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News From The Battalion

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Notes from the President

Gentlemen,

It has been a few months since our last communication so we need to get caught up on what has been going with the Memorial and the Reunion.

First let's talk about the Memorial

The design has been approved and a location has been selected in the Memorial Park at Ft. Sill. The Memorial will be made in Red Granite, (Red being the color of the Artillery) and it will be 8 feet high and 4 feet wide, and 8 inches thick. The governing committee has authorized a total of \$15,000.00 for constructing the Memorial. Joe Talley, acting in behalf of the Association has entered into an agreement with Gragg Monument Co. of Lawton, Oklahoma to construct the Memorial. The Memorial will be constructed in time for the unveiling and dedication at the reunion this coming August. Bill Kindt, who is our exclusive contact with Fort Sill has received approval from Fort Sill for construction of the Memorial, and the location for the Memorial has been approved. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am very excited about our association being involved in a project that will memorialize our fallen brothers as long as the world stands. Lest we should forget.

Now is the time to use the attached letter, signed by our own General Ike Smith (Ret), to solicit the various service clubs that we are all members of, for a donation for this project. We should also consider making a contribution, as an individual, to this worthy cause. Send contributions to Bill Prichard, 501 W. Bay St., Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

Dues

For those who have not paid dues for 2006, we have enclosed a statement. As noted on the statement, there are provisions for a discount for payment of dues for five years. Those members electing to pay for a life membership will receive a life membership card.

Now an update on the reunion

The reunion will be held at the Best Western Inn, (formerly the Howard Johnson's) in Lawton, Oklahoma, the second week in August. The actual dates will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 10, 11, 12 and 13. We have 70 rooms reserved for those dates. A tentative schedule would be as follows. Thursday, Arrival and hang out in the Hospitality Suite. Friday, Memorial Dedication, and a poolside bar-b-cue in the evening. Saturday, Business Meeting and shopping for the ladies with the banquet in the evening. Sunday, Goodbyes until next time and departure. As the date gets closer, (in the last newsletter before the reunion) there will be an agenda with registration costs, etc.

Larry Martin, President

TAPS

Names of comrades who have passed on since our last newsletter:

**Edward C. Branshaw
Jackie Lynn Fretwell, C Btry 69-70
Gary Grice, C Btry 67-68**

**Stephen H. Herman, C Btry 68-69
Dennis Banks McCotter, HQ Btry 68
Lutter C. Norris, HQ Btry 69**

Note on Jungle Boots Sale

FOR SALE—One pair of BRAND NEW Jungle Boots. Received 1968 (Manuf. 6-66)—Size 9 R OD canvas, and black leather. NEVER worn—not even laced—but genuine laces come with them. ALL Proceeds from this sale will go to our Memorial Fund. To place your bid, contact Gerald F. Mazur (IGOR) @724-339-7028 (Eastern Time) – OR – igor@scaredofbees.com. The sale will close on March 31, 2006. Providing that a fair price is offered, the boots will be sent to the individual with the highest bid. If a fair price is NOT met, the boots will go to the reunion to be auctioned off.