Dear Former and Present Members of B Troop,

Previously we tried to send issues of the Gazette to all the former and present troopers that served with Troop B 17th Cavalry Rgt. (Abn Recon) and Troop B 2/17th Cavalry Rgt. Unfortunately it became too expensive mailing out over 800 Gazettes several times a year without being sure they were all being delivered to the proper people. We resorted to publishing copies of the Gazette on the Banshee website, e-mailing copies to those of you we had current email addresses for, and finally only mailing copies to active members of the Association that didn’t have email addresses. We are sending this issue out to everyone we had listed on our previous mailing list in hopes of reaching many of you we lost contact with, hoping to spark your interest in our organization. If you received this issue in error please contact me at jhmatthews1@verizon.net or 412-466-3557.

MEMBERSHIP

If you served with B Troop you are not automatically a member of the Association. To be an active member in our Association, you have to complete an application and pay the yearly dues of $25.00. Membership runs from January to December of each year and you must pay your dues to keep your membership up to date. Your membership includes a membership card, a copy of the Association’s By-Laws, two bumper stickers and voting privileges at our dinner/meetings. Due to several problems I haven’t been able to send out membership packets, but will try to catch up with the 2005 memberships.

In the event your membership is expired, you can make it current by paying the 2005 dues. We are not interested in making you pay for dues for the years you missed. If you are unsure whether your membership is current or not, please contact Randy Kunkleman at kunkleman@hotmail.com or phone: 419-339-3984.

Page 2 of this issue is a membership application. If you would like to join our Association, renew your expired membership, or just pay your 2005 membership which is due now, please fill out the application so we can update our records. If you cannot afford the dues you can apply for a hardship membership.

To be perfectly honest with you, our organization cannot exist without your financial support. For us to continue as an Association we need your support and interest.

“Out Front”

Jim Matthews

B Troop 2nd 17th Cavalry Association

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Membership Application

NAME ___________________________ E-Mail ___________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________________________

CITY ______________________ STATE _____ ZIP ______ TELEPHONE ___-_____

DATES ASSIGNED TO B TROOP __________________________________________

IF YOU WERE ATTACHED - WHAT WAS YOUR HOME UNIT ? ___________________

WHAT WERE YOUR DUTIES WHILE ASSIGNED TO B TROOP ?
(ie; Infantry, Pilot, Crewchief) _______________________________________

Current Occupation ___________________________________________________

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

REGULAR - HARDSHIP
( All persons who served with B Troop in any capacity, or surviving spouse, parents, or children of deceased veterans. Hardship membership is approved by the Association’s officers )

ASSOCIATE -
( All persons interested in belonging to the Association, so long as they abide by the By-Laws of the Association )

HONORARY -
( Please see the By-Laws of the Association )

Yearly dues for Regular and Associate Membership is $25.00 per year.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _________

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION AND DUES TO:

B Troop 2nd 17th Cavalry Association
c/o Randy Kunkleman
2395 N. Conant Road
Elida, OH 45807

Make checks payable to: B 2/17 Cav. Association

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2005 REUNION INFORMATION

We had all intentions of having this year’s reunion at Ft. Campbell, but due to the uncertainty that the present B Troop will be deployed again this year made our plans to meet the present Bans’ees questionable.

THEREFORE
THE 2005 REUNION WILL BE IN LAS VEGAS, NV.

WHERE:
THE PLAZA HOTEL & CASINO IN DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS

WHEN:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2005

ROOM RATES:
SUNDAY – THURSDAY $45.00 + TAX PER NIGHT
FRIDAY & SATURDAY $62.00 + TAX PER NIGHT

The Plaza Hotel & Casino is located at 1 Main Street Las Vegas, NV. It is downtown Las Vegas at the opposite end of Freemont Street from Fitzgerald’s. Their website is: www.plazahotelcasino.com

RESERVATIONS:
The Plaza has a toll free reservations number 1-800-634-6575. When prompted, press number 1 and ask for B/2/17 Association group booking. The cut off date for reservations is August 23, 2005.

EXTRAS:
In addition to all of the extra services expected from a hotel/casino the Plaza also has a fitness room, track, tennis court and swimming pool. They also have “Dick Clark’s Rock, Roll & Remember Show scheduled to open in April 3005.

Reunion Registration form is on page 4 of this issue.

HOPE TO
SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS

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B TROOP 2/17TH CAVALRY ASSOCIATION REUNION 2005
REGISTRATION FORM

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
SEPTEMBER 23 -24, 2005

THIS YEAR’S REGISTRATION FEE IS $100.00. THAT INCLUDES YOUR HOSPITALITY ROOM SNACKS & BEVERAGES, SATURDAY’S DINNER AND YOUR GIFT. THIS FEE MUST BE RETURNED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NAME: _______________________________________________________

TOTAL NO. OF GUESTS COMING (NOT COUNTING YOU)_____
THEIR NAMES: ______________________________________________________________

WE ARE CHARGING A $75.00 FEE FOR EACH ADULT GUEST, WHICH WILL INCLUDE FRIDAY’S SNACKS AND BEVERAGES & SATURDAY’S DINNER. IF YOUR GUEST WOULD ALSO LIKE A REUNION GIFT THEIR FEE IS $100.00, THE SAME AS YOURS. THIS IS PAYABLE LATER, BUT MUST BE PAID BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WE DID NOT ANSWER PLEASE CONTACT JIM MATTHEWS AT:
412-466-3557 OR jhmatthews1@verizon.net

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND THE REGISTRATION FEE TO:
RANDY KUNKLEMAN
2395 N. CONANT ROAD
ELIDA, OHIO  45807

Make checks payable to “B Troop 2/17th Cav. Association”
During our regular business meeting in Washington D.C. the Association Membership voted to fund an endowment fund at Texas Tech University, in the name of Joseph Guy “Doc” LaPointe. For those of you who are not familiar with the LaPointe name, “Doc was the medic assigned to B Troop 2/17th Cavalry in Vietnam.

On June 2, 1969 “Doc” LaPointe was killed in action, while attempting to provide medical assistance to two seriously wounded members of the B Troop’s “Blues” platoon. For his unselfish act of courage “Doc” was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Our Association committed itself to raise $10,000 over a three year period to establish his endowment fund. The last endowment fund report dated August 31, 2004 shows a total of $3,064.25. This does not include a pledge that is spread out over 4 years. As of this date, February 1, 2005, with all of the personal contributions and private pledges we are falling short of our goal. If you are able to help, please send what ever you can to this important project. Your donation is tax deductible and can be sent to Randy Kunkleman. Please be sure you indicate that the money is designated for the LaPointe Endowment Fund.

Dave Martin,
Endowment Fund Committee

On page 6 of this gazette issue you will find an order form for personalized 2/17th Cavalry watches. We have a special agreement with the owner of this company to keep the costs at a minimum so all profits from the watch sales will go to the LaPointe Endowment Fund. This is a great way to show your pride for your unit or former unit and support the endowment fund at the same time.

WHERE TO SEND THINGS

Dues, Donations, Reunion Money  
Randy Kunkleman  
2395 N. Conant Road  
Elida, OH 45807  
419-339-3984  
kunkleman@hotmail.com

Change of Address, Watch Orders  
James Matthews  
6743 Madison Ave.  
West Mifflin, PA 15122  
412-466-3557  
jhmatthews1@verizon.net

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PERSONALIZED 2/17TH CAVALRY WATCHES

NAME:_____________________________________
ADDRESS: _________________________________
PHONE: ___________________________________

BAND: LEATHER /METAL LINKS     STYLE: MENS / WOMANS

INSCRIPTION AT 2:00 o’clock ______________________
(REMEMBER SPACE IS LIMITED

INSCRIPTION AT 8:00 o’clock ______________________
(REMEMBER SPACE IS LIMITED

PRICE: $30.00 ea. INC. S&H      MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO B 2/17 CAV ASSN,

SEND TO:   JAMES MATTHEWS
6743 MADISON AVE
WEST MIFFLIN, PA 15122

OTHER TIME PIECES ARE AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS? CALL 412-466-3557 OR EMAIL: jhmatthews1@verizon.net

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