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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

B Troop 2nd 17th Cavalry Association

...10 GREAT YEARS...

President's Message  by Jim Matthews

Dear Fellow Banshees,

The time is getting close for our reunion in July.

As you have probably already heard, we are having our yearly get together at Ft. Campbell this year so we can maintain ties with the active unit. Fortunately, this year is the first time that we will be there without the troop being deployed as it has been in the past.

You have probably also noticed that there are several other things different with this reunion. First of all, it is being held in July instead of in September. Due to other conflicting events we had to move the reunion up a few months.

We have also changed the reunion days, from Friday, Saturday and Sunday format to include Thursday, Friday, Saturday and conclude the reunion with the dinner meeting on Sunday.

This years reunion is planned for Thursday July 26th thru Thursday July 30th, a full five days to reestablish relationships with old friends. I hope these new changes can accommodate some of the newer members and we see a lot of newer faces at this year's reunion.

Sincerely

Jim Matthews – President.

Vice President's Message by Bill Crawford

Welcome to all!

I want to thank you all for the votes. I will try to do a great job for you, as you know Dave has been doing a great job for 9 years now, so I will give it a good airborne try.

To make this year a successful reunion and a great time, will all will have to get on the phone and mail outs to each and every Banshee that you can get in touch with to come. Like I said before time is getting short for all of us.

We had five to six new Banshees at last years reunion so if we can make it ten this year that would be great so, lets all give it a try.

Dave is trying to finish setting up the hotel for us, so we can pass it on to you.

The Dinner will be posted soon, and the date for the cook out with current B Troops Soldiers.

We still have a lot of work to do, before Dave and Jim did it all.

It has been ten years since the Association was formed, GREAT JOB TROOPS..... Also we need to work on Banshee Membership, and get more members signed up.

REUNION NEWS

The 2007 Reunion will be held at Ft Campbell, Kentucky
July 26 – 29, 2007

Dinner/Meeting TBD

Cookout with Active B Troop TBD

We will provide additional information to the website as it becomes available!

**We also need TRIVIA Questions for B Troop...we hope to have a Trivia
Challenge during the Reunion!**

STILL TIME TO CATCH THE MINI REUNION CRUISE

May 6, 2007

Departing Galveston, Texas

7 day Caribbean Cruise

JAMAICA, GRAND CAYMAN, COZUMEL, MEXICO

RATES AS LOW AS \$479.00 per person for an Inside Cabin

Port Fees about \$75.00 per couple not Included

Joseph "Guy" LaPointe Endowment Auction

As usual we will be having an Auction for the Joseph "Guy" LaPointe Endowment Fund at our Dinner/Meeting. If you want to Donate (Afgans, home made crafts, or other items of interest) please let Jim Matthews know or bring them to the Reunion. We also still need Monetary Donations (All Donations are Tax Deductible).

Heard on the Internet

A blind man wanders into an all girls Biker Bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders some coffee. After sitting there for a while he yells to the waiter, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"

The bar falls silent. In a deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is only fair...given you are blind...that you should know five things:

1. The bartender is a blonde girl with a baseball bat.
2. The bouncer is a BIG Blonde girl.
3. I'm a 6-foot tall, 175 pound woman with a Black Belt in Karate.
4. The woman sitting next to me is a blonde professional wrestler.
5. The lady to your right is blonde and is a professional weightlifter.

Now, think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still want to tell that joke? The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head no, and mutters, "No...not if I'm going to have to tell it five times.

From: Don Slavinski

Church Bulletins actually printed in Church Bulletins

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house.

Bring your husbands.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for choir. They need all the help they can get.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 p.m. – Prayer and meditation to follow!

From: Don Slavinski

Camp Eagle Then.....



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From left to right: Terry Atkinson, Scout Platoon Leader; John Yearwood, Slick Platoon Leader; and Frank Frazier, Guns Platoon Leader.

Photo Courtesy of Terry Atkinson

Joining the Association

When you join the Association you are helping insure that our Association will continue to grow. We are going into our tenth year and have come a long way. We started with a Gazette that was sent to about 20 people. We now have over 1000 addresses for people who served with B Troop some go back to the 1950's. We have funded a \$10,000.00 Graduate Endowment at Texas Tech University in the name of Joseph "Guy" LaPointe Jr. Please consider joining the Association dues are only \$25.00 per year.

You will receive;

- 1 Membership Certificate
- 1 Membership ID card
- 1 Association bumper sticker

Thank you for your support

Where to Send Things

Please mail order forms for the Supply Room or any questions on your membership to:

Jim Matthews - President

6743 Madison Avenue - West Mifflin, PA 15122-2737

412-466-3557

General Information on the Association and questions on Reunions to:

Bill Crawford – Vice President

1281 Echo Trail – Watkinsville, GA 30677

706-769-6838

Related issues to The Banshee Gazette, comments on The Banshee Gazette, membership materials or The Joseph LaPointe Endowment to:

David Martin – Editor Banshee Gazette

232 Rabbit Shadow Trail - Whitney, Texas 76692

254-694-5529

Please mail membership dues, contributions, and anything else that has to do with money to:

Randy Kunkelman – Secretary / Treasurer

2395 N. Conant Road - Elida, Ohio 45807

419-339-3984

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 - _____

(All persons who served with B Troop in any capacity, or surviving spouse, parents, or children of deceased veterans)

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 TO:

B Troop 2nd 17th Cavalry Association

c/o Randy Kunkleman 2395 N. Conant Road Elida, OH 45807