



THE HARD CHARGER

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT - SEPTEMBER 2016

Greetings, HARD CHARGERS! Where did the summer go? It seems like just yesterday that we had our 23rd Reunion and I wrote my first article for the newsletter. Time definitely marches on.

Congress is back in session, and it has a lot of work to do to keep the government running. There are a lot of amendments to the 2017 NDAA and the Senate and the House will be involved in a lot of compromises. The national elections have the nation's attention and I hope that you will exercise your right to vote in the national and local elections.

Although some of us are still interested in the baseball season (Go Tribe!), football is king. I attended the Ohio State - Oklahoma game in Norman, and it was great day to be a Buckeye. High School football games are very exciting, but also dangerous for the referees. Association member Bill Noard has been in our prayers. While refereeing a recent high school game, Bill was hit by a player, struck his head, and was medivaced to a hospital. He is facing a challenging and prolonged recovery. God Bless You, HARD CHARGER!

Fort Sill just conducted their Retiree Days. The three-day affair included almost 100 booths providing materials and information for all veterans. Even the military hospital was there giving flu shots. There was also a retirement ceremony, a banquet, a tour of Fort Sill, and a free Buffalo Burger cook-out. It was a nice affair.

I know that many of you served in the First CAV. I noticed in the Early Bird defense newsletter that the 1 CAV celebrated its 95th birthday and is now in Afghanistan. I served with the Commanding General, J.T. Thompson, (a Field Artilleryman) in III Corps Artillery. We wish them well in a very difficult task.

Hope to see you at Lake George in 2017 and back at Fort Sill in 2018 for our 100th Anniversary!

HARD CHARGERS!

Ted Janosko

DON'T FORGET TO



CHECK THE WEB SITE

2017 Reunion, Lake George, NY

Reunion Scheduled for 19-23 June 2017

Preparations are now being made for our 2017 Reunion at Lake George, NY. Full details and the registration form will be included in a future newsletter. This will serve as a brief overview of the Reunion and of the area where it is being held.

We will be staying at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, NY. Glens Falls is about one hour north of Albany via Interstate 87, *the Adirondack Northway*. The hotel (see picture below) is situated about ten minutes south of Lake George Village in downtown Glens Falls. There are a number of restaurants, shops, and other attractions within walking distance of the hotel. We will be provided with an outstanding hospitality suite with an overflow balcony. The hotel will also host our banquet.

Lake George has a multitude of things to see and do. A visitor's package will be provided upon arrival. There is the Great Escape Amusement Park, the Million Dollar Beach, Lake George Outlets (an "outlet" for the ladies while the General Meeting is going on), shops, museums, a winery, and most importantly there will be the continuing fellowship of Hard Chargers.



Lake George Village and its environs have far more to see than we will be able to manage in 2017! We may have to return in 2019!

There is also much to see in the area while there. For those with an interest in history, a recreated Fort William Henry is located in Lake George Village. Just north is Fort Ticonderoga, site of the Army's second campaign on the 10th of May, 1775. A tour of the Fort is being planned. Just south is the Saratoga Battlefield and National Cemetery. On the battlefield is the monument called the Boot Monument, commemorating the service of Benedict Arnold. It honors the wounds suffered by the future traitor and his outstanding leadership during the battle - without naming him.

Saratoga is also famed for its thoroughbred horse racing, and nearby Whitehall, NY claims

the title of the Birthplace of the United States Navy. Benedict Arnold was involved in this development as well.

There are any number of scenic drives that you can take through the Adirondacks. There is a scenic railroad as well, the Saratoga and North Creek Railway. There is boating on the lake and a luncheon cruise is in the works. For those of you with a Scottish background, just north of Fort Ti is Lake Champlain. It is reputed that Loch Ness's famous Nessie has a cousin, Champie, living in its depths. Who knows?

The Royal Canadian Artillery also has a 30th Field Artillery Regiment headquartered in Ottawa. An invitation has been extended to them to attend our reunion. I hope for a good response to our invitation. This doesn't exactly make it an international affair, but at least it is a gathering of artillerymen, always a dignified state of affairs.

As the details are finalized, more information will be published in our newsletter.

John Hoetker

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2017 Reunion Coordinator



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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!

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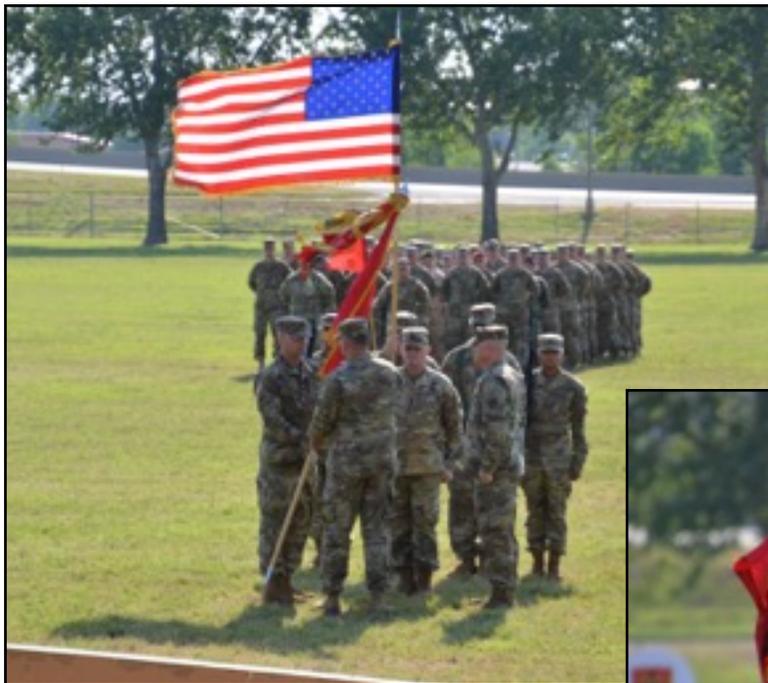
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212 Brittain Court, Brentwood, TN 37027



**The Flag and the Guidon - Sill Reunion
2016**

An Appreciation of the 2016 Reunion

Carole and John Cashmer were first time reunion attendees...

Basically, we wanted to say THANK YOU to all that had a part in setting up the "Reunion." We were pleased with the accommodations and the agenda for the 30th FA Reunion in Oklahoma. We enjoyed every "adventure" we had during the four-day event!

We liked the "meet and greet" room and appreciated the opportunity to look thru all the albums that someone meticulously set up...liked having a place to go for refreshments and visiting and checking out items for sale. Everyone was friendly and very willing to answer our questions or help out in any way.

We enjoyed the opportunity of being on post and touring Ft. Sill. The Fort seemed endless in any direction we went! Loved the dinner and the auction at the Patriot Club... made us feel quite honored just to be in "The Club" and rubbing elbows with those high-ranking officers. Had fun with the auction too...even though my friend and I wanted the same item!

The Memorial Service for our Fallen was very nice...also appreciated the Commemorative Pin for the 50th Anniversary Vietnam Vets.

All in all, for first time participants...we were very pleased to be a part of the Reunion!

Thank you...Thank You...Thank You!

Carole and John Cashmer



**The 30th Artillery's "other"
weapons system**

**Cannon Park
Fort Sill**

Ft Sill images courtesy of Bill Dynes

YOUR QUARTERMASTER'S TWO BITS

QM UPDATE:

I received a grand total of four (4) emails stating that they “might” want to order a Hard Charger’s hoodie. That is not enough of a response for us to move ahead with ordering hoodies. I will try one more time. If you think that you might like to order a Hard Chargers hoodie, please email me at QM30FARA@aol.com. The hoodie will only be ordered in one color. Unless there is a great demand for a different color, the hoodies will all be in either grey or red. If I do not get a larger response, this will be the end of talk about an Association hoodie, until such time as we can reorder the pink shirts or new red T-Shirts. Then we can add on hoodies without having to order a minimum number.

If any of you ever has an item that you would like added to your on-line Hard Charger’s store, just email me, or any of the Association’s Board members, and we will check into adding that item. Do not forget your on-line store when making, or receiving, requests from Santa!

This newsletter contains information on REUNION 2017 in Glens Falls, NY. Early in January, with the Board’s approval, I will order the reunion pins. You have to attend to get one. Also, since we are going to be close to Canada, and you wish to visit our northern neighbors, you need a passport. Best to apply on line now if you need one, or will have less than 6 months of eligibility on your current one by next summer. Also, for those who dream of another time almost lost in our lifetime, the only HOJO Restaurant left open is in Lake George, a mere 14 miles from our hotel!

IS IT ONLY ME?

I always wonder if I am the only one who, once I find out what city we are going to grace with our next reunion, looks up the driving directions and the distance on MapQuest or Google maps. How about when you get near the base of operations do all put the address into your GPS, just to see what it reads for mileage? When the total distance is too far for a one-day trip, do any of all start looking up hotels/motels along the route where one can make an overnight pit stop? Am I the only one who starts planning the next year’s trip while still at the current year’s reunion? Would all



believe that I saved the driving directions to the hotel in Glens Falls before our membership even approved that motion? Is it June yet?

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

Charles "Comma" Causey - OUT!

FAMOUS HOODIE WEARERS



Robin Hood

Wouldn't you like to look like Russell Crowe (opposite), Errol Flynn, or Sean Connery? They all played Robin Hood, and they all had Hoodies! So get one, even if archery isn't your thing!

Obi-Wan Kenobi

A Hoodie and a light saber, and you're all set for adventure! What more could you want? Order now! (not the light saber...)



Bill Belichick

A true patriot and leader of the Brady Bunch - even has some sleeveless Hoodies! With your 30th FAR Hoodie, maybe you'd be as successful as he is!



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