

## SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION



2012 Fall Newsletter

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### FROM: HONORARY COLONEL, RICHARD WM. ANSON

RICHARD WM. ANSON, MAJOR GENERAL, US ARMY (RET)  
HONORARY COLONEL, 2<sup>ND</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

To All 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regimental Association Members:

As we approach another Veterans Day 2012, it is appropriate to recognize and thank our active duty servicemen and women, as well as their families, serving in harm's way around the world. Another group to whom we owe so much is our veterans and retirees. These men and women have served our country so well having sacrificed, in many cases, their lives to protect us and our children.

This year, in addition to our military, both Mary and I want to mention and pay tribute to our civilian compatriots representing our great country and serving in over two hundred countries around the globe. These men and women also serve the United States in areas of great peril. They do so unashamedly and without fanfare in order to promote the merits of freedom and democracy to those who desire to be free and live in peace. To these men and women we send our thanks and pray for their safety. They are the firewall between us here at home and the forces of evil and violence. To them we also owe so very much.

To all these marvelous, patriotic and wonderful folks we offer our gratitude, prayers and blessings. Without them there would be no Land of Freedom and Opportunity.

God bless you all, now and forever, on this Veterans Day 2012.

### FROM: BOB "FO" DOUGLASS

BOB DOUGLASS, PRESIDENT, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

My Fellow Ramrods and Associate Members:

I want to wish everyone a happy Veteran's Day. This year we will celebrate it with less of our combat brothers than we had last year. One in particular is Jack Gallagher. Many of you did not know Jack because he was a silent type of person who carried a very big stick. Jack served as Bravo 6, with the 2-2 in Vietnam and did two tours with them. He very generously supported our Association as well as the Division Association. We were his family and I know he loved every one of us. The world will really miss a great warrior and true American like him. Jack succumbed to cancer that ultimately permeated his entire body. Jack, rest in peace because you truly deserve it.

To see additional information on Jack Gallagher please see Page 10 of this newsletter.

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This leads me to approach a similar topic. In June, I had my prostate removed due to cancer. I want to thank everyone for their support and prayers. Those prayers truly worked. The doctors feel they got it all. Prostate and colon cancer are two conditions that are recognized by the Veterans Administration as being caused by exposure to Agent Orange. So please, for the benefit of your families and friends make sure that you are keeping a close watch on your Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA). I encourage you all to have a colonoscopy done at least every 10 years after your fiftieth birthday. These are two very curable cancers as they are slow developing cancers and can therefore be detected and treated successfully.

This past year has been a busy one for the Association with 2-2 and 1-2 returning from a tour down range in Afghanistan. The 2-2 returned to Fort Knox in January and are now training for a future assignment. The 1-2 returned to Germany in June and are preparing to be deactivated. The colors will be cased once again.

Pigeon Forge once again had a very successful reunion. This meeting had the largest turnout ever.

Congratulations to Israel Tames and his great staff!

The reunion in Memphis was unfortunately not as well attended. But on the positive side, we were able to sponsor one of our wounded warriors SPC Joshua Potet. He is in therapy and under doctor's care from an IED attack.

In August, we had our election of officers. I want to thank everyone for showing their confidence and support in me by electing me for another two years as your president. The staff and support that I had for the last two years has been fantastic and I appreciate their assistance.

The position of Liaison to the Active Duty Battalions was created and SGT Brian Lake was appointed to this new position. Many of you remember Brian, as one of the wounded warriors we sponsored last year to attend the Reunion in Buffalo, NY. This year he attended along with Sam Furna.

Sam was also wounded in the last trip down range. I am really hoping that we can get more of our younger troops to join and become active with the Association.

I would like to give a special thanks to John Adams who donated two beautiful framed regimental flags.

Next year's Division/BRO reunion will be held in Jacksonville, Florida July 31—August 4th. I hope all of you plan to be there. As 2013 quickly approaches, let us all make plans to attend either Regimental/Ramrod Reunion in Pigeon Forge May 16-19 or the Division/BRO Reunion in Jacksonville. Of course it would be great if you could attend both of events, but if you cannot, at least plan to attend one of them. Each provides you an opportunity to reunite with old friends and make new ones.

As I close this letter, I want to thank everyone for their service and sacrifice to this country. And I want to wish every one of you a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.

### CONGRATULATIONS! TASK FORCE 1-2 "BLACK SCARVES"

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PERMANENT ORDERS 091-37  
1 April 2010  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Benning, GA 30405 (10 Nov 2008 to 17 Nov 2009)  
Company B, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Benning, GA 30405 (10 Nov 2008 to 17 Nov 2009)  
Company C, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Benning, GA 30405 (10 Nov 2008 to 17 Nov 2009)  
Company C, 3d Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment (22 March 2009 to 27 November 2009)

Announcement is made of the following award:  
Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: As listed above  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 15  
Description: During the period 30 November 2008 to 17 November 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit successfully conducted over 630 Provincial Reconstruction Team missions, including over 845 partnered operations with the 8th Iraqi Army Division while assisting the efforts of Iraqi Security Forces in providing a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Iraq. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the distinguished tradition of the 172d Infantry Brigade, Multi-National Division-South, and the United States Army.  
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that the award has been approved and that eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Order. Official verification of a specific unit's entitlement to display the award in the form of an award is provided in the following text.  
PERMANENT ORDERS 091-37, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22302, 1 April 2010

appropriate streamer on ice ring or guidon wears with the U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHC) logo. The award is to be determined official unit lineage and Honor for MTOE organizations. CDR will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an official streamer for the award. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*[Signature]*  
Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch

DISTRIBUTION:  
Commander, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment, APO AE 09114 (1)  
Company B, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, GA 30405 (2)  
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By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to:  
**1ST BATTALION, 2D INFANTRY REGIMENT**  
for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service:  
During the period 30 November 2008 to 17 November 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit successfully conducted over 630 Provincial Reconstruction Team missions in Babil, Diwaniyah, and Najaf Provinces. Additionally, the battalion conducted over 845 partnered operations with the 8th Iraqi Army Division while assisting the efforts of Iraqi Security Forces in providing a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Iraq. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units' outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 172d Infantry Brigade, Multi-National Division-South, and the United States Army.

## FROM: LTC ANTHONY R. WIGGINS

LTC ANTHONY R. WIGGINS, COMMANDER, TASK FORCE 1-2 "BLACK SCARVES"

Regimental Association Members,



Please allow me to thank you for affording me this opportunity to address the membership on behalf of the Soldiers of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment.

Last August I was given the honor and opportunity to command this distinguished unit and succeeding a great commander (LTC Earl Higgins), who led the "Black Scarves" through a very successful combat deployment in Afghanistan as part of Operations Enduring Freedom.

In conjunction with the scheduled June 2013 deactivation of the 172<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1-2's current mission focus is to setting the conditions for our inactivation with continued emphasis on taking care of our Soldiers, Families and preparing our equipment for turn-in.

In addition, we also continue to support various USAREUR mission requirements.

Though casing the colors of an Army unit is never a joyous occasion, morale remains high here and the current Black Scarves continue to serve with pride as they competed to earn the Expert Infantry Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Air Assault Qualification (via Mobile Training Team), NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Boards as well as Promotion Boards.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to address the membership as well as for the Association's support throughout the years. As commander, I pledge to all "Black Scarves" past and present, we will continue to carry out our mission up until the casing of the colors with as much honor and respect as possible.

We all look forward to remaining in touch and for the next opportunity to meet personally.

God Bless America and the Second Infantry Regiment!

## FROM: CHAPLAIN S.D. SOMARATNA

CPT S.D. SOMARATNA, CHAPLAIN, TASK FORCE 1-2 "BLACK SCARVES"

The Black scarves spent a year in Afghanistan. All through that deployment, I had one prayer which I prayed daily. I asked God to bring back all the Task Force Soldiers back home without a single loss of life in that desolate land.

We spent a year in harm's way and I heard story after story from Soldiers that had near misses with death.

We had Soldiers with rucksacks blown off their backs and eye protection shot off their faces. Vehicles were blown up and pierced with munitions without touching its occupants. We had so many near misses with death that it ceased to be a coincidence. I believe God honored our payers and His guardian angels were working overtime to protect us during this deployment.

We brought everyone home and as this Thanksgiving approaches, I am doubly thankful for the Grace and mercy of God. I am sad that this great unit will deactivate with the 172nd SIB in the summer of next year. However I am proud of my service with this unit and the dedicated men that participated in its last mission. May God continue to bless them and keep them in the palm of His hand.

May God continue to bless my adopted country and may we be the hope of freedom to many.



FROM: LTC ERIC P. LOPEZ , COMMANDER TASK FORCE 2-2 "RAMRODS"

 <p><b>25SEP-27SEP</b></p>	<p><b>A Co 2-2 IN- SQD STX</b></p>	<p><b>Terminators</b></p> 
		<p><b>UNIT:</b> A Co 2-2IN  <b>OIC:</b> LT Oleksak  <b>NCOIC:</b> SFC Roszko  <b>TYPE:</b> SQD STX  <b>WHERE:</b> TA9-Airfield</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVE:</b> The primary focus of the training was SQD Movement and Enter/Clear a building. PLTs had a specific task each day of the week; tasks consist of admin, support, and execution PLT. SQDs were evaluated by Company Leadership during the SQD STX Lanes.</p> <p><b>NARRATIVE:</b> On 250730SEP12, A Co began their SQD STX training, with CoIST completely finished with the TOC set up at the MCTC. Due to inclement weather, the training had to be pushed to the right. 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT moved the OBJ to a different location; due to impassable trails at TA9. First iteration executed their lane at 2100hr; 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT executed only the night iteration on the 25SEP. On 26SEP 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT and 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT both conducted their day iteration and 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT went straight into their night portion. 27SEP was the last day of SQD STX, with 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT executing with no timeline issues.</p> <p><b>AAR Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CoIST/PLs/FOs received training during SQD STX(+)</li> <li>- Build glass houses for SQDs to rehearse with(-)</li> <li>- SLs received real BOLO (+)</li> </ul> <p><b>Commanders Assessment:</b>                  The training allowed us to function several systems while maintaining focus on Squad level training. The training allowed us to move from a U to a P on MET's Conduct an Attack, and Conduct a Raid. The event allowed us to continue our focus on Ramrod LOE's by building teams and conducting Company level TLP's. We had a heavy focus on the Duke standards of Discipline and Standards by enforcing small disciplines, mental and physical toughness by conducting operations in heavy rain with little sleep, and several repetitions of Battle Drill 6.</p>

 <p><b>29SEP2012</b></p>	<p><b>German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Test</b></p>	<p><b>BRAVO</b></p> 
<p>SGT Cenna completes the high jump</p> 	<p>PFC Kern and Tarnecki running the 3K</p> 	<p><b>UNIT:</b> 2-2IN  <b>OIC:</b> University of Louisville ROTC  <b>TYPE:</b> GAFPB Test  <b>WHERE:</b> University of Louisville</p> <p><b>MISSION:</b> 2-2IN Soldiers compete for the German Armed Forces proficiency Badge NLT 29SEP2012 VIC Papa John's Stadium, Louisville, KY IOT earn the coveted gold GAFP badge.</p> <p><b>NARRATIVE (all times local):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Blackheart PLT sent 4-5 Soldiers and leaders that passed a prerequisite exam consisting of a 200m swim in 6 minutes, shoot 6/6 with M9 from 25m, and pass a written first aid test.</li> <li>• After registering for the competition, the candidates began the day's events. These consisted of:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100m dash in under 13.6 seconds</li> <li>• High Jump 4'2"</li> <li>• 3000m run in under 13 minutes</li> <li>• Throw a shot-put 28 feet</li> <li>• Ruck 12 kilometers in under 2 hours</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Following completion of the 12K ruck, the Soldiers received their gold GAFP badges from the German liaison Officers.</li> <li>• Throughout the day's competition, Soldiers and families were able to enjoy a free cookout , rock wall, and a raffle as part of Ramrod family fun day.</li> </ul>
<p>CPT Spalding completes the 12K ruck march</p> 	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> PLT, B CO Soldiers with their Badges</p> 	
<p>Collective Tasks Trained : N/A  <b>BN Commander's Lines of Effort:</b> Team Building, Leader Development, Soldiers and Families  <b>Duke 6 Big 6:</b> Mental and Physical Toughness</p>		<p><b>Retrain Needed – No</b>  <b>AAR Conducted – Yes</b>  <b>Injuries – None</b>  <b>SIRS – None</b>  <b>Expenditures – N/A</b></p>

### TASK FORCE 2-2 "RAMRODS"

 <p>25-27SEP</p>	<p>C 2-2 Squad LFX</p>	<p>C Co.</p> 
		<p><b>UNIT:</b> C Co, 2-2IN  <b>OIC:</b> 1LT Adam Distel  <b>NCOIC:</b> SFC Juan Ramirez  <b>TYPE:</b> Squad LFX  <b>WHERE:</b> Ashley Range  <b>MISSION:</b> Comanche Company conducts SQD LFX NLT 271700SEP2012 IOT train and evaluate soldiers and leaders on basic squad fire and maneuver  <b>NARRATIVE (all times local):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comanche soldiers ran through dry, blank and live fire during hours of high and low visibility from the 25th to 27th on Ashley Range. The range consists of 4 x 300 + meter lanes where squads would engage numerous pop up targets from barriers, berms, creek beds and other pieces of terrain. No one lane was a like and all squads conducted live fires on each lane. The course is narrow and challenges team and squad leaders to manage their soldiers movements all the while maintaining fire superiority. Squads conducted on or around 10 live iterations with another 4 to 5 being blank.</li> </ul> </p>
		
<p><b>Commander's Assessment:</b>          Soldiers became more confident maneuvering with their respective formations. Initially the react to contact drill and long bounds were our biggest issues. However, by the end of the exercise Comanche soldiers were executing with greater accuracy, speed, and aggressiveness  <b>BN Commander's Lines of Effort</b>          etc.</p>	<p><b>Retrain Needed</b> – No  <b>AAR Conducted</b> – Yes  <b>Injuries</b> – None  <b>SIRS</b> – None  <b>Expenditures</b> – 11840 A080 Ball, 3600 A080 Link, 20575 A059, 1082 A063, 16,900 A064, 14 G940, 16 G945, 16 G982, 8 M116, 20 L594, 2 M119.</p>	

 <p>1-4OCT2012</p>	<p>D CO TF RAMROD SQD STX</p>	<p>DARK HORSE</p>		
		<p><b>UNIT:</b> Delta Company  <b>OIC/NCOIC:</b> 1LT Law/SSG Wilson  <b>TYPE:</b> SQD STX  <b>WHERE:</b> TA-9  <b>MISSION:</b> D/2-2 IN conducts SQD STX 1-4OCT in order to fulfill BN requirement and to ensure soldiers are validated in SQD movement.  <b>NARRATIVE (all times local):</b>          D/2-2 conducted SQD STX lane in order to build dismounted squads capable of fighting during day and night conditions. Teams were trained in react to contact, attack and break contact. All Dark Horse squads now demonstrate proficiency in shooting, moving, and communicating utilizing proper IMT techniques, hand/arm signals, and weapons safety while closing with and destroying multiple enemies. As the squads progressed in skill, variables, such as IEDs and casualties, were added to the lane.  <b>COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT:</b>          The STX lanes allowed for PLs and PSGs to coach their SLs on the fundamentals of controlling and leading a dismounted light infantry squad. Following the next iteration of squad STX, squads will be more than prepared for their culminating LFX.</p>		
				

Training Successful- YES  
 Retrain Needed- NO  
 AAR Conducted- YES  
 Injuries – NONE  
 SIRS- NONE  
 Personnel Trained: 62

**COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT:**  
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**TASK FORCE 2-2 "RAMRODS"**

 <p><b>090800OCT12</b></p>	<p><b>Scouts IED Defeat and Urban Recon</b></p>	<p><b>HHC</b></p> 
	<p>Soldier Valloning a route during IED lane</p> 	<p><b>UNIT:</b> Scouts, HHC, 2-2IN  <b>OIC:</b> 1LT Lambert <b>NOIC:</b> SFC Pickett  <b>TYPE:</b> IED Defeat and Urban Recon  <b>WHERE:</b> Home Station Training Lane  <b>MISSION:</b> Scouts 2-2IN IED Defeat and Urban Recon at Home Station Training Lane (HSTL) on 09 0800 Oct 12 to 11 1200 Oct 12 in order to allow Soldiers to become proficient in IED defeat and Urban Reconnaissance.  <b>NARRATIVE (all times local):</b></p>
<p>Soldiers conducting selective clearance of village during IED lane</p>	<p>Soldiers conducting TLPs in preparation for Urban Recon lane</p>	<p><b>09 OCT 12</b>          •0800-SP from COF          •0900-Begin IED awareness training          •1000-Vallon Class with Vallon Lanes taught by C2IC          •1500- Begin battle drill 6 training utilizing HSTL villages. Training included movement over urban terrain, single room clearance and multiple floor clearance.          •1700- Begin Urban Recon training. Soldiers were trained in establishing surveillance sites and overwatch sites in buildings          •2300- Rest</p>
		<p><b>10 OCT 12</b>          •0700- Begin mounted patrolling considerations (vehicle patrol base, crew drills, mounted contact)          •0900- Begin mounted IED lane. IED lane included a squad vehicles receiving a mission to selectively clear a village. The squad began from "FOB" to village and while travelling they stopped to clear their route of IEDs. Squad would establish VPB and dismount into village. While clearing village squad will make contact          •1600- Mounted IED lane complete. Receive OPORD for Urban Mission. 2 Recon teams with Sniper teams attached occupied 2 different buildings and conducted surveillance on OBJ.          •1900- SP Urban mission          •1130- Retrain occupied building and Urban Site          •0230- Rest</p>
<p><b>Commander's Assessment:</b>          The ADC/HSTL has a lot to offer the Ramrod BN. The civilians who run this facility are able to create scenarios as requested utilizing many different types of IEDs both for mounted and dismounted training. Also, the mock villages that are built are a great resource for urban recon training. Training at this location has better prepared the scouts for deployment.</p>	<p><b>Retrain Needed – No</b>  <b>AAR Conducted – Yes</b>  <b>Injuries – None</b>  <b>SIRS – None</b>  <b>Expenditures – None</b></p>	<p><b>11 OCT 12</b>          •0700- Retrain actions at exfil and conduct link-up and train communication between observer and recorder          •1200- SP from Range to COF</p>

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

By RICH MALING, CHAPLAIN, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

"Selah", 'think of that' is the literal translation for this salutation from Psalm 67. What a blessing it was to hear from 1/2 IN Chaplin Sobana upon the battalion's safe return from Afghanistan. Every causality is a mournful loss. Yet, let us take solace in God's mercy and love for each of us.

Core to our Constitution, which we take an oath to defend, is the Declaration of Independence declaring the rights of the people come from God. The power of government come from the people. Every American needs to understand these basic tenants.

I can not think of a more noble cause; the American soldier defending our rights granted by God. The American soldier's cause will always be just when he follows and defends the principles of our Constitution.

In each of our own ways, let us give thanks and prayers that the 2nd Infantry Regiment is home. Unfortunately, the war on terror continues. Let us pray for the all the American soldiers that remain in harm's way and comfort their families and friends as they await their return.

God Bless to all as we approach the season of giving thanks for our blessed country, and the Lord's birth.

*Psalm 67*

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,*

*Selah*

*that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*let all the peoples praise you.*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*

*for you judge the peoples with equity*

*and guide the nations upon earth.*

*Selah*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

*let all the peoples praise you.*

*The earth has yielded its increase;*

*God, our God, has blessed us.*

*May God continue to bless us;*

*let all the ends of the earth revere him.*



**CLARK HONORS FALLEN SOLDIERS AT ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**  
**FROM JOHN KERINS, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER**  
**ARTICLE IN THE CLARK-GARWOOD PATCH ON MAY 29, 2012, WRITTEN BY STEPHANIE MUSAT**

The parade was dedicated to Army Sgt. James Harvey II who died in combat in Afghanistan in June 2011.

James Harvey stood at the podium in front of Arthur L. Johnson High School - the sun in his face blocking out the more than 200 people in the crowd from view - holding a street sign for the newest street in Clark: Harvey Court.



Mayor Sal Bonaccorso handed Harvey the sign, named after his son, James Harvey II, who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan last year. Harvey unwrapped the white tissue paper, looked at the sign and held it up to the sky, showing his son the fruits of his sacrifice.

"He would have said one word. 'Cool,'" Harvey told Patch. "He would have thought this was really cool."

As per town code, when a soldier from Clark dies in action, a street is named in their honor. And for this Memorial Day, the parade and new street highlighted Harvey's service for his country.

"Memorial Day has changed drastically for our family," Harvey said. "Even for me, even though I served in the military. Prior to his service, it was about the barbeque. Since then, it's truly a memorial for him."

As the sound of the sirens filled Westfield Avenue, the annual Memorial Day parade kicked off, featuring veterans and their families and members of the community, with a huge turnout from the Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts.

Clark residents lined the streets and applauded the parade participants who braved the hot weather for the half-hour long walk. Immediately following the parade was a ceremony to remind locals of the sacrifices of the servicemen who gave their lives in the line of duty.

"We have to always keep in mind what today is for," said Councilman Al Barr, who coordinated the parade. "It's for all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can be here."

"Of course we would rather have Sgt. Harvey here," said

Bonaccorso. "But he is a proud American who served his country, and we would like to let the Harvey family know that here in Clark Township, we thank him."

With the addition of Harvey, there have been 21 Clark residents who have fallen while on active duty. And each soldier was recognized with a flag planted in front of ALJ, while their service was commemorated by Commander Bill Duffy, who led the parade.

After reading off each name, he took a deep breath and began Sgt. Harvey's biography, as his parents and sisters walked the flag to the memorial. Duffy, unable to read Harvey's last letter home, had a member of the Boy Scouts read it aloud.

In the letter, Harvey told his family not to be angry and that he chose to serve his country and did it well. He understood the risk, his father said, and "I am proud of him for what he did."

With his mother, Susan, blotting tears from her eyes, members of the ALJ Marching Band played Taps for her son - her son who she raised to be strong and serve his country.

Harvey was destined for the military, Duffy said, after he would wear his father's Vietnam War uniform around the house. He came to his parents one day to tell them he wanted to join the army. His father told him that he needs an education, but he wanted to join, and he was proud that he was following in his footsteps.

John Kerins, a Vietnam veteran of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment of the famed First Infantry Division, the same unit that Sergeant Harvey was serving with when he sacrificed his life in Afghanistan, represented the veterans of that regiment. He said it was an honor to have served with a unit that produced such men as Jim Harvey, '...a fine soldier, good man and a true American hero.'

Even after his death, his father is still proud of the choices his son made.

"He told me he needed to do this, and I understood what he meant," he said. "I'm very proud of him."

## OFFICERS OF THE FIRST DIVISION DINNER

BY TOM REHM, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER

This year's officer dinner was very enjoyable as usual. Attendance, however, was way down and next year will bring on a full court press in that regard! The occasion has been a yearly affair for almost a hundred years, beginning not long after the end of World War I and we don't want to see it disappear.

Jack Gallagher, B 2/2, provided funding for the CP, with instructions that what remained after expenses be passed on to the Pigeon Forge reunion for expenses incurred there. Jack has not been well and we very strongly hope that his health improves.

*(Editor's note: Jack Gallagher had passed away since Tom Rehm submitted this report)*

This year we shared a CP with the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and it worked out very well. Gary Tucker was missed, as he was busy in a rehab shop working on his legs.

Present at the dinner besides myself and 2/2 battalion past commander, LTC Streeter and current commander LTC Lopez also Bill Benson, Jim Stephens, Mike Honan, Monte George and William Vonderschmidt.

**No Mission To Difficult — No Sacrifice To Great — Duty First**



## FIRST DIVISION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

PICTURES BY WILMER "WILD BILL" AND CAROL BENSON, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS



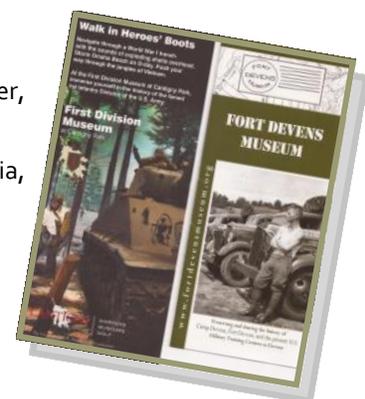
## BLACK SCARF MEMORABILIA

BY JOE FOY, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER

A Black Scarf, a history of the scarf and a poem was given to the following museums:

- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny  
*(Richard "Daffy" Daffron original scarf is also there)*
- \* The Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Ga.
- \* The museum at Fort Devens, Mass.
- \* The U S Army Museum that will be built at Fort Belvoir, Va.

- \* Griswold High School in Griswold, Conn.
- \* Mrs. Sauler in memory of Charlie F. Sauler, KIA 4 October 1967.  
Charlie Sauler was from Nova Scotia, Canada.



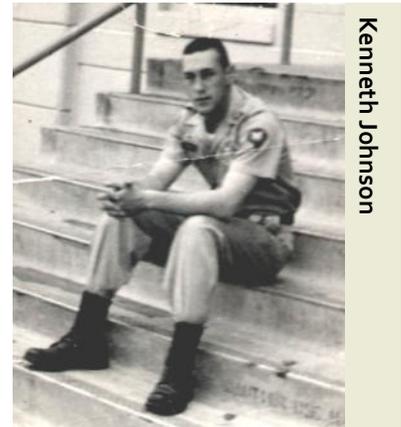
## VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL—30TH ANNIVERSARY

BY DOMINIC MISH, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER

My better half Diane and I were invited to do the "Reading of the Names" at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on November 8, 2012. This is in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Memorial.

<http://www.vvmf.org/Ceremonies>

I was given thirty (30) names to read which included Kenneth Johnson from B Company 2/2. Ken was killed on 25 March 1967 at Binh Duong.



Kenneth Johnson

## VIETNAM VETERAN VISITS GRAFENWOHR GERMANY

BY CURTIS PARKER, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER

*Editors Note: This was previously posted on our message board by Curtis Parker, B 2/2, 67-68.*

Today while on TDY to conduct a inspection at the Post Office at Grafenwoehr, Germany I had the great opportunity to talk to Soldiers assigned to the 1/2 Infantry, 172nd Brigade who are working in the Post Office as borrowed manpower to help because of shortage of civilian Postal Clerks.

Talking to the Soldier's who have just returned from combat duty in Afghanistan and seeing those young combat Soldier's wearing the CIB really made me feel good.

Even though I served with the 2/2 Infantry in which I told those Soldiers I informed them that they were Ramrods, even though one Soldier insisted that His battalion was the Black Scarfs. I proceeded to explain how the 1/2 Infantry got the name of the Black Scarfs during Vietnam...then I took a few Soldiers' to another computer and pulled up the 2nd Infantry web-site and when they saw the 2nd Infantry Regiment Crest and the rest of the web-

site they were really impressed and one Soldier said that he would later go to the web-site when he got off duty.

Later around 1300 hours as I was returning from the Dining Facility (MESS HALL...ha, ha, ha for us old Soldiers) I saw the sign for the 1/2 Infantry Headquarters. I told my work colleague to give me a minute. I entered the 1/2 Infantry Headquarters and asked to see Command Sergeant Major Brian Woodall. CSM Woodall introduced himself to me and I introduced myself told him that I was assigned to the 2/2 Infantry in Vietnam and that the 1/2 Infantry was my sister unit.

CSM Woodall gave me a very warm welcoming hand shake and invited me into his office. We sat and talked briefly about his Soldiers and that today they just had a change of command ceremony and that the Soldiers had worn their Black Scarfs during the change of command and

also historically expressed that the 1/2 Infantry had replaced the 2/2 Infantry in Afghanistan making it the first time that both battalions were together in a combat zone since Vietnam. Before I departed the 1/2 Infantry Headquarters CSM Woodall gave me his phone number and with a smile with warm enthusiasm present me with a 1/2 Infantry coin number 336, placing the coin in the palm of his hand shaking my hand in a warm gesture of my visit and welcomed me to come back. Before leaving his company I told CSM Woodall that the 2nd Infantry Regiment is the best Infantry Regiment on active duty.

That visit really made my day today and my meeting and talking to CSM Woodall was very pleasant and fulfilling. I have also told the Soldiers of the 1/2 Infantry that we old Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Regiment are keeping an eye on them, supporting them and we do care about them . . . just a great visit.

with Palm (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), RVN Wound Medal, RVN Armed Forces Honor Medal 1<sup>st</sup> Class, RVN Civil Action Honor Medal 1<sup>st</sup> Class (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), RVN Campaign Medal with "1960" device. His family was among the foundations of Saint Paul the Apostle Church and School, in Joliet. He was a member of their first Confirmation and second Graduation classes.

In 1961, he was inducted into the Georgetown University Chapter of the National Military Honor Society of Scabbard and Blade (Company I, 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment), later being elected Vice President (First Lieutenant). In 1977, he was awarded his second Master of Arts degree, in Business and Public Service, from Governors State University. On 8 April 1984, along with most of his classmates, he was appointed a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, by the Governor of Kentucky. In 1984, he was also inducted, into the Abbot Marmion Society of Marmion Abbey and Academy, as a Sustaining Member, being designated a Life Member, in 2000. In 1985, he graduated from the Economic Development Institute of the University of Oklahoma, later receiving the designation of Certified Economic Developer (CED). Beginning in 1991, he was annually selected, for inclusion in various "Who's Who" listings, culminating, in 2006, with the Marquis "Who's Who in America" publication. He was also a member of the Georgetown University Legacy Society and, in 2010, was recognized for more than 20 years, as a member of the Georgetown University Loyalty Society. On 15 September 2010, he was notified that the Secretary of the Army had appointed and designated him a Distinguished Member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> US Infantry Regiment.

He was a Life Member of many organizations, some of which included: The Abbot Marmion Society, the 2<sup>nd</sup> US Infantry Regimental Association, the Society of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (the Big Red One), the Association of the United States Army, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Cantigny Post 367) and the American Legion (Harwood Post 5).

"Sic, Transit Gloria Mundi!"

"What profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own, immortal soul?!"  
(With apologies and thanks to Saint Paul the Apostle.)

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Mary Kate (nee Maria Katrina, Freifrau von und zu Starnberg), beloved son, John Stefan, loving parents, John Robert and Marion Catherine (nee Banker) Gallagher, two brothers in infancy, Charles and Patrick, several cousins and numerous comrades-in-arms.

"No Mission Too Difficult; No Sacrifice Too Great; Duty First!"

Jube, Domine, Benedicere. Requiescat In Pace



### John Robert Paul Malachy Gallagher

John Robert Paul Malachy Gallagher: son, brother, husband, father, and friend, died Monday, September 10, 2012.

Professed Oblate of St. Benedict, Marmion Abbey, Aurora, IL; County Administrator (Retired), County of Whiteside, Morrison, IL; formerly employed by the County of Will, as the original Director of Development and later, the first Director of Personnel. With the City of Joliet, served as Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, Assistant Personnel Director, Deputy City Manager, and finally, six months as Acting City Manager of Joliet.

An Honor Graduate of Marmion Military Academy, he was commissioned in the Illinois National Guard. As a Distinguished Military Graduate of Georgetown University, he was commissioned in the Regular Army, serving in the United States, Korea, Germany, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Panama. Between 1965 and 1970, he served 40 months in Southeast Asia Combat Zones, including Advisory and Operations/Force Development staff duties, but especially, on three separate occasions, commanding Company B (Bandits), 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 2<sup>nd</sup> US Infantry of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (The Big Red One), in Vietnam.

In 1970, he was "frocked" to Major and given command of a Provisional Battalion Task Force (TF Jack), under operational control of the 11<sup>th</sup> US Armored Cavalry Regiment, during operations in Cambodia. The Task Force consisted of a mechanized infantry company, an armored cavalry troop, a combat engineer company, and a self-propelled 155mm artillery battery. This assignment completed his command or "Green Tab" tours, which in addition to Company B, cited above, included Company A (Hawks), 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 19<sup>th</sup> US Infantry (24<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div.-Augsburg, Germany 1966) and Company C (Chargers), 8<sup>th</sup> Medium Tank Battalion (MTB), 34<sup>th</sup> US Armor (School Troops-Fort Knox, KY 1963). He was medically released, from Active Duty, in December 1975.

In 1998, while on the Inactive List, he received his "tombstone" promotion to Brigadier General, in the Army of The United States (AUS). Following his retirement in 2001, the Commonwealth awarded him honorary Militia appointments, as Major General in the State Guard and Brevet Major General in the National Guard.

His military schooling included the Officer's Armor Orientation Course, the Infantry Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Nuclear Weapons Officer's Course, the US Air Force Air-Ground Operations Liaison Officer's Course, the US Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer's Course, the US Army Jungle Operations Course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the National War College (Non-Resident), where he received his third Master of Arts Degree. He was qualified as Senior Parachutist, Jumpmaster, Pathfinder, Ranger, Special Operations Force Officer, Fixed and Rotary Wing Aviator.

During his service, he was awarded the following decorations: Combat Infantryman's Badge (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), the US Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with Bronze Oak leaf Cluster (BOLC), the Distinguished Flying Cross with BOLC, the Bronze Star with Silver and Bronze OLC and "v" device, the Purple Heart with 2 BOLC, the Air Medal with 3 SOLC and "v" device, the Army Commendation Medal with BOLC Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Occupation Medal with "Berlin" device, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 12 Campaign Stars, Armed Forces Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Cross of Gallantry



## SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT TRIVIA - 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

BY LARRY GRZYWINSKI, HISTORIAN, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

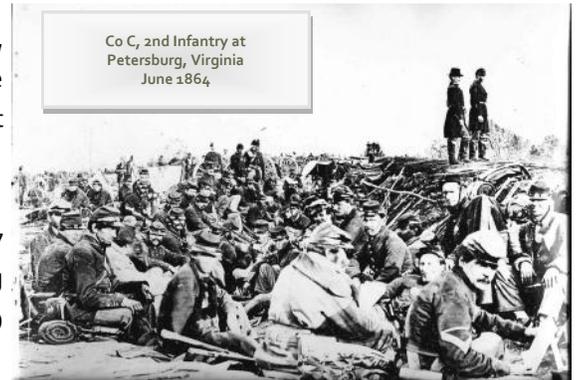
The United States has been celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War since 12 April 2011. It was on this day in 1861 that the Confederate Forces began shelling Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. The war actually started on the 2nd Infantry Regiments 53rd birthday and the regiment was part of this epic struggle between opposing American forces almost from the beginning, fighting in some of the most well-known battles.

Companies C and K were in the 1st Battle of Bull Run on 21 July 1861, suffering 1 killed, 5 wounded and 1 missing. Companies B and E were involved in the early conflicts in Missouri, at both Dug Springs and Wilson’s Creek in July-August 1861. Besides these battles, the regiment fought in the Siege of Yorktown in April-May 1862, Gaines Mill on 27 June 1862, Malvern in July 1862, 2nd Battle of Bull Run on 30 August 1862, Antietam and Shepherdstown in September 1862.

First Sergeant Daniel Webster Burke earned a Medal of Honor for his actions at Shepherdstown. The last battle the regiment fought in in 1862 was Fredericksburg in December. In 1863 the regiment was at Chancellorsville in May, Gettysburg in July and several battles between early November and early December including Rappahannock Station.

In 1864 the regiment was at the Wilderness on 6-7 May and Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Weldon Station between June and August. The regiment fought its last skirmish with the Rebels on 27-28 October 1864 at Boyton Plank Road, Virginia.

The regiment loses during the war were; 1 regimental commander, 7 officers, 13 NCO’s and 79 enlisted killed, with 289 men wounded including officers and NCO’s. 1 Officer and 58 Enlisted men died by disease and 19 were taken prisoner.



## FINANCE REPORT

BY DOUG TABB, TREASURER, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Member contributions for dues during the period still reflect a weak economy. However, members did contribute \$980.00 toward the Wounded Warrior program which allowed us to bring a wounded member of the active regiment to the BRO reunion in Memphis, TN.

Also, a generous contribution was made toward the Pigeon Forge reunion by an association member to help finance the May, 2013 activities.

We continue to request members keep their dues current which at current levels (\$10.00) is very reasonable for an annual donation. Remember, you may also contribute \$100.00 for a lifetime membership in the association. Contributions in the future will be kept separate for donations made to the Wounded Warrior Fund verses the General Fund. This will allow members to see actual contributions made for that purpose.

Thanks to all who have given so generously for the support of activities throughout the year.

The activities since our last report was as follows:

### SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT NOVEMBER, 2012

<b>Balance</b>	<b>4/30/2012</b>	<b>\$12,114.67</b>
Members Contributions	(Dues & Donations)	1,870.00
Expenses For Period	(4/30/2012 thru 10/31/2012)	(2,281.56)
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>10/30/2012</b>	<b>\$11,703.11</b>
	Wounded Warrior Fund	\$2,496.00
	Second Infantry Fund	\$9,207.11

## VETERAN AFFAIRS

BY STEVE BROZYNA, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER

Our Regiment brother "Broz", has been pretty active at the Lyons VA Hospital in New Jersey, where he plays music every Tuesday at a different ward each week keeping the boys , both old and new entertained.

He plays guitar and sings an array of songs to suit everyone's needs, he also brings his group "The Random Band" in to play on special occasions, such as 4th of July, Veterans Day, Mental health week picnic and any other time they are wanted.



Broz is also is a member of the VA's "Transition Recovery Team" which helps Veterans discover where to get help and what agencies are there to help them, the Team sponsors programs such as "Lunch and Learn" each month where guest speakers from the VA and outside groups discuss how their organizations can help Veterans.

He is looking forward to the 2013 Pigeon Forge Gathering to visit with all our Brothers.

## RUM RATS

BY JOHN KERINS, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBER



Having arrived a day early for the reunion John Kerins was having coffee at the complimentary breakfast room of the Norma Dan Hotel. There the woman who oversees the breakfast area was wondering when the reunion would start serving their own , as that of course impacted how many she might expect at the hotel's continental breakfast. When she saw John she figured he may be able to answer her question.

So she asked, "Excuse me, but are you one of them Rum Rats?" "**Rum Rats?**", John asked. "The Rum Rats!" she said. "Ya know, the guys having the reunion this week." John said, "Oh! Well I think we prefer to be called **Ramrods**. But I won't argue with you. I sure we have a few rum rats in the group too."



Please make your own **Norma Dan Motel** reservations early at 1-800-219-6809

### Ramrods Reunion

**16 - 18 May 2013**

The reunion is open to all who are currently serving or had served in the Battalions of the 2nd Infantry Regiment, their families and guests.

Please see the website for information and to download the registration forms: <http://www.secinfreg.org/events/events.htm>

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**2013 Reunion**

Jacksonville, Fla.  
July 31-August 4, 2013



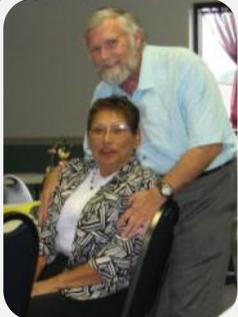
**2014 Reunion**

Orange County, Calif.  
June 25-29, 2014

*“To live in the hearts of those we love is never to die.”  
Remembering our friend, Daffy Daffron . . .*



Richard Daffron  
“Daffy”  
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**Thank You!**

We wish to thank everyone who submitted articles, poems and pictures to this issue of the newsletter and welcome you to share your stories with us.

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