp>)
- nationwide location of veterans' cemeteries (<https://www.cem.va.gov/find-cemetery/>)
- burial benefits (<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>)
- arranging pre-need (<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/>)
- headstones, markers and medallions (<https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/>)

The website does state that a pre-need determination of eligibility does not guarantee you will be buried in a specific VA national cemetery. They do not take reservations at any VA national cemetery. However, they ask where you prefer to be buried so they can try to help fulfill your final wishes.

Remember, you will need your DD-214 to apply for a burial in a national cemetery, along with your Social Security number. If you are also applying for your non-military spouse to be buried with you, you will need the appropriate Social Security number and date and place of your spouse's birth. If you do not have your DD-214, you can find information on securing one at <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/>.

The VA provides a free headstone or marker to any veteran buried in a private cemetery. Do you know of a veteran lying in an unmarked grave? His/her legacy can be preserved by placing a headstone or marker on the gravesites. Find the appropriate information at <https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/types.asp#Medallions>.

If you are not internet savvy, various veterans' groups, public library staff and family members could probably help you with the search for information and applying for burial.

Still don't like talking about death? They tell us that only two things in life are certain: death and taxes. Why not be prepared and maybe save your loved ones some extra grief by being prepared?

I'm the unusual person who doesn't mind talking about death and having things in place. I had obituaries ready for both of our mothers as we knew death was approaching. We learned the hard way by almost forgetting some important items for his step-father's obit. Ed and I talked (usually on trips) that we needed to write our obituaries and have them ready. After all, who knows your story better than you? If you need some help regarding this, I would be happy to share some tips. Contact me at jdgingman@centurytel.net.

Remembering the Fallen Heroes of the 17th Field Artillery Regiment Who Gave All

It was 55 years ago – on the morning of April 3, 1968 – that 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 Phoc in Binh Dinh Province in the Republic of Vietnam. With this article we remember Charlie Battery and all our other artillerymen who gave their life in service of our nation.

At 1:30 in the morning, the enemy launched B-40 rockets 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 used satchel charges to destroy 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 used satchel charges, grenades and small arms to attack 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 directly with a 105 mm howitzer and were supported by a South Vietnamese Army platoon with 105 mm howitzers firing illumination.

Helicopter flare ships, 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!



Gil Bernabe and Bill Beers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on April 3, 2018, telling the Charlie Battery story of April 3, 1968.

VIETNAM WAR

-2nd Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery Regiment

- *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

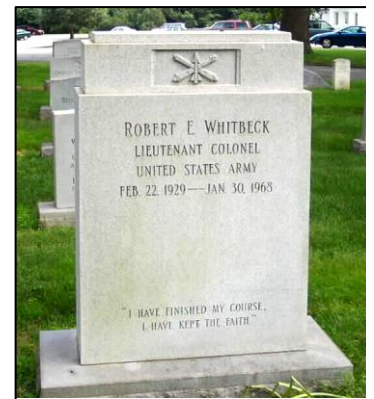
In Honor of LTC Robert Earl Whitbeck

It has been 55 years this month since our leader, LTC Robert E. Whitbeck perished in the service of his country in Phu Yen, South Vietnam, during the Tet Offensive of January 1968. He was our Battalion Commander with the 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery Regiment and was transferred to be the Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion, 319th Artillery, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

He was a great leader. He showed us the proper way to lead and to be good and faithful soldiers. RIP.



*LTC Robert Earl Whitbeck
22 Feb 1929 – 30 Jan 1968*



Robert E. Whitbeck is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington County, Virginia. (Plot information: Section I, Site 168-B)

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To receive the electronic newsletter, notify the association’s secretary, Judy Dingman, at jdillingman@centurytel.net with your **current** and **correct** email address and receive the newsletter much faster.

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You must be a **PAID-UP, ACTIVE MEMBER** to receive the newsletter.

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Gil Bernabe
Association President
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Odds and Ends

Helpful Websites

- A wide selection of information – <https://cem.va.gov>
- A nationwide gravesite locator -- <https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/ngl/index.jsp>
- Nationwide location of veterans' cemeteries -- <https://www.cem.va.gov/find-cemetery/>
- Burial benefits -- <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>
- Arranging pre-need -- <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/>
- Headstones, markers and medallions -- <https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/>
- Printable VA Form to determine eligibility -- <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-10007.pdf>
- Headstones and markers -- <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/headstones-markers-medallions/>

Happy searching! Remember, a little effort on your part may save your spouse and/or other family members a lot of stress during a time of grief.

Find a list of Life Members on our website: <https://www.17thartilleryregiment.org/>

While you're there, check the Guestbook for messages of interest.

You will need a password to access the Roster. If you did not get the password via email earlier this year, contact jdingman@centurytel.net.

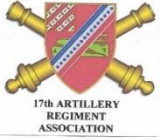
Previous editions of the newsletters are also available on our website.

If you do Facebook, check 17th Field Artillery Regiment Veterans from some interesting posts and photos.

Got suggestions for the newsletter, contact jdingman@centurytel.net.

**Happy Winter! Remember, spring will arrive on March 20.
How much snow will some of us have between now and then? Brrrrr!**

While you're waiting for spring, fill out and mail the registration form for the 2023 reunion on page 7. Savannah is an interesting city!



Judy Dingman
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Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), July 18, 2007, 1LT Alexander Kerr and soldiers from Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, on patrol in Zafaraniyah District, Baghdad, Iraq, in conversation with Iraqi children.

17th ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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