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Heraldic Times



(Coat of Arms)



(Insignia)

Shield:

Gules, a conventionalized castle of Ehrenbreitstein with ramp or on mount proper, debriused by a bendlet argent bearing two ribbons of the field and azure with seventeen mullets of the last. A sinister canton bendy of eight ermine and of the field.

Crest:

On a wreath of the colors, or and gules, a mount argent garnished vert, bearing a linden leaf proper charged with a fleur-de-lis argent.

Motto:

In Time of Peace Prepare for War.

Symbolism:

The field of the shield is red, the artillery color. The principal charge is the castle of Ehrenbreitstein bedriused by a bendlet carrying the American colors and seventeen stars, to signify the occupation of the castle by the 17th Field Artillery. The canton alludes to the arms of the 8th Field Artillery from which men were transferred to organize the 17th Field Artillery. The crest commemorates the two most noteworthy battle incidents. The White Mountain is for Blanc Mont. The leaf is taken from Verte Feuille Farm, one of the positions occupied by the regiment in the Soissons offensive; the linden leaf was chosen as being very common in that region. The fleur-de-lis is from the arms of Soissons.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The distinctive insignia is the shield of the coat of arms.



17th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT CONSTITUTED ON JULY 1, 1916

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

President's Comments

By: Larry Lovejoy

I am all excited about our reunion trip this year to Colorado. I know that some of you will not be attending the reunion this September remember we are all getting a little long in the tooth, and we have to pull back on the reigns sooner or later. You will not be forgotten at our reunion no matter what. This is a return trip to Colorado for our reunion, and there are lots of things to see in the area

We will all be together again sitting around and swapping stories and talking about all the new stuff that has happened to us in the past year. I am looking forward to this year's reunion.

The location for the reunion has been identified and rooms have been set-aside for us, and plans are being made to make your stay at the reunion a pleasant one. The sign-up information for this year's reunion is in this newsletter, and I hope to see you all Colorado.

Treasurer's Report (2016)

Bruce Latour
Treasurer
17th Artillery Regiment Association

Last year at the reunion, the membership approved a greatly needed dues increase from \$20 to \$30. We did not increase the life membership fee. This made life membership in the association a much better value. At this year's reunion, I will ask to have the life membership fee increased by a minimum \$10 per age category. By the time we put 25% of the fee in the scholarship fund, buy, and, in many cases, mail the Life Member Plaque to the recipient, not enough money is left to run the association. Please take a look at each option (annual dues vs life membership fee), and renew your membership as you see fit.

Our account balances, as of June 10, 2016, are as follows:

Account total \$13,262.41

Scholarship Fund \$10,626.93

General Fund \$2,635.48

Bruce Latour
Treasurer



Croix de Guerre
W/Palm- WW II



Croix de Guerre
W/Silver-Gilt Star



Croix de Guerre
Ribbon-WW II

WW II

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE CITATIONS FOR UNITS OF THE 17th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT FROM WORLD WAR II:

Reference: Department of the Army General Orders 43, dated December 19, 1950.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, Awarded under Decision No. 128, 22 July 1944 by General of the Army JUIN, Commanding the French Expeditionary Corps, with the following citation:

An exceptionally fine unit which was employed in direct support of the French troops from the latter's arrival on the Italian front. It displayed the finest qualities of endurance, energy and daring. This group was composed of the 17th and 933d Field Artillery Battalions, from 11 May 1944 throughout the French Expeditionary Corps, it afforded speedy and generous protection of our advance elements, thus aiding them effectively in their victorious advance.

Awarded to: 17th Field Artillery Group (HQ & HQ Battery; 17th Field Artillery Battalion (105-How); 933d Field Artillery Battalion (155-How))

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, Awarded under Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946 by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A unit which distinguished itself particularly during operations of the Vosges from 17 September to 13 November 1944. It was charged with supporting the II Corps of the French Army, and rendered valuable assistance in disorganizing the enemy by its fire behind enemy lines. Participating in the offensive of Belfort, it distinguished itself again from 14 November 1944 to 10 March 1945, by aiding with all of its fire to the I Corps of the French Army, thus permitting the infantry to with the minimum of losses.

Awarded to: 630th Field Artillery Battalion

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, Awarded under Decision No. 128, 22 July 1944 by General of the Army JUIN, Commanding the French Expeditionary Corps, with the following citation:

Under the command of Lt. Col. Henry P. Ward, this unit took part in all operations of the French Expeditionary Corps, with magnificent zeal, from the month of February 1944. On the occasion of the attack of 11 May, it contributed in a great measure by the accuracy of its shooting to the neutralizing of the enemy artillery. During the pursuit of the enemy, it contributed to their disorganization by pushing forward its batteries and rapid and outright firing. Its action afforded the French forces particularly efficient support.

Awarded to: 630th Field Artillery Battalion



Life Membership Coin

17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Members (New)

The following named 17th Artillery veteran has become a Life Member of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association, since the January 2016 newsletter.

177. Stephen J. Rumnock Jr. (Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, United States Army Republic of Vietnam and 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1966-1967)

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

James L. Wisneski	Lewis C. Wells
Donald Arceneaux	James A. Kasaback
Norman L. Barton	Ronald J. Makinson
Walter V. Copper III	Philip I. Smith
Barry Stevens	Lawrence Lupus



The following named 17th Artillery veteran has been added to the association veteran's roster, since the January 2016 newsletter.

Barry L. Stevens, (Battery B, and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, March 13, 1969 to October 23, 1968)

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

*Robert Kinton, (Life Member) (Battery C, 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 13th Field Artillery Brigade, 1941-1944) (Battery C, 17th Field Artillery Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Group, 1944-1945) (World War II)

*Robert (Dick) Stanton, (Life Member) (Battery A and Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery, 1st Field Forces Vietnam, 1969-1970), Richard served with Battery B at LZ Cogan, Dalat, South Vietnam.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER "I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU"

I hope everyone had as good of a time in St. Augustine as I did! I want to thank Bill (Conway) Beers as well and Mike and Melanie Klingeman for their help in my wedding proposal. We have been married now two and half months and haven't looked back! Thanks also to all the 'well-wishers' as well. I have learned in about 16 years that this membership is full of great people that all served under one flag and one artillery group and are very proud of that.

I have been dealing with some trying times in my life lately with two of my immediate family members with terminal illnesses. I know that probably every one of you have as well at some point and you know it's not easy. Although I am not a

man 'of the cloth' I *am* a man of FAITH. I was looking over some scripture the other day and I found something that I'd like to share.

Jesus and God the Father are *always with us* rather the situation is good or bad. If we think about a bad situation usually we can stop and think of a way God provides an outage for us. If we think we're alone, God hears our prayers and we know He's with us. Suffering doesn't separate us from the Father but brings us *closer*!

God told Moses *"I will be with you"* EX 3:12. In Romans 8:38-39 the apostle Paul says *"Nothing can ever separate us from His love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (NLT)

That's a pretty powerful statement! Try and remember it when times are troubled.

Here's a list of our members we need to remember in our thoughts and prayers. 1) Charles Riley , my old section chief, has had heart surgery and gall bladder surgery. 2) Bill Beers has had a second stint implanted. 3) Charles Garner has a growth behind his heart. 4) Norm & Annette Jones. To my knowledge, we have lost two members since Jan. 1) Richard "Stan" Stanton passed away in April. 2) One of our WWII vets that attended several reunions, Robert Kinton passed away Mar. 5, 2016. (Mr. Kinton's picture is still on the web site at a flag dedication ceremony in honor of Bradley Beard, a 17th active duty member killed in Iraq.) In closing remember cards, calls, and emails go a long way!

Hope to see all in Colorado!

God Bless,

Richard A. Smith-Chaplain (rsmith3024@nc.rr.com)

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

<u>Coin</u>		
<u>Nmbr:</u>	<u>Name of Coin Holder:</u>	<u>Life Member as of:</u>
001	Harold & Erma M. Brown Sr.	June 3, 2000
002	Thomas Verner (Deceased)	January 9, 2001
003	Harold (Buck) M. Brown Jr.	June 6, 2001
004	Nolan Putman (Deceased)	September 9, 2001
005	Thomas R. Kurtz	November 20, 2001
006	Richard (Rich) Siebe	January 1, 2002
007	James H. Drennan	February 23, 2002
008	John J. Korsun JR. (Deceased)	April 8, 2002
009	Paul J. Barton	April 24, 2002
010	Leslie B. Scott (Deceased)	April 29, 2002
011	Robert R. Brooks II	May 7, 2002
012	James Moore (Deceased)	May 21, 2002
013	Edward (Ed) T. Hitchner	May 22, 2002
014	Thomas (Mike) M. Turner (Deceased)	

015	Paul Fusco	August 2, 2002	083	Hollis B. Cahoon	December 7, 2007
016	Norman (Richard) R. Jones	August 4, 2002	084	Raymond J. Heuring	December 9, 2007
017	Gary L. Bress	October 4, 2002	085	Paul M. Moser	January 17, 2008
018	John C. Melasecca Jr.	November 15, 2002	086	Avery Hall	January 23, 2008
019	Frank Zitzman	November 19, 2002	087	John J. Luxenburger Jr. (Deceased)	January 24, 2008
020	Bobby (Bob) A. West	January 8, 2003	088	David P. Rush	February 21, 2008
021	Peter Coffin	January 17, 2003	089	Francis J. Roberts	April 14, 2008
022	Jerome L. Fritsche II (Deceased)	February 22, 2003	090	Rod L. Guerrero (Deceased)	July 7, 2008
023	Walter (Jack) J. Larson (Deceased)	February 26, 2003	091	Thomas P. Ross	January 30, 2009
024	John (Jack) J. Picciolo	March 24, 2003	092	Birdeye L. Middleton	February 7, 2009
025	William J. Wright	April 4, 2003	093	Rickie B. Simpkins	February 15, 2009
026	C. Alex Brassert	June 4, 2003	094	Robert E. Lax	March 2, 2009
027	Dietrich W. Neckien (Deceased)	April 27, 2003	095	Philip J. Brunwald	March 25, 2009
028	Michael W. Mason	October 9, 2003	096	Larry Hightower	April 11, 2009
029	Michael (Mike) Burke	October 10, 2003	097	Albert (Bert) Ryan	August 9, 2009
030	Eugene Johnson	November 14, 2003	098	Roy E. Korkalo	August 15, 2009
031	Francis (Fran) C. Rash	November 28, 2003	099	William P. Dahlin	October 19, 2009
032	Delmar D. Beard	December 2, 2003	100	Jackie (TOJ) Stroud	September 30, 2009
033	Charles E. Morrison	December 14, 2003	101	Donald L. Brooks	November 9, 2009
034	Robert Gary Kohl	December 20, 2003	102	Jerry (Doc) Cody	November 9, 2009
035	Michael Dages	January 15, 2004	103	Michael Klingeman	November 11, 2009
036	Lonnie O. English (Deceased)	January 21, 2004	104	Charles Garner	November 11, 2009
037	Webster Cole	March 15, 2004	105	Larry R. Werkheiser	December 18, 2009
038	Leonard T. Elzie	March 22, 2004	106	William K. Beers Jr.	December 18, 2009
039	Richard P. Carmody	April 29, 2004	107	Dennis C. Smith	January 4, 2010
040	Jerry E. Pifer	May 15, 2004	108	James M. Caiella	January 4, 2010
041	Louis J. Mazzaella	May 17, 2004	109	Paul V. Shepherd Sr.	January 11, 2010
042	Richard J. Flowers	May 22, 2004	110	Leonard A. Eason	February 13, 2010
043	James M. Sherrill	July 20, 2004	111	Jeffrey S. Wilcox	April 26, 2010
044	Wallace L. Bates	September 1, 2004	112	Holice Barton Jr. (Deceased)	April 26, 2010
045	Richard A. Smith	September 14, 2004	113	Robert H. Giselbach	August 9, 2010
046	George A. Schaefer	October 30, 2004	114	William A. Selis	August 9, 2010
047	Charles Riley	November 5, 2004	115	Ronald B. Hood	August 16, 2010
048	Pete Schwarz	November 13, 2004	116	Jon M. Johnson	August 31, 2010
049	Robert M. Kinton	November 13, 2004	117	Todd R. Wasmund	November 12, 2009
050	Robert L. Plata	November 13, 2004	118	Cecil P. LeGrand	September 9, 2010
051	Gilbert A. Bernabe	November 13, 2004	119	Stephen D. Gerhardt	October 1, 2010
052	George Winton	November 19, 2004	120	Larry W. Lovejoy	October 27, 2010
053	Harry O. Amos	January 4, 2005	121	Buford Calfee	October 30, 2010
054	Stephen J. Lowery	January 14, 2005	122	Carlos E. Esmurria	October 30, 2010
055	Gerald F. Brown	January 28, 2005	123	Richard Heydt	October 30, 2010
056	Larry E. Miller (Deceased)	February 7, 2005	124	Doyle Watters	November 27, 2010
057	Raymond P. (DAK) Lais (Deceased)	March 26, 2005	125	Richard H. Sugg	November 27, 2010
058	Larry J. Davis	May 7, 2005	126	Harrell (Lyn) Hartman	December 7, 2010
059	Leon Mc Kenzie Sr.	June 4, 2005	127	Marcel L. Simonet	January 3, 2011
060	Leonard S. Spencer	July 29, 2005	128	Richard (Dick) Stanton	January 3, 2011
061	Terry L. Wallace	August 9, 2005	129	James M. Shernesky	January 10, 2011
062	Lyndle E. Claus	August 25, 2005	130	John P. Clingan	February 13, 2011
063	James R. (Dick) Graves (Deceased)	September 16, 2005	131	Bruno A. Kalkowski	June 8, 2011
064	Daniel L. Lazenberry	September 24, 2005	132	Jeffrey Carra	June 29, 2011
065	Robert L. Hallahan	October 26, 2005	133	Dave Rowell	October 18, 2011
066	Bruce Latour	January 12, 2006	134	Gary M. Steen	December 17, 2011
067	Wiley A. Jarrell	January 30, 2006	135	Lawrence Moren Jr.	January 9, 2012
068	James H. Sanders	February 9, 2006	136	Curtis A. Collier	March 12, 2012
069	Raymond C. Gomez	February 28, 2006	137	Mark P. Krieger	May 18, 2012
070	Charles G. Ross	April 5, 2006	138	Raul A. Garibay	June 18, 2012
071	Neal P. Fouts	April 12, 2006	139	Ralph W. Melcher	June 18, 2012
072	David S. Bickler	June 24, 2006	140	Francisco F. Garcia II	July 28, 2012
073	George W. Adkisson (Deceased)	August 7, 2006	141	Gary B. Griffin	September 19, 2012
074	Henry E. Griffendorf Jr.	August 17, 2006	142	Larry L. Rice	September 26, 2012
075	Thomas C. Bast	September 21, 2006	143	James E. Will	October 25, 2012
076	Ketrick T. Mc Millin	December 3, 2006	144	Jack M. Frizzell	December 1, 2012
077	John Ryan	December 16, 2006	145	Alan M. McIlvain	January 1, 2013
078	James T. Caudill	February 7, 2007	146	David L. Zell	February 1, 2013
079	David W. Gogel	April 8, 2007	147	Lonnie H. Jackson Jr.	February 7, 2013
080	Stephen J. Audett	June 26, 2007	148	Darwin L. McGladdery	February 12, 2013
081	Ronald W. Terry	September 10, 2007	149	Gail E. Fasse	February 14, 2013
082	Thomas W. Remley	November 18, 2007	150	Edwin J. Ahonen	February 19, 2013

151	William G. Montague	March 25, 2013
152	Edward E. Dingman	May 20, 2013
153	Daniel Reeves	July 16, 2013
154	James T. Yore	September 28, 2013
155	Michael H. Murphy	September 28, 2013
156	Richard C. Hoffman	January 24, 2014
157	William M. Simpson	January 27, 2014
158	Charles H. Seidman	February 8, 2014
159	Terry L. Earnst	February 8, 2014
176.	Kolin V. Bernardoni	November 12, 2015
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Association Officers 2016

Larry Lovejoy-----President
Jerry (Doc) W Cody-----1st Vice President
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Richard Smith-----Chaplain
John (Jack) Picciolo -----Historian
Richard Flowers-----Quartermaster
Edward (Ed) Hitchner-----Webmaster
Gilbert Bernabe-----Scholarship Chairman

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This NewsLetter has been approved by the board of directors

Larry W. Lovejoy
 Association President
 C/2/17th FA 1968
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To help defray the rising cost of postage and printing of the association’s NewsLetter. Please sign up to receive the “The Castle” by Email.

To receive the electronic NewsLetter, notify the association’s secretary: Jack Stroud at: jack.stroud@roadrunner.com with your current and correct Email address and receive the NewsLetter much faster.

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

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

17th Artillery Regiment Association's Registration Slip
2016 Reunion- September 19-23, 2016

Please use the Registration Slip below

The association's registration fee will cover the welcome reception and banquet. Please make your check or money order payable to: **17th Artillery Regiment Association.**

Mail to the association's treasurer:

**Bruce Latour
4509 Mountain Path Dr.
Austin, TX 78759-7214**

CUT OR TEAR AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING TO OUR TREASURER.
(With your check or money order to arrive NLT September 10, 2016)

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NAME:

(Please Print)

Battery: _____ Battalion _____ Dates Served (From _____ to _____)

Name (s) of Spouse, Relatives, and friends attending:

(Nametags will be printed from the names submitted)

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Registration fee: \$50.00 per person - X- Number Attending _____ \$ _____
(Number in your party)

Please donate toward the hospitality room.----- \$ _____

Total \$ _____

In May 2016, the 17th Artillery Regiment Association awarded college scholarships to four very deserving students who included a daughter and three grandchildren of 17th Artillery veterans. The four scholarships totaled \$5,500.00. Each scholarship winner received a monetary award, a Letter of Congratulations, and a framed 17th Artillery Regiment Association Certificate of Achievement.

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

The first place winner is Regan Bernardoni, a 2016 graduate of Walkersville High School in Walkersville, MD. Throughout her four years of high school, she challenged herself by taking 15 Honors and Advanced Placement classes and maintained a 3.85 Grade Point Average. A review of her extra-curricular activities demonstrates that she was always a hard worker and well organized. She worked part-time and excelled in academics and sports. She ran Varsity cross country for four years; earning a Varsity letter each year; was designated a Scholar Athlete all four years; was the team Captain for two years, and was a State Qualifier for three years. She also ran Varsity Track for three years and again earned Scholar Athlete Awards. She served on her school's Class Advisory Board for three years; and was a member of the National Honor Society for three years.



For her outstanding accomplishments, Regan Bernardoni was honored at her high school's awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Association Scholarship award of \$2,000.00. Her connection to the 17th Artillery is through her father, Colonel Kolin V. Bernardoni, who served as Commander, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA, from September 2010 to March 2013.

17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards College Scholarship to East Rockingham High School Graduate

The second place winner is Gabrielle Dean, a 2016 graduate of East Rockingham High School in Elkton, VA. Gabrielle is the epitome of a busy, well-organized, successful student. With a Grade Point Average of 4.17, she is clearly one of the top students in her graduating class. Gabrielle made the most of her four years in high school, since she worked part-time and was involved in her school's student government and other extra-curricular activities: Student Council Association (President, her Senior year); Spanish Honor Society and Social Studies Honor Society (Vice-President in each club), and elected to the National Honor Society. She was a four-year cheer leader, earning Region 2A East Most Valuable Player Honors and First Team All-State selection.



For her outstanding accomplishments, Gabrielle Dean was honored at her high school's awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Association Scholarship award of \$1,500.00. Her connection to the 17th Artillery is through her Grandfather, James Will, who served with C Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery, from January 1960 to March 1962 at Fort Sill, OK.

17th Artillery Regiment Association Awards College Scholarship to J. W. Mitchell High School Graduate

The third place winner was Jessica Bowden, who graduated from J. W. Mitchell High School in New Port Richey, FL. Jessica is your typical successful student who enrolled in challenging courses, was active in school and community activities, and worked part-time. Academically, she took 7 Honors and Dual Enrollment courses and graduated with a 3.8 Grade Point Average. She was selected to the National Honor Society in her Senior Year. In school extra-curricular activities, she concentrated on dance and cheerleading. As a senior she was the captain of the school's dance team and earned an award for "Best Attitude." Her service to community included: serving as a kitchen volunteer at Camp Orchard Hill Center, one of the "Top 5 Summer Camps" in Pennsylvania; and being a volunteer helper at the Wyoming Valley Rescue Mission.



For her outstanding accomplishments, Jessica Bowden was honored at her high school's awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Association Scholarship award of \$1,000.00. Her connection to the 17th Artillery is through her Grandfather, Richard Heydt, who served with Headquarters Battery and A Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery, from September 1968 to August 1969, in Vietnam.

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

The fourth place winner was Katilyn Snelbaker, a 2016 graduate of Red Land High School in Lewisberry, PA. As a successful student, Katilyn was a busy, well-organized, disciplined student and graduated with a 3.4 Grade Point Average. She was active in school and community activities, and worked 25-30 hours per week. In school extra-curricular activities, she performed football duties as the Head Manager, earning a Varsity Letter. Katilyn played on the Junior Varsity and Varsity Softball teams, was selected as Team captain and earned a Varsity Letter. In supporting her community, she volunteered her valuable time as a helper at a local church.



For her outstanding accomplishments, Katilyn Snelbaker was honored at her high school's awards ceremony and received a 17th Artillery Association Scholarship award of \$1,000.00. Her connection to the 17th Artillery is through her Grandfather, William Beers, who served with Service Battery and B Battery, 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery, in 1967 to 1969, in Vietnam.

To become a member, life member or to renew your membership with the
"17th Artillery Regiment Association"
Please disregard if you are already a member for the year 2016 or a life member.

Complete the form below, and mail it with your check or money order (Payable to **17th Artillery Regiment Association**). Mail to: Bruce Latour (*Association Treasurer*) 4509 Mountain Path Drive, Austin, TX 78759. Upon receipt of your 2016 dues or renewal, a membership card will be mailed to you. Life members will be mailed their numbered 17th Artillery Regiment Association Life Membership Coin. Members will be given the PASSWORD to access the on-line veteran's roster located on the association's web site. (www.17thartilleryregiment.org). The Password will be sent to you by U. S. Mail or email. The Password is changed January 1 of each year.

Join or renew now: 2016 Membership Dues is \$30.00 (January – December) (Annual dues \$30.00 per year)

Life membership fees: Through age 30---\$245.00 31-40---\$235.00 41-50---\$215.00 51-60---\$195.00
61-70---\$165.00 71-80---\$125.00 81 plus---\$85.00

First Name: _____ **MI:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____

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

Home Phone: _____ **FAX or Email:** _____

I served with the 17th Artillery --- From (yr.): _____ **to (yr):** _____

Please check those that apply:

Battery or Batteries:

- ☐ 17th Field Artillery/Battalion/Group/Regiment (Prior to 1958)
- ☐ 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 2013)
- ☐ 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 2008) (2010 - Present)
- ☐ 3rd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1958 – 1995) (2007-2010)
- ☐ 4th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1996)
- ☐ 5th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1996)
- ☐ 6th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1959 – 1963)
- ☐ 7th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1960 – 1972)
- ☐ 8th Battalion, 17th Field Artillery (1967 – 1971)

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

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

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**17th Artillery Regiment Association's Eighteenth
Annual Reunion
Colorado Springs, Co. September 19 - 23, 2016
2016 REUNION REGISTRATION**

The 2016 reunion of the 17th Artillery Regiment Association will be held at Colorado Springs, Colorado from Monday, September 19, 2016 with check out on Friday, 23 September 2016. The reunion will be held at the EMBASSY SUITES, 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919. **Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-362-2779 or 1-719-599-9100 to reserve a room under the 17th Artillery Regiment Association.** A Credit Card will be required. Room rates are \$119.00 per night plus tax. Room rates are from September 19 – 23, 2016. These rates are for rooms with 2 queen beds. Reservations must be made by August, 18, 2016, to receive the cited room rates. Thirty (30) days prior to your arrival day September, 19, 2016 Reservations made after September 19, 2016 will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. Check in time is 3:00 p.m. and Check out time is 12:00 noon. The Hotel will include a Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast in the West Atrium, daily, and Parking is free during your stay. If you make a room reservation and have to cancel, the cancellation must be made prior to 3:00 PM on August 18, 2016 to avoid being charged. The website for the Hotel is: www.comhttp://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/about/index.html.

Please come and bring your spouse, family members and friends to tour Denver. We would like for all to bring their photo albums, snapshots, and slides to share with everyone. If you have 35mm slides or 8mm film you will have to furnish your own projector. If you have your pictures on a CD or USB drive the association has a digital projector and computer that will be available to show them.

There will be plenty of time for you to get reacquainted with old brothers in arms and friends that you may have served with or you may even make some new friends. The association's quartermaster will have the gear items at the reunion. Please bring an item to auction off, for the auction that is always a highpoint of our banquet. The money that is raised from the association's auction will be placed in the general and scholarship fund. Now is the perfect time to make your plans to attend and make your Hotel reservations. Please send in your registration slip and fee. **The registration will cover the Welcome Reception and the Banquet meal.** Please be sure to send the registration slip and fee to the treasurer, to arrive no later than August 18, 2016. If by chance you miss the dead line you may pay the fee when arriving at the reunion.

Tentative Itinerary: For those that arrive early the hospitality room will be open 8 AM Monday September 19, thru Thursday September 22, 2016 at which time it will close at 1100 PM.

Monday, September 19, 2016 – Hospitality room opens at 8 PM. Veterans, family, and friends arrive and sign into the Hotel. Then check into the hospitality room, sign the guest book, pick up your nametags, then visit your friendly quartermaster and purchase your association gear. We have plenty of gear; it will make the quartermaster's job easier in that he will not have to cart it all back home.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – Hospitality room opens at 8 AM. Tour in and around Denver. Veterans, family, and friends arrive and sign into the Hotel. Then check into the hospitality room, sign the guest book, pick up your nametags, then visit your friendly quartermaster and purchase your association gear.

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – Hospitality room opens at 8 AM. Tour in and around Denver. Veterans, family, and friends arrive and sign into the Hotel.

Thursday, September 22, 2016 – Hospitality room opens at 8 AM, General membership meeting will be held at 9 AM. The Auction/banquet will start at 1 PM and end by 4 PM. After the banquet, you can continue touring the sites in and around Denver.

Friday, September 23, 2016 - check out by 11 AM

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Calibration firing, by soldiers of Alpha “Gator” Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment; during Decisive Action Rotation 16-03, at the National Training Center, Fort Irvin, California (January 2016) (U.S. Army Photo)

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