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*A U.S. First Division Artilleryman in the doorway of his bombproof shelter utilizes a few peaceful moments in writing to the folks at home. March 7, 1918.*





# Letter from the President

By LTG (Ret.) Ron Watts

Season's Greetings to all Society members and families!

**BREAKING NEWS!** The Post 9-11 BRO Vets have replaced the Vietnam-era BRO Vets as the largest population within the Society of the First Infantry Division! This is great news as we move the Society to the next Chapter in our heritage. Just as the Vietnam Vets did when the WWII Vets started to leave us, the Society looks forward to the leadership of the Post 9-11 BRO Veterans. However, speaking on behalf of all the Vietnam-era BRO Vets, we have no plans to fade away soon!

**2022 Society Reunion: WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A BIG REUNION**

**IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, 20-24 JULY 2022!** Planning is underway for a great event. Please mark your calendars and watch for further details from our Executive Director. Look forward to lots of "family catching up" since our last reunion in Baltimore, in 2019.

**D.C. Monument Status:** We are making progress to add the 631 names of BRO Soldiers lost in Post 9-11 operations (Afghanistan: 192; Iraq: 439) to the First Infantry Division D.C. Monument. LTG Rhame leads our efforts to obtain National Park Service (NPS) approval to start construction. LTG Rhame presented Society plans to NPS on 5 October 2021. After NPS approves our concept plans, we will submit for NPS approval

the detailed construction plan. We anticipate NPS final approval by Spring 2022. We estimate a need for about \$400,000 to make the necessary modifications. As of 30 September 2021, we had \$256,000 in the bank. Your continued donations are appreciated.

**Society Chapters:** I thank members who have stepped forward to start a Society Chapter in their area. Local chapters offer opportunities for more involvement by our members. Positives that I see include improved community relations between state and local officials; possible assistance to BRO Vets in need of assistance; and opportunities to inform local citizens of First

Infantry Division operations.

I continue to be optimistic about the future of our Society. Through your loyal support and generous donations, we shall continue our efforts to provide a "rallying point" for our BRO Veterans, and reach out to BRO active-duty military in need.

I ask that you continue to keep BIG RED ONE active-duty members in your prayers. They continue to deploy globally, perform outstanding tasks in support of our freedom, and serve as great ambassadors of the United States of America.

I wish you a Happy Holiday Season and continued good health. Please stay safe.

## BRO Reunion 2022 Update

The dates for the reunion are July 20 to July 24, 2022. The event venue is the historic Hilton Fort Worth, located at 816 Main Street. It is never too early to look at your calendars and plan on attending Reunion 2022. I look forward to meeting everyone in the state of Texas, where they say, "everything is bigger."

Visit our website periodically ([1stid.org](http://1stid.org)) where information will be shared regarding the reunion and various other topics.





# Letter from the Executive Director

## By CW3 (Ret) Phyllis Fitzgerald

Greetings everyone! I hope this letter finds you well and staying healthy. It's cooling off in Kansas – a great time of the year with the leaves changing colors, frosty mornings, and the wearing of hoodies (available in our quartermaster).

We have been busy at Society headquarters, working on the database, mailing out quartermaster orders, assisting Veterans via phone calls or email, and promoting the Society. Every opportunity we get, we will set up at events on Fort Riley and in our communities and share with the Soldiers, Veterans, families, and our community what the Society of the First Infantry is and our mission. In the magazine you will see some pictures and notes about our activities.

Last summer, like most folks, we learned that USPS postal rates went up 6.9% in August and in October USPS temporarily raised shipping rates for packages during the holidays. The increase

is based on weight and region the package is going to. USPS posted the increases are anywhere from .75 cents to \$5. In 2021, we have mailed over 1,000 quartermaster orders and many letters to our members. Due to increased costs, we will increase the cost of shipping from \$9.95 to \$10.50 on January 1, 2022.

In Chapter news, our Junction City Chapter was finally able to hold a meeting. Our guest speaker was Lifetime Member former Sgt Mike DeBolt. We had a great turn out and Mike engaged with the Chapter members. You can read more in the Chapter section of the magazine.

Information about joining a chapter in your area is inside. If there is not one in your neighborhood, please consider starting one. Chapters are a way to stay connected, reconnect, and meet others.

We continue to update our database, so please keep the updates coming. We want to be

able to stay in touch with you. Speaking of membership, it continues to hold steady. Thank you again to all who sponsor Active-Duty Soldiers. Of note, the Post 9-11 Vets have replaced the Vietnam Vets in numbers, but we still have a significant amount of Vietnam Vets. As time progresses, the Society looks forward to the leadership of our Post 9-11 Vets.

Reunion 2022 is in Fort Worth, Texas, from July 20 to 24. Watch for information in early 2022. I look forward to the reunion and meeting you all.

Thank you all for supporting the fall fundraising event on Veterans Day. Match Day events are a great way to raise money for the Society. See inside this issue for 2021 results.

Thank you General Rhame for your efforts in getting the names of the 631 BRO Soldiers who lost their lives during Post 9-11 operations added to our 1st Division Lady Victory Monument in Washington, D.C. Work continues

to get the names added and there is still a need for funds for the project. Our website homepage, [www.1stid.org](http://www.1stid.org), includes a donation link for the monument fund and additional information.

Anytime you have a question, comment, suggestion, or concern, please reach out. We are here to assist. Our website is a good source to stay updated with the Society, Quartermaster, Reunion, Scholarships, Monument and much more. Please check your spam/junk folders often for emails that will come from these addresses: [admin@1stid.org](mailto:admin@1stid.org) and [sfid1919@gmail.com](mailto:sfid1919@gmail.com)

Lastly, please welcome Sara Arriaga, a military spouse, who is our new Administrative Assistant.

I hope you enjoy the magazine as much as I enjoy your phone calls, letters, and emails. I am honored to serve as your Executive Director.

## Keep Your Contact Info Up-to-Date!

We value our members and want to make sure that we keep in touch with you. It is especially important that if you move, change your phone number or email address, that you inform us.

When we send out emails or post office mail, we get a significant number of returns, and some phone numbers are no longer in service as well.

We want to stay in touch, but we need your help!

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## Letter from the CG

### by Major General Douglas A. Sims II

Greetings from Fort Riley!

I hope this finds you all well and prepared for the winter! As we settle in for the season our units continue to accomplish great things at home and abroad. In the States, the Sustainment Brigade and one of Fort Riley's tenant units, 300th MP Company, are a vital part of welcoming and integrating our Afghan partners with Operation Allies Welcome. Throughout this mission, the Durable command team at Philadelphia Airport and the 300th MP Company at Camp Atterbury, worked around the clock to ensure the safety and security of our partners. Simply put, their work has been superb and truly inspiring. I'm proud of the role the Division is playing in resettling those who helped us for so long.

2nd Brigade's training in preparation for National Training Center rotation in February 2022 continues. The sounds of training have been echoing throughout the Flint Hills of late as they complete their gunnery tables and live fire exercises. Dagger Brigade's

lessons are hard earned from weeks spent in the field since August. Throughout their training they pushed to complete as many reps and sets as possible. These efforts will pay off when they win against the OpFor at Fort Irwin.

October began with a bitter-sweet moment when we said goodbye to CSM Raymond Harris and family. Since his arrival in January 2020, he has motivated, inspired, and pushed 1ID and Fort Riley to exceed the standard in all ways. He helped guide the Division through the initial COVID lockdown, a National Training Center Rotation, a Warfighter Exercise, and the deployment of multiple Brigades to missions throughout the world. Team Harris will truly be missed and will always have a home in the Flint Hills. Please help us welcome our 27th Command Sergeant Major of the First Infantry Division, Christopher Mullinax. He is joining us from the 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade in Fort Bragg where he served as the brigade Command Sergeant Major. We are fired up to serve alongside CSM Mullinax and

his family and watch as they make our community richer.

Later this month, CSM Mullinax and I will travel to Europe and visit the 1ID Forward headquarters, 1st Brigade, and the Combat Aviation Brigade as they continue their work with our allies and partners to protect, deter, and train. All three will participate in Combined Resolve, one of the largest military exercises, hosted annually in Germany, and including approximately 5,000 participants from 10 ally and partner nations. We are excited to see our Soldiers do what they do best and bring them a little bit of home by serving Thanksgiving dinner overseas.

Back at home, December marks the end of our year-long commemoration of the Big Red One Year of Honor. Over the last 11 months we have examined the values of Valor, Victory, and Virtue, drawn inspiration from the 37 1ID Medal of Honor recipients, and benefitted from the lessons of panelists from many walks of life. The year allowed us to reconnect with the storied past of the Fighting First and to welcome

many Soldiers from the Division back home to the Flint Hills. In October, we were honored to host the 28th Infantry Association, Ms. Genie Durham Horton, and Mr. John Durham (and his wife, Marilyn) sister and brother of Medal of Honor recipient 2LT Harold Durham. 2LT Durham earned his medal while in the 28th Infantry during the battle of Ong Thanh in Vietnam. It's been a great year, and we are grateful to all who made it possible.

As always, we would like to thank the Society of the First Infantry Division for its continued support of the Division and Fort Riley. You provide an unshakeable connection to our past and help us look forward to the future. On behalf of the Division CSM and the men and women of the Big Red One, I wish each of you a safe and peaceful holiday season.

What a great day to be a Soldier... that much more to be a member of the Big Red One!

Duty First!  
People Always...  
All Else Follows!

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# Keeping up with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division

## Headquarters (DEPLOYED)

A portion of the DHHB joined the 1<sup>st</sup> CAB on a rotational mission in Central Europe in July.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team (DEPLOYED)

The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade assumed the rotational brigade mission in Central Europe in August 2021.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team (REDEPLOYED)

On October 10, 2020, Soldiers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> ABCT, 1<sup>st</sup> ID returned home to Fort Riley after a very successful nine month rotation to the Republic of Korea.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade (DEPLOYED)

On April 1, 2021 the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade assumed responsibility for aviation operations in Europe.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Division Sustainment Brigade (REDEPLOYED)

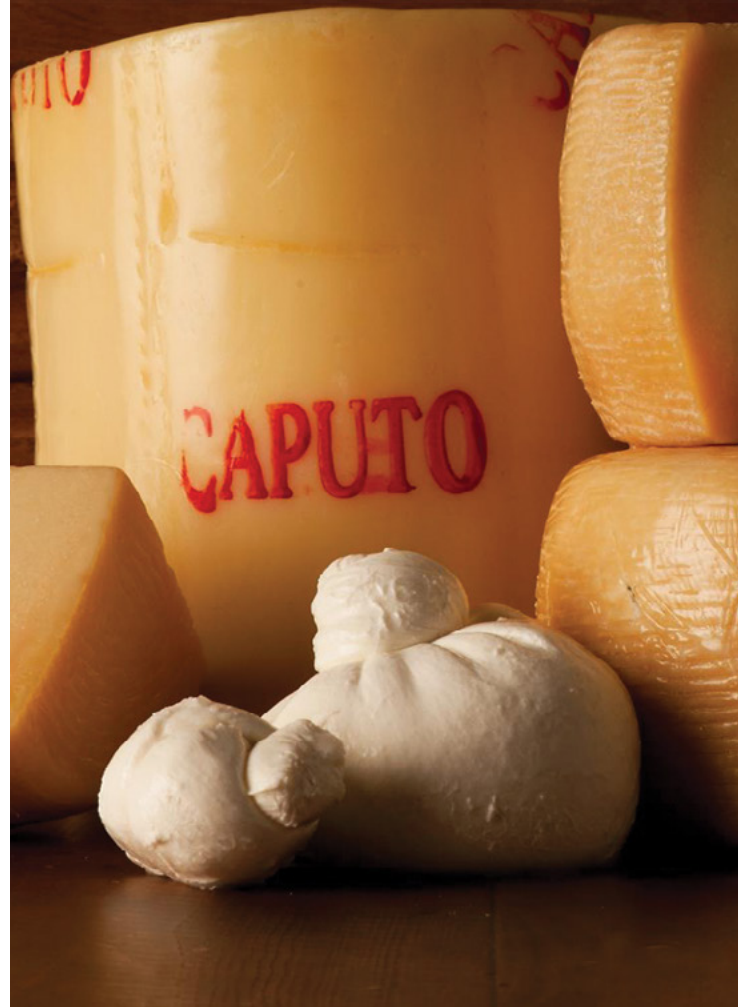
The 1<sup>st</sup> Division Sustainment Brigade Special Troops Battalion uncased their colors in Afghanistan in February 2019 in support of Operations Resolute Support and Freedom's Sentinel. In November 2019, the 1<sup>st</sup> ID Sustainment Brigade redeployed back from Fort Riley.

## Division Artillery (REDEPLOYED)

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Artillery stood up in late 2015, there has been an emphasis on the importance of partnership. The Division Artillery continues to train alongside Division elements as well as outside units. ▼



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I would like to make an additional tax deductible contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ beyond my regular dues.

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*Century Club members will be recognized in the Bridgehead Sentinel throughout the year.*

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# Society of the First Infantry Division Support and Donation Efforts

The Society of the First Infantry Division has been busy since the summer publication of the Bridgehead Sentinel, providing support and donations to various Soldier, Family and Survivor Outreach

events. Again this holiday season, we will provide Commissary Gift Cards to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Chaplains Office. They will distribute the cards to families who may need a little

extra help during the holidays.

Below are some photos from events we were a part of. At each of these events we were able to share information about the Society, our Mission, and what the

Society does to help 1ID Soldiers, Families, Units and Veterans, and gain some new members.



*Above: 1st Infantry Division 10-miler on Fort Riley.*



*Above: Supporting "Operation Homefront" drive through baby shower for new moms in the military community.*



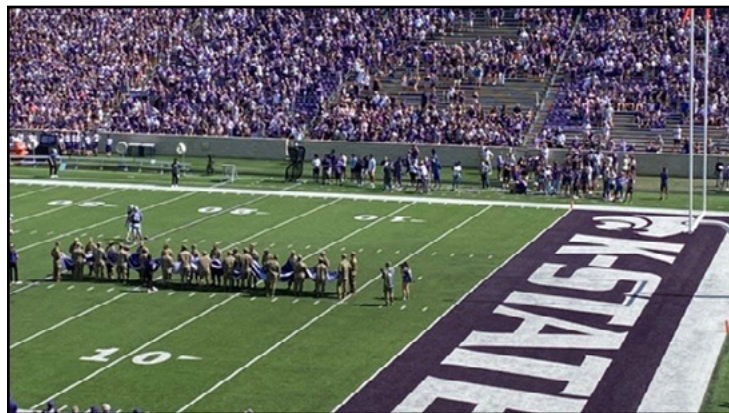
*Above: Junction City, Kansas Business Expo.*



*Above and below: Fort Riley Military Appreciation Day at K-State.*



*Above: Supporting "Operation Santa Claus" for the 37th year that assists 1st ID families during the holidays.*



## Local Chapters—Society of the First Infantry Division

Currently there are eight (8) local chapters in the states of Indiana, Kansas, New York, New Mexico, and New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The BHS allocates space for local chapters to share updates.

As chapters meet, they can share with everyone what their chapter is up to.

The Society is available to assist in getting chapters going. We help by reaching out to our members and advising them that

a chapter is being formed in their area, along with point of contact information. If you are interested in getting a local chapter started, call us (785-579-6761) at Society Headquarters; or email [sfidkansas@gmail.com](mailto:sfidkansas@gmail.com).

We salute our members who have offered to get a chapter going in their community.

Chapters with POC information are listed below and on our webpage: <https://www.1stid.org/chapters>

## Local Chapter Updates

### East Central Indiana Chapter

POC: James Allen  
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Currently, I am the only member. Anyone in the East Indiana/West Ohio area that is interested in joining, please email or call to learn more.

### The Albuquerque/ Sante Fe Chapter

POC: Manuel Alzaga  
[manuelalzagajr@gmail.com](mailto:manuelalzagajr@gmail.com)  
Phone: 505-270-4068

Dear Society Brothers & Sisters,

I would like to say hello to everyone from sunny New Mexico. I would also like to extend my best wishes to everyone and hope you are all in good health and in good spirits.

Due to the on-going "pandemic crisis," there is not a whole lot to report from my neck of the woods (or desert in my case). Some businesses have opened up in New Mexico and things are starting to get back to normal. However, we are still required to wear masks indoors and there is a limit on crowd gatherings. Without getting too political, we are one of the few

states still in lockdown mode. My wife and I went to Colorado last week and they seem to be completely open and masks are voluntary. Yet I do have hope for the future.

Although the Albuquerque convention was cancelled, I am still looking forward to meeting any and all BRO members before the Reunion in 2022. My plan is to meet at American Legion Post 49 for dinner and drinks and discuss what we can do to support the Society of the First Infantry Division and the upcoming convention. On my end, I am locked and loaded and ready to rock. If you would like to meet, please call me so we can not only plan, but also share war stories with each other. Hell, I'll even buy the first round of drinks!

Until then, God bless you all and your families and thank you for your service to our great country.

Out here,  
Manuel Hernandez Alzaga,  
C Btry 3/6 FA (1981-1983)

**Wisconsin Society of the**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Chapter

POC: Jeff Anderson  
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Update from Jeff: He is happy to be assisting in getting a chapter going in his area. He has not received any inquiries. If you live in Wisconsin and want to learn more about the Chapter, please reach out to Jeff.

### Chattanooga, Tennessee Chapter

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As a new chapter in Chattanooga, we currently have 4 members and efforts continue to recruit and meet others. If you have BRO friends who served and live in the Chattanooga area, please let them know that we exist.

### Junction City Kansas Chapter

POC: Phyllis Fitzgerald: Email:  
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Update from Phyllis: We held our first meeting in 18 months in September. Please see the article in this issue. If you live in

the Junction City/Fort Riley area and want to learn more about the Chapter, please reach out to me.

### Western New York, SSG David Bellavia Medal of Honor Chapter, Society of the First Infantry Division

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Update from John: Nothing to report this month. If you live in the Buffalo area and want to learn more about the Chapter, please reach out to me.

### New York/Fort Dix Branch of the Society of the First Infantry Division.

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Update from Antonio: Nothing to report this month. If you live in the New York/Fort Dix, New Jersey area and want to learn more about the Chapter, please reach out to me.

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## Local Chapter Updates

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Update from Mike: Nothing to report this month. If you live in the Zanesville, Ohio, area and want to learn more about the Chapter, please reach out to me. ♡



**Above:** Members of the Society of the First Infantry Division Junction City Chapter meeting for the first time in almost two years!

## Society of the First Infantry Division Chapter Meeting

On September 23, 2021, after 18 months of not meeting, we were able to have a chapter meeting. The meeting was well attended with over two dozen present.

Our Society President, General Watts, spoke to the chapter via Zoom. He discussed membership numbers, the fact that Post 9-11 BRO Veterans members now outnumber Vietnam-era Veterans, budget, the need to form chapters, Big Red One Support Fund, and thanked everyone for their service and time.

Our meeting was streamed live on our Society of the First Infantry Division Facebook page. You can watch and/or listen to the meeting at the following

link: <https://www.facebook.com/SocietyFirstInfantryDivision/videos/386144742964476> (you do not need an account to do this).

Our guest speaker was Former Army Sgt. Robert K. DeBolt III (Mike). Mike received the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest valor decoration awarded for extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team/1st Infantry Division. Mike deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008. After his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device and became engulfed in flames, Mike, a Private

at the time, extracted himself and extinguished the flames covering more than half of his body. Realizing his teammates were still trapped inside the burning wreckage and ignoring his own extensive wounds and the continued enemy small arms and rocket propelled grenade fire directed at his vehicle, he helped pull his fellow Soldiers from the vehicle to safety while extinguishing their burning clothing. His actions helped save the life of one fellow Soldier while helping prevent serious injury to another.

Mike told the Chapter that once he recovered from his injuries (9 months later) he had the option to depart the military but chose to stay and redeploy

to Afghanistan a second time. He believes this second deployment gave him closure. He felt that he had left a piece of himself behind there and was able to get it back with the second deployment.

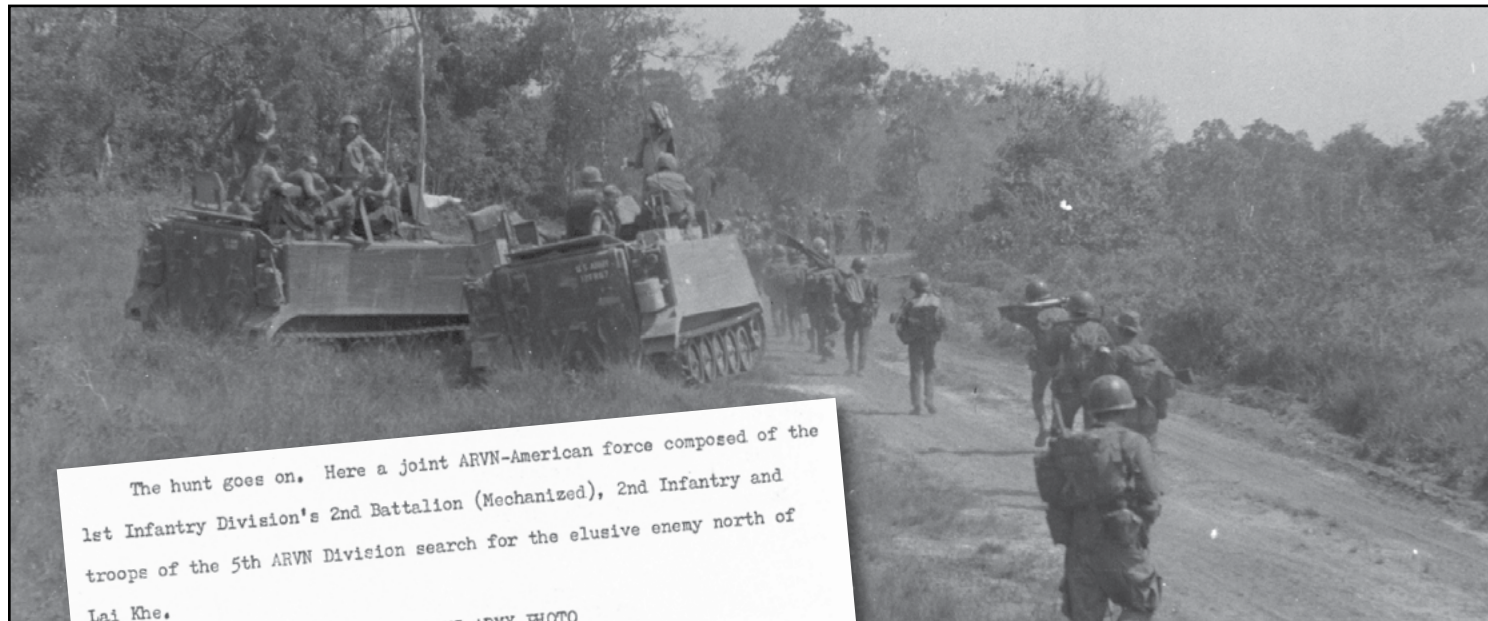
Mike did not want to talk a lot about himself, but about his Soldiers and their acts of bravery on that awful day.

Many questions and comments were asked and shared by those attending the meeting. In attendance was life member George Bowman who also served during Vietnam in the same battalion and regiment (2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division). George shared experiences of his time in Vietnam.



## "Mines and Men"

*An excerpt from Edward Roby's "Heavy Metal: Memoir of a distant war," published in 2020.*



The hunt goes on. Here a joint ARVN-American force composed of the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 2nd Infantry and troops of the 5th ARVN Division search for the elusive enemy north of Lai Khe.

US ARMY PHOTO  
By PFC Ike Sutliff

Our usual daylight mission was to "search and destroy." Even this martial term of art conveyed a subtle admission that we seldom knew where the enemy was. But it often took on a more sardonic meaning for my mechanized infantrymen, the modern version of foot Soldiers on horseback.

We'd searched ever so diligently for the elusive Viet Cong (VC) until we "found" one of their land mines. That phase ends with a bang; a VC mine protests explosively when run over by an unwary 11-ton M-113 armored personnel carrier, called an A-Cav, APC, PC or just a track. Our S&D areas concealed hundreds of VC mines – improvised, hybrid, manufactured, small anti-personnel, big ant-tank, pressure-detonated or remotely trigger on cue with hidden wires. If we had enough men and tracks, I suppose we

could have found them all.

The most common scenario went like this: The disturbed land mine obligingly destroys itself, putting the unlucky tracked vehicle out of action with a broken hard rubber track shoe or mangled steel tread. The explosion simultaneously catapults a squad of Soldiers right off the top of the track. Arms or ribs occasionally fracture when land akimbo on the ground. The rest of the unit take up security positions, smoke cigarettes and wait.

The odds of a combat vehicle becoming an impromptu mine sweeper mimic Russian roulette. Given the routine risk of hitting mines, each track carries versatile maintenance tools and several sections of spare tread draped over the vehicles' frontal wooden trim-vanes. The typical jungle repair work – if no one was

badly hurt – would idle the whole column for about half an hour.

The daily hazard of buried, pressure-detonated land mines made the official acronym APC a bit of a misnomer. Trusting their own flak jackets instead, our Soldiers always perched precariously on top of their moving combat vehicles, never inside where the thoughtful manufacturer had provided fold-down canvas-covered benches to seat nine or ten men.

The track driver was the odd man out. He had his own interior throne in front of the steering laterals, pedals and engine controls. His exclusive compartment was capped by a heavy protective hatch cover, usually left wide open for good reason. A standard land mine, about the size and shape of a kid's birthday cake, might cause the

driver no more than headache if it detonated underneath a tread. But there were other kinds of mines capable of blasting him skyward like a Polaris missile leaving a silo – unless his skull smashed into a closed, armored hatch cover.

To one of those devilish others, I probably owed my own coveted command slot in the mechanized 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment – the 2/2 Infantry. The battalion was short two captains. An unexploded 8-inch artillery round re-jiggered as a blockbuster anti-tank mine and planted in the mechanized line of march had just killed a new commander of Bravo Company along with his track crew. That happened on September 14, 1967, ten days before a helicopter dropped me off at the battalion's field location overlooking the ruined hamlet of Ap Bo La on the



**Above:** An APC after hitting a mine on April 15, 1967. Driver of the track was Bill Brickert, 2-2 Infantry (Mech).

fringe of War Zone D.

Another new captain had already reported for duty a week before me. On the spot he was made the next commander of the unlucky unit. The battalion commander gave him a curt directive: “Bravo Company has a morale problem. Fix it.” Decades after the unforgettable mine incident at a notorious road intersection dubbed Claymore Corners, Company B’s veterans still shared vivid memories of how the September 14 blast had changed their perception of buried risks.

“Our track #221 was at the head of the column. Myself and three others were assigned to mine-sweep the raised section of roadway . . . not long after Captain Rose’s PC was blown,” one Soldier wrote in an exchange on his unit’s veterans forum with the company commander (CO) who fixed the morale problem.

“We were, to say at the least, taking our time, as we probed

every metallic signal we picked up over our headsets. Apparently, back in the column, you were getting a little antsy, because our squad leader . . . hollered down to us that we were taking too long. My response to him was that I had no problem with stepping back and letting the CO bring his track up to be the first across, but I’ll be damned if I was going to say all was clear and climb back on 221 to be the first across (or not), just because some new f\*ckin’ CO was in a hurry. Needless to say, we finished sweeping at our own pace. No more was said, and no more mines were detected.”

The CO replied. “Yes, we were all hollered at for moving too slow. You guys had it easy coming from me. I had to contend with some heavies coming down on me, but I knew the right rate of march and accepted it all. After all, after Joe Rose died, a week later I nearly bought it myself only yards (but off the road)

from where Joe blew up. Lt. Hank Baxter got me to stop my track, having noticed a rubber dish upside down next to our tread. We backed off slowly and blew the damn thing, leaving a crater ten feet deep and nearly 20 feet across. Imagine the mess that would have made, and my wife and mother would have felt bad.”

The 2/2 knew this mine-studded location as Bau Bang, the name of a ruined village that still existed only on our maps. I got there in late September. I was a greenhorn captain, newly arrived in Vietnam. Knowing that I had led a mech platoon on a previous tour in Germany, the 2/2’s commanding lieutenant colonel – call sign Daring Six – promptly put me in charge of Company C, one of his three combat maneuver elements.

For the next seven-plus months, I was Daring Charlie Six, the radio call sign of the commander of Company C. Our 2/2 Infantry Battalion – radio call

sign Daring – had the distinction of being the only mechanized outfit among the ten infantry battalions of the 1st Infantry Division – Call sign Danger. Our battalion packed a particularly heavy punch. The Division made sure to keep us always up to authorized (TO&E) strength.

We rarely visited our rear base in Lai Khe. Home was War Zones C and D between the rivers Song Be and Song Dong Nai on the East and the Michelin Plantation to the West, plus the fields, paddies and hamlets around the Iron Triangle and Lam Son south of Lai Khe. The company spent its nights in its defensive perimeters we hastily built for ourselves or in existing fire bases shared with other units. By day, my three rifle platoons were out with me on the prowl, either mounted or on foot. One might say there was a tacit understanding: We ruled our part of Vietnam in daylight; the VC owned the night.

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## Kabul August 26, 2021

by Dale Ray Andrews "Doc"  
1st ID Vietnam Veteran

Lost wars, unresolved conflicts  
persist in military hearts  
cemetery 21 Gun Salutes  
crack the sky with honor while  
political narratives elicit dismay

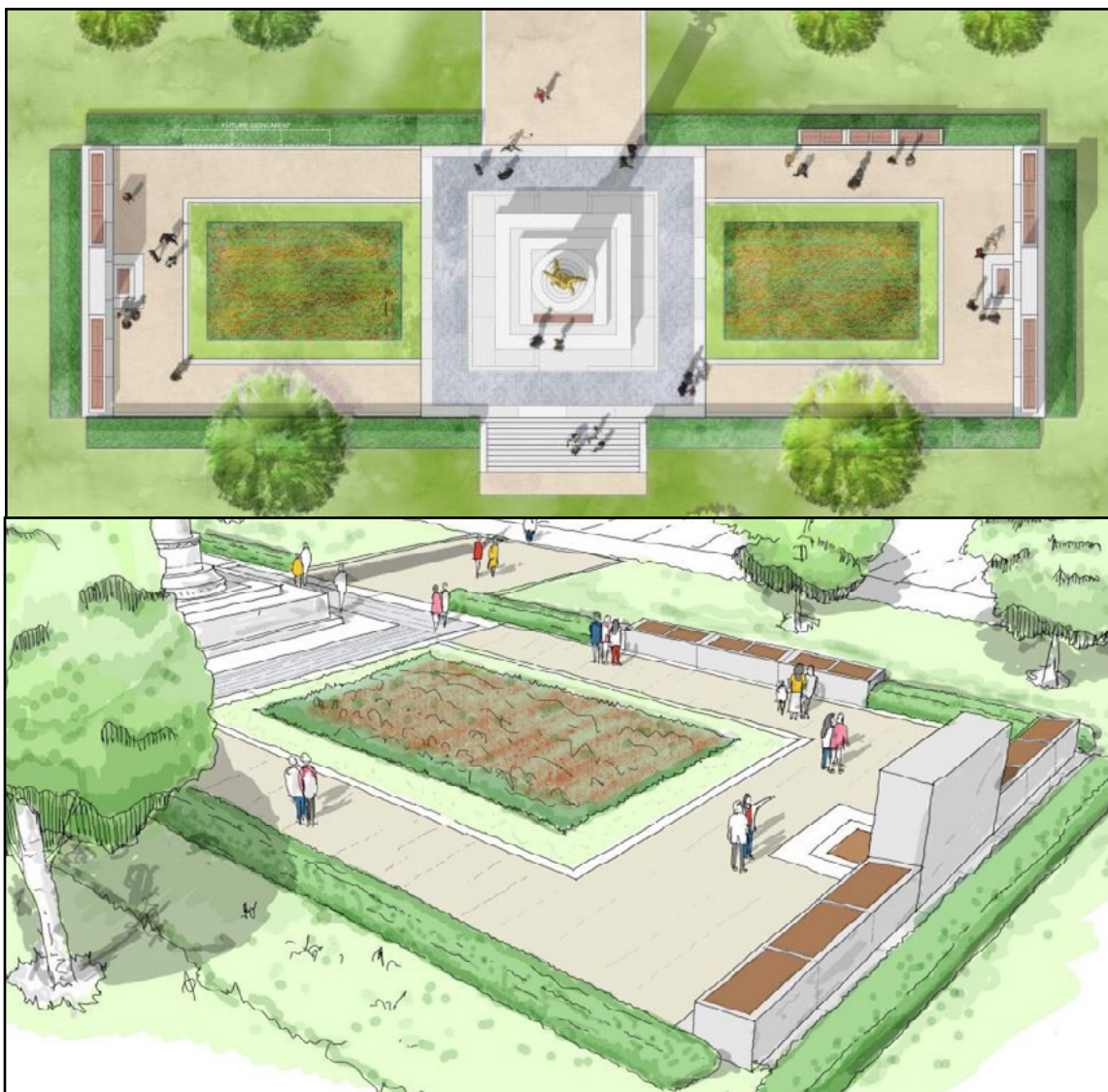
When re-exposing myself  
to battlefields near Saigon  
the hardest things I came upon  
were US military assets and bases  
left behind now under enemy flags

It was as emotionally explosive  
as when Viet-Cong mortars  
rained down killing my friends  
seeing the enemy with our  
weaponry brought it all back again

In Afghanistan US-led forces  
prevailed for 20 years including  
the final days when Soldiers, sailors,  
and Marines were wounded  
Afghans were slain and 13 heroes KIA

For many years to come images  
of Humvees and Blackhawks  
left in sand will cast over-the-horizon  
shadows that may flash you back  
to 9/11/2001 when it all began.

Fall/Winter 2021



**Above:** Here is the latest design. The top picture one is the Memorial Site Plan and the bottom picture shows the area for the Desert Storm and OIF, OND, and OEF additions.

## Update: First Division Monument in Washington, D.C.

Our efforts to add the 631 names and their unit (OIF & OND: 439; OEF: 192) to the DC First Division Monument continue.

It's been a slow and agonizing process since the Society board approved the initial design in August 2017. However, thanks to the leadership of LTG Rhame and a DC architectural firm, we are making progress. The House and Senate gave their approval by passing the FIRST ACT legislation. LTG Rhame has worked his way through the first hearings at the

National Park Service (NPS). There will be at least one more session with the NPS before they grant approval for the Society to redesign the monument base, rework the Desert Storm plates, and add all 631 names.

We are hopeful the NPS will grant approval soon but have no projected date. After receiving NPS approval we will issue an RFP for construction bids.

The Monument Fund currently totals \$265,000. We believe, based on similar projects, the cost of our

redesign will be \$400,000. Those interested in making a tax-deductible contribution may do so by mail to 1st Inf Division FDN, PO Box 607, Ambler, PA 19002. A donor coupon is included for your convenience.

Above are the latest design views. Picture one is the Memorial Site Plan and picture two shows the area for the Desert Storm and OIF, OND, and OEF additions.

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## Society of the First Infantry Division Membership Profile

Our database is updated daily by either updating a profile, taking a membership payment, creating a new account or looking up a member in response to an inquiry.

We wanted to share with you the composition of our membership. Changes occur day-to-day but generally the total numbers stay close.

These numbers reflect our database on October 18, 2021. Many of our members have served in more than one era but this does not change the percentages.

### Total members: 9,263

#### Members:

Life:	8,187	88%
Active Duty:	267	4%
Regular Veteran:	579	7%
Associate:	49	1%
Business Partner:	36	0%
Corporate Sponsor:	21	0%

#### ERA Served:

Post 9-11:	4,001	43%
Vietnam *:	2,038	22%
Peace Time:	1,124	12%
Unknown:	680	7%
Balkans:	552	6%
Cold War:	398	4%
WW II *:	259	3%
Desert Storm:	209	3%

\*Includes widows

The data show that Post 9-11 era memberships now surpass the Vietnam era.

With the composition of our member database, please note that our general fund operates on approximately 12% of member annual dues. The remainder of the Society Annual Budget is supported by funds from business partners, corporate sponsors, quartermaster sales, donations, and fundraisers.



***Pictured:** Members of the 28th Infantry Regiment and their families at the 2021 Reunion in Junction City, Kansas.*



## 28th Infantry (Black Lions) Reunion

The 28th Infantry Regiment held their annual reunion in October 2021 in Junction City. Many "Black Lions" made the trip to Kansas as this year was a special year and occasion. Medal of Honor Recipient 2nd Lt. Harold B. "Pinky" Durham, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 15th Artillery was honored during the 1st Infantry Division Big Red One Year of Honor with a street being named after him.

Lt. Harold B. "Pinky" Durham earned his Medal of Honor on October 17, 1967, in the Battle of Ong Thanh, Republic of Vietnam. He was serving as a Second Lieutenant in Battery C, 6th Battalion,

15th Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. During a firefight on that day, Durham repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire to direct artillery bombardment, even after being severely wounded. He was killed during the battle and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Family members of Pinky were in attendance along with some that served in combat with him.

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**Platinum Level:**

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## Membership Sponsorship Program

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Membership Sponsorship Program. We continue to provide paid memberships to many Active-Duty Soldiers thanks to your generous contributions.

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to share your Big Red One Story and the Story of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division with others and invite them to join.

We received \$80 from three local Junction City and Manhattan Society friends to sponsor 8 Active-Duty Soldiers.

Timothy O'Toole sponsored an active duty officer for 3 years in the rank of O5 to O8. ■

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## Letter from Huebner Scholarship Recipient Kaitlyn Bice

My name is Kaitlyn Bice, granddaughter of Chad Covey. I want to thank you for the honor of receiving the Huebner scholarship for the 2021 cycle. I am extremely grateful for this help towards my education, and I wanted to ensure that appreciation did not go unnoted. I apologize for the delay in completing the required documents as I had to wait for certain deadlines to pass to acquire my enrollment verification. Proof of my enrollment is enclosed in the form of an additional document, as my university was unwilling to sign the provided forms. I have also provided an official account of my tuition charges that reflect what I included

on the provided form. Both documents mentioned were acquired through my online school account with the University of Central Florida and are considered official. Please let me know if there are any issues regarding my information provided, and I will be more than happy to assist. Lastly, I want to reiterate how truly appreciative I am of this generous honor. Your help has had an extremely positive impact on my educational journey.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Bice  
Dallas, N.C.  
October 8, 2021

### First Infantry Division Monument Fund Drive



- First Division Monument located west of White House
- Each Conflict contains names and units of 1<sup>st</sup> ID KIAs
- 12,947 Names on Monument (WWI – Desert Storm)

- Modifications needed to add Iraq and Afghanistan BRO KIAs
- Fund Drive Goal: Raise \$400,000 for Modifications

#### Society Goal: Redesign, Add Names, Dedicate in 2022

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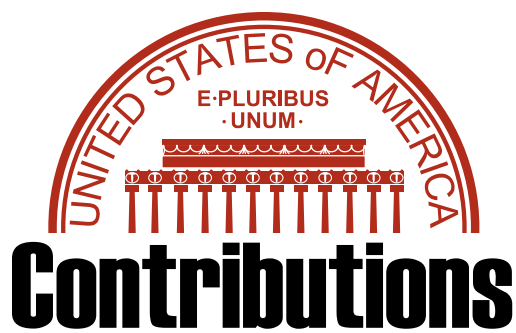
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We are thankful to our members and Corporate Sponsors for their very generous support of Soldiers and families. For Thanksgiving we are able to provide \$3000.00 worth of Commissary Gift Cards to the Fort Riley Garrison and 1st Infantry Division Chaplains office. They will distribute these gift cards to Soldiers and Families that may need a little extra help during the

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Thank you to our Corporate Sponsor R2B4 - Bramlage Family Foundation for their donation of \$5,000 and thank you Dan and Nancy Joyce and Ed Crum for donating \$250.00 collectively for our Soldiers and families.



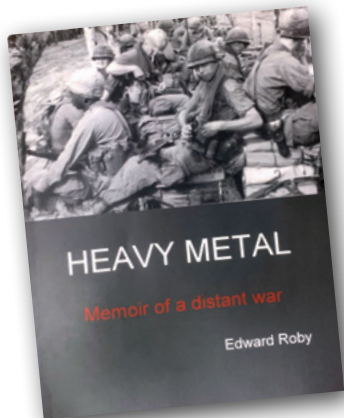
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***By Edward Roby  
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This is the story of a U.S. armored infantry unit on the move north of Saigon during the phase of the

Vietnam War that spanned the Tet Offensive. The narrative unfolds from the vantage point of a young infantry captain who commanded Company C of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment from late September 1967 through the end of April 1968.

The title highlights the role of armored vehicles as fast-moving gun platforms in the deployment of foot Soldiers. Company C and its two sister companies in the 2/2 Infantry shared the distinction of being the only mechanized

infantry units in the First Infantry Division.



***Read an excerpt in this issue  
on pages 12-13!***

## Armed Forces Community Foundation “Stand To” Match Day

Armed Forces Community Foundation “Stand To” Match Day was held on Veterans Day, November 11, 2021. Thank you to everyone who supported this opportunity to raise funds for the Society. Donations by our members totaled \$14,485 Of this amount, \$6,000 will be matched at .50 cents on the dollar by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation and the Society will receive \$17,485

Thank you all again for supporting the Society of the First Infantry Division.

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The Big Red One Support Fund is the Society's own fund that provides assistance to serving 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Soldiers and their families in non-emergency situations—our 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Foundation's McCormick Grants program handles the emergencies. As the Global War on Terror has progressed, the number of needs and assistance programs have multiplied dramatically, yet there are often needs that fall between the cracks. These situations are the reason the BRO Support Fund exists.

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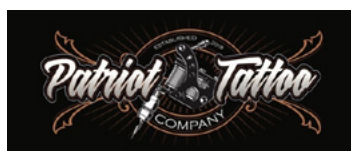
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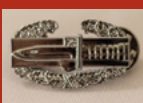
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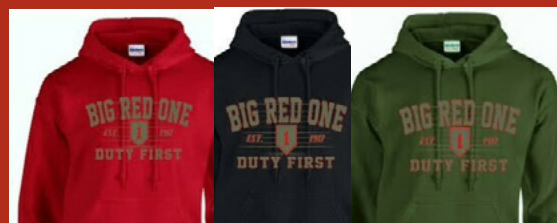
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# Museum Notes

FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY

MCCORMICK RESEARCH CENTER



## Bringing Back the Holidays

**Laura Sears, Public Program Coordinator**

Following a year of not decorating and hosting our traditional festive activities due to pandemic restrictions, the holiday season has returned to the First Division Museum. The staff has been busy decking the halls with camouflage garlands made from old uniforms and hand-painted Big Red One-inspired ornaments. If you look closely, you may even spot ornaments representing the active units of the 1st Infantry Division adorning the garland or our Christmas tree.

Over in the Visitors Center,

generous guests have dropped off many donations for Cantigny's annual Toys for Tots drive, conducted by the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

In the spirit of Christmases past, the museum's curatorial team is exhibiting rarely seen artifact ornaments that Soldiers collected during their deployments. While they no longer hang on trees, the well-traveled mementos remind us of how Soldiers celebrated the holidays far away from home and their loved ones.

***Above:** The Great Holiday Tank Bake-Off will continue this year after taking a break in 2020.*

Another annual tradition we're glad to have back is the popular Great Holiday Tank Bake-Off. Guests are encouraged to bake gingerbread tanks and military vehicles for a display in the museum. Throughout December, our visitors are invited to vote for their favorite home-baked creations. The winning family receives a VIP tour of the museum's Historic Vehicle Motor Pool in the new year. In past years, guests have submitted realistic replicas of some of the tanks exhibited outside the museum.

Others have applied their creativity in entirely new ways, designing candy-encrusted vehicles that would melt any Soldier's heart.

On behalf of everyone at the First Division Museum, we wish you and your families a very happy holiday season. As you enjoy this special time of year with family and friends, we know you'll join us by keeping in your thoughts those servicemen and women around the world who are unable to be home with their loved ones this year.





**Top:** The holidays haven't officially started until the 1st Division-themed Christmas tree is put up in the lobby.

### Ornaments from left:

This wooden ornament was collected by Fred A. Randall in 1945 from the Olympic ski jumping hill in Garmisch, Bavaria, Germany.

Chaplains distributed these personalized Christmas ornaments then signed and sent home by 1st Infantry Division troops serving in Vietnam in 1966.

This ornament belonged to Dwight "Andy" Anderson. He served as the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment's Command Sergeant Major (CSM) in Bosnia, and the 2nd Brigade CSM for two years in Germany.



**Above:** The Museum's M1 Abrams Tank in the Tank Park also gets decorated for the holiday season.

