



SOCIETY OF THE FIRST INFANTRY DIVISION

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Leaving a Legacy

A Message from the President

The **BRO Fall Family Fest on 14 November** is a great example of what can happen when the Big Red One community comes together. We are incredibly grateful to the **Robert R. McCormick Foundation, MWR, ACS, American Red Cross, USO, Commissary, Exchange, Kansas State University, and the many businesses and community organizations** are contributing their time, resources, and support.

Now, I am asking our members to help us make this event unforgettable. If you are in the area, please consider **volunteering on 14 November**. If you cannot volunteer, please consider donating to the [BRO Support Fund](#) to help us provide a memorable experience for our Soldiers, families, and veterans.

[Click here to Donate](#)

Finally, please continue helping us **recruit new members and business sponsors**. Every member, sponsor, volunteer, and donation strengthens our ability to support the Big Red One community.

Thank you for all you do to keep the **legacy of the Big Red One alive!**

Duty First!

SOCIETY NEWS

The **Society of the First Infantry Division**, along with the **Robert R. McCormick Foundation, MWR, ACS, BOSS, American Red Cross, USO, Commissary, Exchange, and Kansas State University**, and numerous business and community agencies has come together to host the **BRO Fall Family Fest on 14 November from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Riley Community Center on Fort Riley**.

The event brings Big Red One families and community partners together for a day of **fun, connection, and support**, featuring Family Olympics, archery, games, a petting zoo, hay bale maze, horse and carriage rides, military vehicle displays, children's activities, music, food, raffles, and more.

Families can also access valuable resources, including **wellness and preparedness information, CPR demonstrations, first-aid kits, a winter clothing exchange, and Operation Santa Claus**.

This event is a great example of the **Big Red One community coming together to support our Soldiers and families**.



Supporting Soldiers & Families

This month, the Society distributed **26 commissary gift cards**, providing **\$1,300 in direct assistance** to Soldiers and families in need.

Membership

The Society continues to actively recruit **new business sponsors** to help support and sustain the mission of the Society of the First Infantry Division.

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a **business sponsor** and supporting our efforts on behalf of Soldiers, Families, and the First Infantry Division community, please contact me at sfid1919@gmail.com. As always, please continue to **recruit new members and encourage others to join the Society**. Every member and sponsor helps us strengthen our organization and continue our mission of supporting the First Division community.

FEATURE STORY

September Feature: Honoring Those Who Gave Everything

In September, Soldiers and leaders of the **1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley** joined Gold Star families, veterans, and community leaders at the Kansas State Capitol for the **5th Annual Gold Star Family Remembrance Ceremony**.

The ceremony honored the families of Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice and reminded us that their service and sacrifice remain part of the Big Red One's enduring legacy.

For the Society of the First Infantry Division, remembering these Soldiers and supporting their families is more than tradition—it is our responsibility. As the Big Red One continues its **Year of Legacy**, we remain committed to honoring those who came before us while supporting the Soldiers, families, and veterans who carry that legacy forward.

**We remember. We honor. We support.
First to Fight.**



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

JOIN

Become a member and become part of the continuing legacy of the Big Red One.

VOLUNTEER

Give your time and talents to support Society programs and events.

DONATE

Your donations greatly enhance our ability to provide direct assistance to Soldiers and families.

ATTEND

Participate in Society events, reunions, ceremonies, and activities.

MENTOR

Share your experience and knowledge with today's Soldiers and the next generation of Big Red One leaders.

SPREAD THE WORD

Tell others about the Society and its mission. Help us grow the Big Red One family.

BIG RED ONE HISTORY CORNER

Leaving a Legacy

September 14, 1968 — Staff Sgt. Terry P. Richardson

During the Vietnam War, **Staff Sgt. Terry P. Richardson** serving with **A Co, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division** displayed extraordinary courage while his platoon came under intense enemy fire near Loc Ninh. Despite being wounded and under enemy fire, Richardson coordinated air strikes that helped save **85 Soldiers**.

More than 55 years later, Richardson was **recently awarded the Medal of Honor** for his heroic actions.

His story reminds us that the legacy of the Big Red One lives on through the courage and sacrifice of the Soldiers who wear the patch.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month, we recognize **Heather Brassil** an Associate member of the Society, for her outstanding support during Fall Apple Day. Heather volunteered at the Society booth and personally recruited **77 new Active-Duty members** while helping generate **\$1,086 in Quartermaster sales**.



Thank you, Heather, for your dedication and commitment to growing the Society and supporting the **Big Red One!**

CLOSING THOUGHTS

We appreciate all that you do to help keep Society's legacy alive. If you are in the area and able to volunteer on **14 November** to help, make the **BRO Fall Family Fest** a success, we would truly appreciate your support.

We want to make your experience as a Society member meaningful and rewarding. **Please let us know what we can do to better serve you and improve your experience as a member.**

We also want to recognize the outstanding members who make our Society special. If you would like to **nominate a member for a future newsletter Member Spotlight**, please send their name and a brief description of why they should be recognized to sfid1919@gmail.com.

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