

SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION



Fall 2014 Newsletter

WJ MULLEN, BG USA, RETIRED HONORARY COLONEL, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT

The Second Infantry Regiment has served our Nation with distinction for many generations. The Regiment's reputation for excellence was established by every soldier ever assigned to the Regiment. It is a pleasure to report that the Regiment will continue that service and, that the history of that service will be permanently and publicly commemorated.

First, the Regiment's 2d Battalion will return to the Army's Order of Battle early in 2015. The timing of this event is auspicious because the activation will occur approximately two hundred years since the "new" Second Infantry Regiment was formed in the Spring of 1815. Plans and actions to "stand up" 2-2 Infantry at Fort Polk as part of the 10th Infantry Division in 2015 are in progress. It is wonderful that there will be a new generation of Ramrod infantrymen to build on the legacy that all of us veterans entrusted to those who followed us. These new Ramrodders will write their own chapter in our Regiment's glorious history and will add their own laurels to the Regiment's reputation. The Association will keep us all informed about the Activation and related details.

Second, our Association has commissioned a monument to the Second Infantry Regiment to be erected at Fort Benning, Georgia, the Home of the Infantry. The monument will be on the National Infantry Museum's Walk of Honor. It will be a permanent testimony to the legacy we inherited when we joined the Regiment, as well as, the history we lived and the legacy we left. The design will include provisions to allow updating as the Regiment continues to protect our Nation. It is especially appropriate that our monument will be close to the Museum itself which contains the Second Infantry Regiment Mezzanine and its tribute to the soldiers and families of the Regiment and, for us Viet Nam veterans, that the replica of the Viet Nam Wall is nearby.

The next Society of the First Infantry Division will take place 17 – 21 June, 2015, in Lombard, IL. This reunion should be especially memorable because of the opportunity to be with friends during our Association's reunion, and the opportunity to visit the First Division Museum and the McCormick Estate. Plan for it. I hope that you are there.

A Personal Note

Two of my friends from Charlie Company, 1-2 Infantry, died recently. Joe Foy and John Carlisle were terrific soldiers and important parts of the Second Infantry and, my life. Our relationship began in Viet Nam and continued when I began to attend Division reunions.

Joe was my Supply Sergeant in Viet Nam. He kept us supplied with what we needed when we were in the field, made sure that the "Cambo Camp" was ready for us when we returned from the jungle, and he kept me out of trouble. In later years his stories were a continuous source of amusement. Joe was a fixture at the Division, as well as, the Pigeon Forge reunions. He was the rock upon which we began to pull together the core of Charlie Company veterans who now regularly attend the reunions. It seems fitting that Joe's fatal heart attack occurred during the last Division reunion, when he was with the veterans and wives who meant so much to him.

John Carlisle was a combat infantryman in the best sense of the title. I know no higher praise. I came to know John and Alicia Carlisle in the years since I retired from the Army. John had a successful career as a lawyer and a businessman. He and Alicia raised a wonderful family. They were generous contributors to the closeness of the Charlie Company veterans. Just prior to the successful deployment of 2-2 Infantry to Afghanistan, LTC Lopez arranged for and moderated a panel discussion on resiliency to help mentally prepare his soldiers for their deployment and combat. The panel was composed of Second Infantry Regiment combat veterans, three presently assigned to the battalion and three from Viet Nam. John was one of the three. His comments, particularly pertinent and well-articulated, were complimented by LTC Lopez for their impact.

I will miss Joe and John. I thank their memories for their contributions to the Regiment and to the Association. Bill Mullen, Charlie Six, 1-2 INF, 1966

BOB "FO" DOUGLASS

PRESIDENT, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

My Fellow Ramrods and Associate Members:

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone in good health and great spirits. This year has gone quickly with many events happening.

First of all 2-2 returned from Afghanistan, with a very successful tour down range. The best thing about it was that they did not have anyone KIA. Which all of us can be very thankful for.

Unfortunately in May the colors were cased once again. But the good news is that they will be uncased and reactivated. They will be assigned to the 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Polk, Louisiana. CSM Chris Lewis who will be the operations Sergeant, has kept us very well updated on the progress for the activation.

In May, Israel Tames and his staff once again hosted the Pigeon Forge Reunion. They did an outstanding job as they always do. Thanks goes out to him, Ramona, Monica, Brea the rest of his family and others that helped him put it together. There were more than 100 Ramrods and family members in attendance.

LTC Eric Lopez gave us a sit-rep on 2-2's past tour down range. He also spoke about the future of the Unit. Also in attendance was CSM John Morales. Who talked about the morale of today's Ramrods. Next year's reunion will be held from May 14-17, 2015. Hope to see everyone there.

Then in June we had the Big Red One Reunion in California. This was also a very nice Reunion. We had the opportunity to meet and talk with Colonel Peter Newell. For those of you who remember him he commanded 2-2 in the battle of Fallujah back in 2004. 2-2 was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for that battle. Also Maj. Gen Paul Funk II Division CG and CSM Michael Grinston the Division CSM stopped by the hospitality room for some conversation.

Next year's Division Reunion will be June 17-21, 2015 just outside of Chicago, Illinois. Hope to see everyone there.

About two months ago we found out that we have a opportunity to erect a 2nd Infantry Regiment monument at the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. Many other units have already done so. If anyone has visited the Museum there is a walk of honor. This is where the Monuments of the different Army units are placed.

This is a opportunity for us to leave a mark of the Legacy of the Regimental Soldiers past, present and future. After receiving a 100% positive vote from the Association Officers and Executive members. We went forward. A monument committee was formed for design, construction and cost. The Committee members are Rich Maling Co-chair, Jim Leslie Co-Chair, Jim Holland, LTC Eric Lopez, Colonel Alan Streeter and Dan Johnson. With the support of General Bill Mullen HCOR and Don "Top" Olmstead HSM.

We have already signed a contract with the Museum and stated receiving bids for the construction. We do not have a total cost yet. But it will probably be in the area of 20,000 dollars tops. So we have already started a Memorial fund for the project. And we are requesting donations from all of our members that would like to donate. We also will be looking from donations from anyone outside the membership that would like to donate. So if anyone would like to donate or if you know anyone that would like to donate to the fund it is greatly appreciated. I am starting off with a personal donation of 500 dollars. So anyone that would like to donate please send your donations to Doug Tabb 2nd Infantry Regiment Treasure, 1700 Hobbits Glen Dr. Germantown, TN 38138.

So everyone please check the Association website for the date of the reflagging of 2-2 and if you have a opportunity to attend please do

So until then keep your head down and your powder dry.

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SGM CHRISTOPHER G. LEWIS

OPS SSGM, 2-2 IN, 4TH BDE, 10TH MTN DIV (LI), FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

Greetings from Fort Polk, Louisiana, and the soon-to-be new home of the RAMRODS of 2-2 Infantry! My name is SGM Chris Lewis, and I will be the Operations Sergeant Major for 2-2 IN once we begin standing up the unit later this year. The incoming Battalion CSM, SGM Tom Abbott, is already here at Polk, and is on temporary assignment as the CSM for the Live Fire Committee for the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), which is also located here. SGM Abbott and myself are honored and excited to be able to continue the great legacy and traditions of the Ramrods, as they become part of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

According to the current plan, 2-2 IN will start to take shape in December/January, with Company Command teams being established. The Battalion headquarters, barracks, motor pool, and the tremendous amount of equipment, vehicles, weapons, and supplies will begin to fall into place as Soldiers begin to be assigned to 2-2 IN in early spring of 2015. Our higher headquarters, the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, will reflag to 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, in March/April 2015, with the Ramrods of 2-2 IN uncasing our colors soon afterwards. No specific time has been set yet for the uncasing ceremony, but best guess would put it in April-May-June timeframe of next year. I'll be sure to let you all know as early as possible, as we'd love to have the veterans of the 2nd Infantry Regiment here for the ceremony.

A special thanks goes to CPT Sowder & the 2-2 IN Provisional staff at Fort Knox, for completing a successful transfer of the 2-2 IN artifacts from the BN HQ at Fort Knox to here at Fort Polk a few weeks ago. Everything arrived well packaged and in good order, and I'm thoroughly enjoying reading and learning of the unique history of the 2nd Infantry Regiment.

As more information develops on the standing up of 2-2 IN here at Polk, I'll be sure to post it on the message board on the Association website. My contact information is also listed on the website, and would be more than happy to hear from the veterans of the 2nd Infantry Regiment anytime, or answer any questions or concerns you may have.

On behalf of SGM Abbott and myself, we are both honored to be part of the next chapter in the history of the RAMRODS, and we hope to see you here at Fort Polk when the colors of 2-2 Infantry are uncased next year!

CLIMB TO GLORY! RAMRODS!

SGM Christopher G. Lewis
OPS SGM, 2-2 IN
4th BDE, 10th MTN DIV (LI)
FORT POLK, LA.

2ND INFANTRY REGIMENT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

BY RICH MALING, CHAPLAIN AND COMMITTEE MEMBER, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

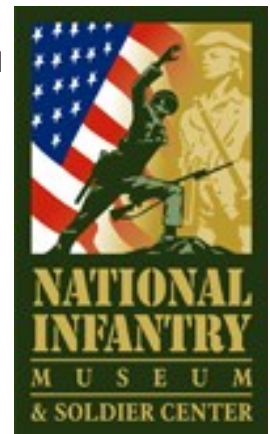
Under the direction of our Association president, Bob Douglas, an eight member committee was formed to look into the construction of an appropriate memorial at the National Infantry Museum's (Fort Benning, GA) "Walk of Honor".

Then selected committee members completely a site review; site C-12 was recommended and approved by the full committee. A site agreement has been executed. Payment in the amount of \$3,000.00 has been sent for the site, and it's maintenance after completion of the Memorial. The committee is now planning a monument design and contacting possible vendors to, finalize any design changes, construction

and installation of the 2nd IN Regiment (Ramrods) monument. Intent is to award a "best value" contract NLT Jan 2015. The Committee will be conducting a fund raising campaign in the near future. Intent is to have the Monument completed and a dedication ceremony by May 2015.

In advance of fund raising campaign, anyone desiring to contribute to our 2nd Infantry Monument can send donations to:

Doug Tabb, Treasurer
2d IN Regiment Memorial
1700 Hobbits Glen Drive
Germantown, TN 38138



<http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org/>

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FINANCE REPORT

BY DOUG TABB, TREASURER, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Association member dues and General Gallagher's major contribution still leaves the association with resources for future activities. Support from our members for the current Second Infantry Memorial Project will hopefully allow the association to remain solvent for years to come. Again, we all at Second Infantry Regiment Association wish to thank General Gallagher for his generous donation and encourage current members to pay annual dues or purchase a Lifetime Membership.

The activities since our last report were as follows:

SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT OCTOBER, 2014

Balance		4/30/2014	\$ 57,568.90
Members Contributions	(Dues and Donations)	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00
Expenses for Period	Bank Fees	\$ (63.11)	\$ (63.11)
	Memorial Deposit	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ (3,000.00)
	Administration (Newsletter/Travel)	\$ (729.46)	\$ (729.46)
Bank Balance		10/30/2014	\$ 54,386.33
	General Gallagher Trust Fund		\$ 46,000.00
	Wounded Warrior Fund		\$ 2,696.00
	Second Infantry Fund		\$ 5,690.33

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY RICH MALING, CHAPLAIN, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

A Psalm of David

*Blessed be the Lord my Rock,
Who trains my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle—*

*My loving kindness and my fortress,
My high tower and my deliverer,
My shield and the One in whom I take refuge,
Who subdues my people under me.*

*Lord, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?
Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?*

*Man is like a breath;
His days are like a passing shadow.*



JOSEPH D. FOY, JR. February 11, 1932 – July 1, 2014



Griswold – Joseph D. Foy, Jr., 82, of Geer Road passed away Tuesday July 1, 2014, at UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange, CA, while attending the Army's First Infantry Division Reunion.

He was born February 11, 1932, in Norwich, CT, son to the late Mary Ella (Oakes) and Joseph D. Foy, Sr. On October 4, 1952, at St. Mary's Church in Jewett City he was married to Teresa I. (Dokton) Foy. She predeceased him in 1994.

Joseph was a 1950 graduate of Griswold High School and organized many class reunions. He honorably served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He then re-enlisted in the US Army and later served in the Vietnam War. He rose to the rank of Sergeant Major retiring after nearly 30 years of service. He also owned Foy's Upholstery with his wife. He was a member of the VFW Post #10004 and a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Jewett City.

He is survived by his four daughters Deborah Loser of Canterbury, Pearl Newcomb of Deep River, Elizabeth Foy of Sterling, and Patricia McCallum of Jewett City, a brother William Foy of Jewett City, and nine grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held 5:00-7:00PM Sunday at the Gagne-Piechowski Funeral Home 490 Voluntown Road Jewett City, CT. A Mass of Christian burial will be 11:00AM Monday at St. Mary's Church, Jewett City. The funeral will assemble at church. Interment will follow in the Pachaug Cemetery, Griswold.

JOHN C. CARLISLE, Passed away September 25, 2014.



Age 66 of Grosse Pointe Farms. Beloved husband of Alicia M. Carlisle. Loving father of John II, Shelly (Christo Datini), Andrew, Michael and Babe. Proud grandfather of Luke. Predeceased by his brother Christopher and survived by his brother Frank Lee. Practicing trial attorney in Grosse Pointe Farms for over 30 years.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30th from 5-9pm and Wednesday, Oct. 1st from 1-9pm with a prayer service 7pm at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Inc., 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Funeral Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 on Thursday, October 2nd at 10:00am. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery December 11, 2014.

SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT TRIVIA

BY LARRY GRZYWINSKI, HISTORIAN, SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION



2D BATTALION, 2D INFANTRY REASSIGNMENT

The announcement of the 2d Battalion being slated to be activated with the 10th Mountain Division may be upsetting to some, however, it is not the first time that the regiment or battalions of the regiment have been assigned to a unit other than the 1st Infantry Division.

Since the establishment of permanent divisions during World War I the 2d Infantry Regiment, which consisted of three battalions with 4 companies each, had been assigned as follows; assigned to the 19th Division from September 1918 to February 1919, the 6th Division from March 1923 to October 1939 and the 5th Division from October 1939 until June 1957, during the period September 1946 through May, 1954 the regiment had been inactivated and activated on three occasions. Also during the period from 1916 to 1922 the following occurred; August 1916, 250 officers and 465 enlisted were transferred to the newly formed 32d Infantry Regiment. August 1918, one half of the regiment is reassigned to the 88th Infantry Regiment. October 1921 the 2d and 3rd Battalions are eliminated leaving only Headquarters and the 1st Battalion. August 1922 the 2d and 3rd Battalions are organized using personnel from the 54th Infantry Regiment. June 1957 ended the 2d Infantry being an actual regiment and from then on it has been two individual battalions.

The 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry was inactivated in June 1957 until February 1962 when the battalion was activated with the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Devens, Mass. In July 1965 it was reassigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Devens, Mass. The 1st Battalion remained with the 1st Infantry Division until it was inactivated in October 1983. In March 2008 the battalion was activated with the 172d Infantry Brigade in Germany. In June 2013 the battalion was inactivated and remains inactive.

Following the elimination of the regimental system and the creation of the Pentomic Organization the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry was reassigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan. in June 1957 and designated the 2nd Battle Group, 2nd Infantry. In January 1959 the unit was reassigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Germany. In February 1962 the unit was re-designated a battalion and transferred to the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Devens, Mass. and in July 1965 was reassigned to the 1st Infantry Division. In April 1970 the battalion was inactivated. In March 1973 the battalion was activated with the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. until it was inactivated in May 1991. In February 1996 that battalion was activated with the 1st Infantry Division in Germany and remained so until this year when it was again inactivated. The battalion was not active from May 2006 to April 2007 during the period it was reassigned to the United States.

From the end of the regimental system in June 1957 there has not been an active 3d Battalion.

Since its formation the regiment or companies of the regiment have been located in 39 states, Washington DC and 16 foreign countries, and in some instances more than once.

KARL R. JOHNSON

2ND INFANTRY REGIMENT 1944 – 1946

BY: LTC (RET.) DANIEL L. JOHNSON

In November of 1944, 2LT Karl Johnson, reported in to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment somewhere in the vicinity of Ft. Driant, France. Like so many young men, he had no idea the impact combat would have on his life. He also did not realize at the time what the 2nd Infantry Regiment would come to mean to him.

I'm the son of Karl Johnson. Your esteemed Association President recently asked me to provide some information on my father for this newsletter. As a few of you know, I'm assisting the leadership of the Association in the pursuit of a memorial to the 2nd Infantry at the National Infantry Museum. I could not be prouder to assist in this noble cause.

My father was barely 22 years old when he took charge of his platoon in I Company. As most of you know the regiment was assigned to the 5th Infantry Division throughout the war and fought through France, Luxemburg, Belgium, and Germany ultimately spending their final days in Czechoslovakia. My dad led two platoons, was awarded the Silver Star for actions in the Ardennes as well as the Bronze Star Medal and CIB. Returning to Camp Campbell, KY most members of the regiment spent their final days in the Army and mustered out. This included my father. Eighteen months later he was offered a commission in the Air Force. He would remain in the Air Force until his retirement as a Lt. Col. in 1966.

From my earliest memories of my dad telling me of his service during the war, the conversation always turned to the 2nd Infantry Regiment and his many friends. Despite the horrors of war that he undoubtedly experienced, the friendships he made in 1944 would remain with him long after the war. His mentor was his Battalion Commander, just a few years older than him. His very best friend was a fellow platoon leader, who I later called my "Uncle Phil."

In the mid - 1980s he reconnected with his Battalion Commander BG (Ret.) Robert Connor and was invited to a reunion. At that point forward he began to support the Association in a variety of positions to include Secretary/Treasurer and President. He organized many reunions over the years but was most proud when the 2nd Infantry was reactivated within the 9th ID and later in the 1st ID in Germany. While many of you were in the far off jungles of Vietnam and later in Iraq and Afghanistan, his heart was with you.

Continuing the legacy of the 2nd Infantry Regiment wasn't simply something to keep busy with in retirement. It became his passion. He organized the last reunion a few years before he died. It consisted of only three remaining members of the WWII Association. One of his hardest tasks was packaging up the Association's colors, membership lists etc. and dropping them in the mail. Were he alive today I'm certain he would be very proud not only of the current members of the Regiment but all of you in the present – day 2nd Infantry Association. He would certainly challenge every one of you to continue to strengthen the important legacy of the Regiment. What you leave behind will be an important reminder of your courage, commitment and most importantly the sacrifice of those who did not return.



BG (ret) ROBERT CONNOR HCOR, CSM (ret) LARRY DAHLE HSMOR, KARL JOHNSON, Sec/Treas. 2d Infantry Regt Officers Assn, ED ROBY, 2d Infantry Regt Assn. at activation of 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry in Germany.

SAVE THE DATE

Ramrods Reunion

Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

14 - 17 May 2015

NOW UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!!

The 2nd Infantry Regiment Veterans reunion will now be hosted by CHUCK AND KAREN MUNDAHL. The reunion for 2015 will be held May 14th thru the 17th 2015 in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. as in previous years.

Registration forms will be mailed out to last year's attendee's in January of 2015.

The registration form will also be available on the 2nd Infantry Regiment Association website after January 2015.

<http://www.secinfreg.org/events/events.htm>



Please join us in the fun and healing reunion. Any questions or ideas are welcome. We may be reached at e-mail: kmcmo1@comcast.net or phone- 612-710-6737 or 612-720-3704.

PLEASE JOIN US AND YOUR FELLOW BROTHERS. NOT ONLY IS IT FUN, IT'S THERAPY!!



SOCIETY OF THE FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION

<http://www.1stid.org/reunion.php>

2015
Westin Lombard
Lombard, Ill.
June 15-21

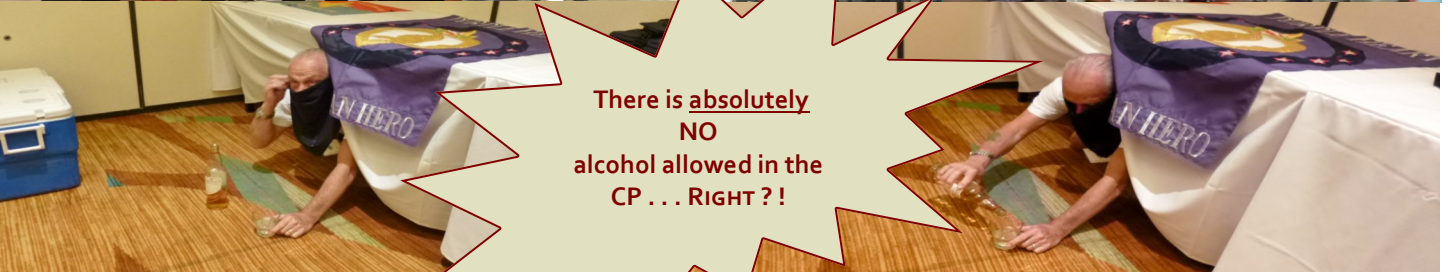


2016
Hilton Atlanta
Atlanta, Ga.
June 8-12

Donated February 20, 2014
By
Carl E. Linke
Colonel, U's Army, Retired

My father-in-law was Jonathan O. Seaman. He commanded the 1st ID and deployed the Division to Vietnam in 1965. Later in life he went on to make a third star and commanded First Army at Fort Meade, Maryland. While there a former EM from the Big Red One presented him with an original oil painting of a member of the 1st Bn, 2nd Inf Regt, with his distinctive black scarf, on patrol in a Vietnam village.

Society of the First Infantry Division 2014 Reunion Orange County, California



There is absolutely
NO
alcohol allowed in the
CP... RIGHT?!



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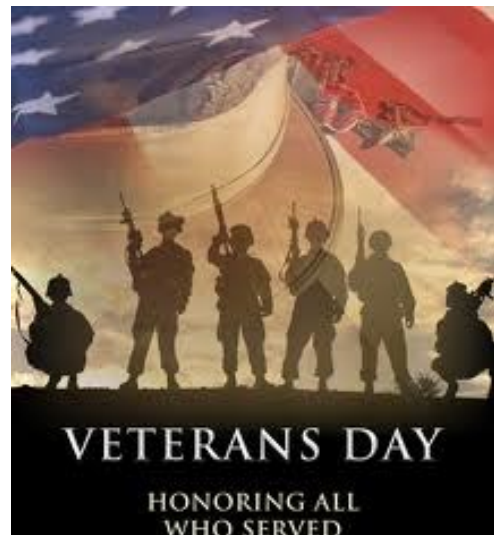
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Thank You!

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. Please feel free to send your articles and pictures to Bob Douglass, bdouglass1@peoplepc.com or Kathy Grzywinski, kigrzywinski@gmail.com

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Second Infantry Regiment Association

Membership Application and Renewal Form

If renewing, fill out name, address, and any other information you wish updated.

Type of Membership: _____NEW _____RENEWAL

General Membership: Annual dues \$ 10.00 Lifetime membership \$ 100.00

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Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

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Please Note: It is more economical for the Association to communicate electronically.
If you don't have email or if you prefer, all correspondence can be mailed to you.

I prefer to receive correspondence via: ___ Email ___ US mail

Dates of service with the regiment: _____

(If you know the month and year please enter YRMO IE: August 1968 = 6808)

Area(s) of operation i.e. State Side, Normandy, Rhineland, WWII, Vietnam, Germany, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. _____

Battalion _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ Other

Company _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ HHC

Other unit _____

Any information you feel appropriate, such as rank held, medals awarded, or duties performed during service:

Please mail your form, along with your check made out to: 2nd Infantry Regiment Association

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