



THE HARD CHARGER

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT - APRIL 2018

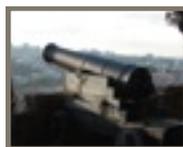
Happy Spring, HARD CHARGERS! On behalf of the Executive Board of the 30th FA Alumni Association, I'd like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family, whether you are currently serving, a veteran or retiree, a family member, or a survivor of a HARD CHARGER; thank you for your service. I hope to see all of you at the 30th FAR reunion in June as we celebrate 100 years of excellence. Unfortunately, we have recently lost several more Association members and I recommend that you come and celebrate with us and renew old friendships and make new ones.

I know that a lot of you in the North and the Northeast are still suffering with snow, but Oklahoma has had several 80 degree days already. Many of you are getting ready for an early Easter and the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior, and I hope that the weather does not dampen your pleasures. Others are just hoping that the snow melts in time for baseball to start! I believe that all of the MLB teams start playing for real on 29 March. Hard to believe! Good luck to all of your favorites!

The Executive Board and the 1-30th FA have been busy planning the reunion. The battalion change of command date of 15 JUN 2018 is final, so the reunion will definitely be 12 - 16 JUN. The Homewood Suites will host our reunion and the *all important Hospitality Room*. The hotel will give us the Fort Sill per diem rate of \$93 per night and will provide a great breakfast as well as evening hors-d'oeuvres (Monday through Thursday) with beer and wine available. They have given us their ground floor meeting room for our headquarters/hospitality room, the rear doors of which open up to a small patio. We requested 40 suites - 17 have been reserved so far. If budgets are tight, we have also secured rooms in the Sleep Inn next door for overflow or a less expensive room option(\$79 per night).

As I said in the last newsletter, our meetings will be on Wednesday morning, and we'll share the HARD CHARGER history with the students and the battalion in the afternoon. We will visit the General Tommy Franks Museum in Hobart on Thursday. The change of command as indicated above will be on Friday, and our annual banquet and World-Famous Auction will follow in the evening. We are working with the battalion to observe some of the JFO (Joint Forward Observer) simulation training on Wednesday and to allow some of our HARD CHARGERS to observe or

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participate in some live fire exercises on Friday. The battalion is working with us to add several items in the Regimental Room. The XO, Mr. Jim Lucas, and the S-4, CPT Washington, will also assist us in getting passes to enter the post. See further information in this newsletter. I talked to several HARD CHARGERS who want to observe more of the current training that the FA officers and men are now receiving. If you have any other ideas or suggestions, please let us know and we will see if we can make it happen. Registration forms are in this newsletter with all the details. I look forward to seeing you in June!

Ted Janosko

PLEASE NOTE

As Ted Janosko noted above, this year's attendees may choose from two hotels for lodging for the duration of the Reunion. The Homewood Suites and the Sleep Inn are side-by-side on SE Interstate Drive. The former will charge the Fort Sill per diem rate of \$93.00 per night and will have available both complementary breakfasts as well as hors-d'oeuvres with beer and wine in the evenings. The Sleep Inn rooms range from \$79 to an \$82 upgrade. It too will offer a complementary breakfast.

The hospitality suite will be in the Homewood Suites, as will all activities not on post, and all departures will also take place from the Homewood Suites.

When making arrangements at either location, be sure to identify yourself as a reunion member to insure that you get the special rate. Contact information is on the registration sheet.



Fort Sill Form 118a

As was pointed out in the last newsletter, Fort Sill form 118a (Request for Unescorted Installation Visitor Access to Fort Sill) is required to get on post for all those individuals who do not have other current military ID. This requirement, which went to effect following 9/11, is still being enforced.

To obtain the form, go on line to "Fort Sill form 118a," and that will bring up several options for you. You may print it, complete it, and mail it to CPT Donald Washington. If you have the necessary adobe support on your computer, you may complete it on line and likewise send it to CPT Washington. *The deadline for submission is 10 May.* Otherwise, you will have to apply in person at the Visitor Center on Sheridan Road upon your arrival in Lawton.

Applicable contact information: email:

donald.w.washington.mil@mail.mil

Regular mail address: Donald Washington, 745 Geronimo Road, Ft. Sill, OK 73505

use or copy this form to pay your dues

For those members who enroll as active members on a yearly basis, please complete this form and send it in with check as indicated. You can also take this opportunity to enroll as a lifetime member and end the annoyance of having to do this every year!

First name _____ MI _____ Last name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____ W/M _____ Email _____

\$15.00 check enclosed for 2018 dues ()

or \$99.00 check enclosed for lifetime membership ()

Contribution (\$) enclosed to assist with Association expenses

Mail form and check to: Jim Harris, 30th FAR Association Membership
212 Brittain Court, Brentwood, TN 37027

30th Field Artillery Regiment's 25th Annual Reunion

12 to 16 June 2018

Fort Sill, OK

Registration Form

Homewood Suites
415 SE Interstate Drive
Lawton, OK 73501
1 580 357 9800

Sleep Inn
421 SE Interstate Drive
Lawton, OK 73501
1 580 353 5555

NAME(S) and TOTAL _____

(Name all attending. This is how your name will appear on your name tag. Add additional sheet if necessary.)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

I will contact one of the hotels at the number(s) above before 11 May 2018 to make my room reservations and identify myself as an attendee of the 30th Field Artillery Reunion. (See page three for room rates.) Both hotels serve a complementary breakfast. The Homewood Suites also features light hors-d'oeuvres in the evening.

I am enclosing a check payable to the "30th FAR Association" for the following expenses:

Registration Fee of \$20.00 per family (not required if only attending the banquet) _____

Catered lunch in the Regimental Room following Wednesday morning meetings - \$15.00 per person _____

Transportation to the Franks Museum and catered meal - \$25.00 per person _____

Banquet: \$20.00 per person, 1/2 price for children under twelve _____

Contribution to aiding a less fortunate Hard Charger to attend the reunion _____

TOTAL _____

Mail your check and the completed registration form to Jim Harris, 212 Brittain Court, Brentwood, TN (USA) 37027

**30th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION REUNION
12 to 16 JUNE 2018**

All activities and departures will be at/from

The HOMEWOOD SUITES

Lawton, OK

Tuesday, 12 June: Welcome and Sign In. The hospitality room is located in the hotel and will be well stocked and open. Stop in and enjoy a Guinness or even a lesser beverage, meet with your fellow Hard Chargers and recall how cold the winter was, especially compared to now. Get your annual commemorative pin and add to your coin collection with a newly minted one! Review the ever expanding volumes of our regiment's proud history, see our Quartermaster and get outfitted with new Hard Charger stuff!

Wednesday, 13 June: General Membership meeting, selection of the 2019 reunion site, and election of the president and vice presidents will take place in the morning. The Memorial Service will follow. Lunch will be catered in Snow Hall. The hospitality room will be open in the afternoon.

Thursday, 14 June: We will visit the General Tommy Franks Museum in Hobart, OK. Museum admittance is free, however there will be a charge for bus transportation and a catered meal. The evening meal will be on your own. The hospitality suite will open upon our return from the museum.

Friday, 15 June: The Change of Command ceremony will take place in the morning, followed by the usual reception. Lunch and the rest of the day are yours to enjoy. (See note on page three) Our Banquet will be held in the evening in the Patriot Club on post, followed by the World Famous Auction. The wearing of your uniform at the Banquet is encouraged but not mandatory. **Don't forget to bring an item or items for the Auction!**

Saturday, 16 June: Time to say our farewells to old and new friends and head home. CSMO!

YOUR QUARTERMASTER'S TWO BITS

Reunion 2018: Well guys, this is it! The next time that I write about our 100th Birthday Reunion, it will be in the past tense. If you do not attend you will miss a lot! Looking at the group photos from 2005 and 2007, I can only say that we never know where any of us will be the next year. A lot of fellows are gone who were in those pictures. Please try and join us!

QM Update: While I am still working on a few things as this edition of our newsletter goes to press, I can write about a few things going on with the HARD CHARGER'S QM store.

1. Do not bother to bring your HC lanyards with you this year. Everyone will receive a special lanyard just for this once-in-a-lifetime reunion.

2. The 2018 reunion pins are already packed and just waiting for June.

3. The new HARD CHARGER challenge coins are also packed and waiting for June. There is a bit of a surprise coming on these at the reunion. They are not for sale or distribution at this time.

See y'all in Lawton in June!

That's your Quartermaster's two bits, and worth every cent that you paid for it!

Charles "COMMA" Causey

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Views of Fort Sill

View of Arbuckle Impact Area



Boating on Lake Elmer Thomas



Typical Reunion Weather



Student Officer Quarters



Main Gate and Visitor Center



April Fool!!

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Deadline for submissions - July 15, 2018

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