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**THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE 3RD BATTALION
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Commanders Corner

So we begin a new year and so much has changed since starting with the 15th FA Veteran patches over two years ago. We have been able to locate 230 former members of the Battalion living and deceased, we have an up and running FB page dedicated solely for you, we have been able to hold two 2 Battalion Reunions and we are working on the 3rd one now, we have brought the Incoming back to life.

We also have endured some significant events as well like the unexpected passing of CSM Ed Weatherford which now leaves us with CSM AO Reynolds the BN's first and CSM Don Peak the BN's last official CSM. We have also been able to confirm the passing of CPT John Hecker and MSG Joel Herron.

The passing of Mr Denson who served all 17 years in the Battalion both on the Civilian and Military side. He and I collaborated on many of the projects we have put together for everyone. Mr D always prided himself in knowing everything that was going on within the Battalion except he had no knowledge about the Battalion Coin nor was he consulted regarding the Incoming as we wanted both to be a surprise.

There are 55 men who are deceased which we have been able to confirm. We know there are others just like we know there are still former members who are living and the goal still remains the same since I started all this and that is to locate them and offer them the opportunity to reunite with their fellow Red Leg Brothers.

We will continue to publish the Incoming on a quarterly basis just as the original Cannoneer/Incoming bringing you news from the past along with current information especially Reunion news. The front cover of the original Incoming's would change on a quarterly basis, we will not do that as Mr D really liked this design even though he had no knowledge we were bringing it back to life.

The Battalion Senior NCO's have pooled their resources and donated to help defray operating costs associated with putting together an annual Reunion and I truly Thank them for their unbelievable generosity.

The mission from the very beginning still remains - to find all of our 3rd Battalion Brothers, recognize and take pride in our accomplishments and renew the bonds that made us on time, on target every mission.

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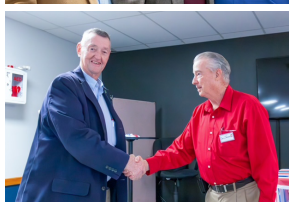
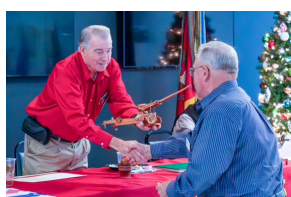
The CSM's Corner

Greetings to all Red Legs, another year has just passed, during which we lost more of our beloved brothers, this is why it is so important, that while spending time with family and friends, cherish every second of it. The days are counting down to the next Reunion, looking forward to seeing everyone there, with that being said, may God Bless, and show his ever ending love to each of you, and your families.

CSM Don Peak (USAR) Ret.



Reunion 2023





Reunion 2023 (continued)





15th FA History Pre WW2

Pre-World War Two

15th Field Artillery Regiment *INDIANHEADS*

Post-World War One / Pre-World War Two

Following a short tour of duty as Occupational Troops on the Rhine River in Germany after WW-I, the 2nd Infantry Division (ID) returned to the United States in August 1919. The Division was then stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and then Camp Travis, Texas, where it remained in garrison for 23 years.

In 1940, the 2nd ID became the first “Triangular Division” with the 9th, 23rd, and 38th Infantry Regiments. Subsequently, the 15th Field Artillery (FA) Regiment was reorganized and divided as the 37th FA Battalion (BN), the 38th FA BN, and the 15th FA BN. With the 12th FA BN, these four Battalions formed the 2nd ID Artillery.

In November 1942, the 2nd ID moved to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and trained in a series of Cold Weather Maneuvers, and deployed overseas to Ireland in October of 1943. After extensive training, the 2nd ID hit the beach at Normandy on 7 June 1944. The 15th FA Bn became the first Artillery Unit of the 2nd ID to fire its guns at the Germans on 9 June 1944. And the rest, as they say, is History!

Written by: Dan Gillotti, 15th FA Historian

Members that we have found *(*** denotes deceased)*

Allen Abernathy	Sammy Garrett	Tom Lynch	Larry Smith ***
Ronnie Aldridge ***	Wayne Garrett	Steve MacMillan	Ronnie Smith
Donald Allen	Oliver Gaston	Daniel Macon	David Sparks
Rusty Allen	Wendell Gibson	Ray Marsh	Joe Sparks ***
Bruce Anderson	Calvin Gildersleeve	Sylvester Martin ***	Don Stephens
Dan Andresen	Gary Gilliland ***	Bill McCain ***	Walter Stephens
Mike Ashley	Shevy Glenn	Michael McCallum	Tony Stepleton
Ken Badgett ***	Calvin Grace	Ricky McClellan	Larry Sterling
Lonnie Bagley	Jerry Green	Mark McClendon ***	Kenneth Stevens
Paul Barron	Curtis Griffin ***	Jottie McGhee	Archie Swain
Greg Beavers	Tony Gunter	Lawrence McGhee	Earl Swain
Jerry Bell	Robert Hall	Harold McKee	Robert Swindell ***
Donnie Bishop	Roy Hall	Ben McKinney	Henry Teague
Gary Bolton	Sam Hamner	Bill McKinney	Brett Thomas
Clois Boozer	Darrell Hancock	Gregory McMath	Darryl Thomas
Jasper Boyer	Steve Harding	Derrick McRath	Edwin Thomas
Ed Brown	David Harmon	Paul McWilliams ***	Carbon Todd ***
Tom Buckley	Billy Harp	John Miller	Clifton Tolbert
Charles Bunch	Richard Haynie	Kenneth Miller	Eric Trull
Don Burns ***	Scott Headen	Terry Mims	Gerald Tucker
John Bushard	Walter Heath	Jerry Montgomery	Lester Turner
Julius Campbell	Bobby Heaton	Melvin Morgan	Merv Turner ***
Ray Campbell	John Hecker ***	James Morris	Howard Underwood
Roger Carlisle	Mark Henderson	Jim Morris ***	Terry Upton
Terry Carr ***	Joel Herron ***	David Morrison	Don Vardaman
Charles Clements ***	Warren Hill	Jackie Nails ***	Rodney Veasy
Bill Coker	Bill Hinton	Raphael Nelson	Miguel Villasana
Billy Colyer ***	Wes Hodgins	Ron Nelson	Brad Waits
Richard Conti	John Hoehne	Jim Nemeth	Gerald Wallace ***
Kent Cooper	Mark Hoff ***	Franklin Newkirk ***	JD Ward
Andrew Cordova	Phillip Holladay ***	Wayne Norris ***	Danny Warwick
Arthur Cottingham	Chris Honea	Steve Norton	Craig Waschko
Toby Craft ***	David Huff	Benny Ogles	Ed Weatherford ***
Mike Crosby	Chris Jackson	Gregory Oliver ***	Roger Weaver ***
Michael Dalesandro	Grady Jackson	Red Oliver ***	James Welch ***
Gary E Davis ***	Edward J Jelks	Joseph Owens Sr ***	Paul Wharton
Ronnie Davis	Stanley Jemison	Nathaniel Owens	Gary White
Mickey Deerman	Danny Johnson	Bobby Patterson	Nelson White ***
Oliver Denson ***	Don Johnson	Don Peak	Ray White ***
David Despagna	Elwin Johnson ***	Sam Pearson	Christopher Whitehead
Barry Dickerson	Jamie Johnson	Robert Posey	George Wigley ***
Steve Dickerson	Sam Jones ***	Nathaniel Powell ***	Maurice Wildman
Don Dison	Brad Joy	Tim Powell	Russell Wilkerson
Jerry Duke	Morris Kay	Randy Putnam	Maceo Williams ***
Zachary Edison	Bill Kennedy	Howard Race	Michael Williams
Charles Ellis Jr	Thomas Kerr	Adrian Reynolds	Tim Willis
Vincent Elston ***	Laverne Kinney ***	Donald Roberson ***	Jim Wilson
Dave Emery	Leonard Kiser	Joe Rogers	Denver Woods
Kenneth Emory	Richard Lackey	Mike Roseman	Earnest Woods
Bertis English	Ron Lancaster	Willie Roseman	Earnest Woods III
Kenneth Estell	Clyde Lane	James Rudolph	Roderick Woods
Art Foley	Orlando Lemon	John Schwaiger ***	Stevie Woods
Gary Fortenberry	Thomas Logan	Paul Schwaiger ***	John Woody
Lovoyd Fountain	Joe Long ***	Leon Seth de Loche	Huber Wright ***
Ron Funderburk	Mike Long	Danny Simmons	Lewis Wyatt ***
Robert Gaither ***	Marvis Lott ***	Ned Sims ***	Johnny Yeppez
Bryant Garrett	Phil Lovelady	Rick Skinner	Ray Zimmerman
Ronald Garrett	Levi Lyles		

Reunion Information

3rd Annual Reunion for the 3rd Battalion FAR

Location: Oxford Civic Center

Date: 30 November 2024

Time: 1200-1600 hrs

Fully Catered Meal

Dad's BBQ Anniston

Two meats

Three Sides

Bread

Tea sweet and unsweetened

Dessert TBD

Cost \$20 person

RSVP Date 31 October

Invitations with RSVP's will be mailed at a later date

Future Reunion Locations

Oxford Civic Center 30 November 2024

Oxford Civic Center 6 December 2025

Oxford Civic Center 5 December 2026

Chaplain's Corner with Chaplain Wes Hodgins

As January 1 of the new year arrives our culture views the new year as a "new-born" baby; a "Great big bundle of potentiality". It is a time of "hope", to do things better this time around. And who among us does not wish we had done a few things "differently" and avoided the catastrophe which had ensued! Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed a "new birth" if he hoped to please God. His past just was not "good enough" by itself. The birth of Jesus, celebrated just a few days ago reminds us of God coming as a baby to live as a man among men. He "increased in stature and in favor with God and men". He would be the giver of eternal life to the sons of men who would come to him in faith. The apostle Paul said it this way: "as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." As we think about "ways to get it right this year" make the regular meditation on God's Word part of your daily routine. You will find it a 'lamp to your feet and a light on the path you are traveling.' (Ps. 119:105) The probability of "getting it right this time around" will be greatly increased if we walk in the light of His word each day.

- Chaplain Hodgins

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