



THE HARD CHARGER

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT - JULY 2016

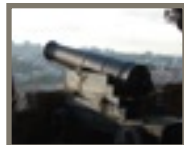
Greetings, HARD CHARGERS, and thank you. It is an honor and privilege to join the Board of the Hard Chargers. I did not expect to be selected as President, but that is what happens when you run unopposed! I am pleased that Dan Gillotti and Dan Mitchell will remain as vice-presidents and the remainder of the board will stand pat. Your board will continue to function efficiently and I will try not to screw it up! It seems like just yesterday that I assumed command of the 30th Field Artillery Regiment (1998-2000) and met the Honorary Colonel and Sergeant Major of the Regiment, COL Callaway and Top Vernor, respectively. I will strive to the highest to keep this association functioning smoothly and try to make it even better.

I had a great time at the 23rd annual reunion here at Fort Sill and it was a pleasure meeting some new folks and renewing old acquaintances. I've talked with John Hoetker and I know that he wants to make next year's reunion even better. John has some great ideas for the 24th annual reunion at Lake George, NY (19 - 22 June 2017). I believe that we may also have representatives from the 30th Royal Canadian Artillery joining our festivities. More information will follow throughout the year. You may wish to consider stopping off at Cooperstown and/or West Point on your way to the reunion.

I believe that the real reason that I was selected for the presidency was to give some added local emphasis to the preparations for the 100th anniversary of the 30th Field Artillery in 2018. I plan to work with our board, Jon Fizzell and the rest of the 1-30th FA, the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, COL (retired) Frank Siltman, and others to make the 2018 reunion our best yet. The 14th Field Artillery just had their 100th anniversary/alumni reunion last month at Sill and we will consider adding some of their ideas. I talked to several Hard Chargers who would have liked to see more of the training that the Field Artillery officers and soldiers are now receiving. If you have any other ideas, please let us know, and we'll see if we can make it happen.

Ted Janosko

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A Reunion Reminiscence

Don Corbin comments on the 2016 Reunion...

Yes, the 30th Field Artillery Regiment's 23rd Annual Reunion is now history, and a wonderful reunion it was, from the day we arrived on the 7th of June until we said our goodbyes on Saturday morning, the 11th. We were greeted with a well-stocked hospitality room which was also quarters for the quartermaster's supply room with his new attire. This gave us a chance to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

On Wednesday we started our day off with the general membership meeting, electing new officers as required due to term expiration. Our Memorial Service for the Fallen was next and was followed with the distribution of the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration pin. Lunch was served right there in the Regiment's room at Snow Hall. We left Snow Hall by van for a live fire demonstration, where those who wished to don the necessary protective gear in the heat could get "up close and personal" with the guns.



Thursday was a busy day, with a "cattle drive" in the Chisholm Trail Museum in Duncan, OK. We ate lunch at a local restaurant in Duncan, probably greatly increasing their business for the day! That evening, we were guests at a pool party at the home of our new president, Ted Janosko, and his lovely wife Marilyn. Did our day stop with the pool party? Most certainly not, as this was followed by a BBQ pulled pork meal at the First Christian Church fellowship hall, where the Janosko's attend worship services. Yes, it was a busy day and a good day!

Friday was also a busy day with the Change of Command ceremony. A new commander, LTC James Egan, was welcomed aboard and goodbyes were said to the outgoing CO, LTC Jeremy Jelly. A reception followed near the Polo Field as the horses of the half-section waited patiently for their participation in graduation exercises which were soon to follow for the student soldiers at Sill. That evening, we all gathered at the Patriot Club for our annual

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Members receiving the Vietnam Commemoration Pins at the Reunion

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banquet, awards ceremony, and the ever popular fund raising auction.

Before closing, let me say thanks for job well done to all of our Hard Chargers who worked so hard to make this reunion what it was. It didn't "just happen" and won't "just happen" in the future without good foresight, planning and hard work!

Click on the following and start your own trail drive.

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Enjoy, Hard Charger 4, out!!!



Reunion attendees in the Regimental Room at Snow Hall (above) and watching the activity on the guns





Naming the guns before the live fire demonstration

From the HSGMOR :

I would like to share with all of you the pride that I felt upon being appointed as the Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment. The appointment as HSGMOR is a true honor but to be appointed for a second term is beyond anything that I could have hoped for. When I was assigned to the 30th ARTY in December, 1963, this would have been something that was beyond my wildest imaginings. My old First Sergeant would surely agree with me on that one point. I am truly fortunate to hold this position for our Regiment's 100 year anniversary.

Our 2017 reunion is being held in Lake George, NY, and I have volunteered as coordinator. Mark these dates on your calendars - 19 June through 22 June 2017 - and remove any and all distractions! There will be plenty to do. The area has a wealth of attractions - so many in fact that everyone should be able to find locations and items of interest. Plus we will have some activities planned. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters, as will be the registration information.

HARD CHARGER, SIR!

John Hoetker



**Congratulations to the newest recipients of the Order of St. Barbara
Timothy Bauer, Kerry Hageman, Steve Long, and Brian Weaver**



Lorraine Bauer and **Nancy Long** were recognized as members of the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher. This Order is derived from the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth in June, 1778, where a woman named Mary Ludwig Hayes

stepped in to replace her husband William, who was part of a gun crew.

William had either been wounded or felled by heat exhaustion (the temperatures were over 100 degrees at the time of the battle). Molly Pitcher was a common nickname given to the women who carried water and other supplies to the soldiers during the war, and it came to be applied to Mary Hayes after her courage and determination led to her immortality in American folklore. Mary lived to be 77 years old - she was 24 at the time of the battle.

Jon Fizzell and **Saverio Grimaldi** (in absentia) were named Distinguished Members of the Regiment.

YOUR QUARTERMASTER'S TWO BITS

Our Hard Chargers' Reunion 2016 is now history. I wish to thank everyone who had a hand in making the reunion a great success. I also want to thank everyone who made a purchase from the store. I hope everyone appreciated the new lower prices. Everything in the store is now priced at cost plus 10%, rounded up to the next whole dollar. I would also like to point out (on line) the new pink shirts for our Lady Hard Chargers - only \$13.00 plus mailing.

THE COMMA IN ITALY: When my funds were low, I used to walk through the Italian countryside or stroll around the city. One early Sunday afternoon, just before payday, several of us went walking through a "newer" part of Vicenza that was there before there was a United States. There may have been a few buildings that were there before that Italian native, Cristoforo Columbo, got lost on the way to India. But these houses were as modern as anything one could see in the U.S. in 1975 - mostly single-story, painted white, or made of brick, and located behind wooden fences or stone walls. Therefore, as we walked along we could hear activities going on behind the fences but could observe very little. There were the sounds of a group of kids playing with a soccer ball, and one of them kicked the ball over the wall. One of our members who had played soccer in high school stopped the ball without touching it with his hands, bounced it into the air, and headed it back over the stone wall from where it had come. One of the kids, who had come to the wooden gate to get the ball, saw the soldier head the ball back. He yelled something to the others; the gate opened, kids poured out, and the next thing I knew we were playing soccer in the street. To say the least, the kids ran circles around us.

As we started to take time out to rest, several Italian teens and adults came out from the same yard from where the kids had been playing. One of the older men invited us into the yard where tables had been set up, and there was as much food available as in a Southern Baptist potluck social! There were also bottles of good wine. It was a great afternoon and I left there with new friends and an invitation to come back. My real regret, since I left Vicenza just a few weeks after that day, was that I never went back, and I never could remember the address. But I do have my memories of that one great afternoon.

Well, that's my two bits and as always, worth every penny you paid for them!

Charles "Comma" Causey - OUT!

Hard Charger's Hoodie

I need some help from all the membership. At this year's reunion, I introduced a new Hard Charger's hoodie. We auctioned off one of the hoodies following the banquet on Friday, June 10. I need to know how many of you might be interested in buying a hoodie from the Hard Charger's store. Please email me at 300MFara@aol.com and tell me if you want one and what size or sizes you may require. Depending on the number ordered, the cost will be between \$25 and \$30 each. I will base orders on how many requests that I get. If you order one or more, and then change your mind, that's OK. I am just trying to get a figure in mind to request funding from the Board. If there is little interest, I will drop the idea.

Thanks to all for your anticipated help.

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