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*Pictured: Fort Worth, Texas,
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- Disseminating information from the Society to its members;
- Publishing articles and items of interest to Society members;
- Promoting the history and heritage of the Big Red One.

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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

Greetings to all Society members across these great United States of America!

Our First Infantry Division continues to perform missions in support of U.S. National Security Objectives. Please keep their leaders and soldiers in your thoughts and prayers.

Fort Riley has designated 2022 as the “Year of the Family.” Your Society is supporting this mission by including families as eligible for BRO Support Fund financial aid. We plan to support families with special needs to the best of our financial ability.

2022 Society Reunion --
“Salute to the 1st Infantry Division
– Post 9-11 Veterans”:

With Post 9-11 BRO Vets

now being the largest era in the Society, I encourage as many as possible to attend the Reunion, share experiences, and get to know what a great annual event our Reunion can be for Society members. Registration is open with details at the Society webpage www.1stID.org. If you can't make all four days, most events occur on Friday and Saturday so come on down and let's have fun and get acquainted.

To all our Vietnam Veterans, March 29, 2022 was National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This U.S. holiday is observed annually and is an opportunity to honor and thank our nation's Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. You

are finally being honored this day each year for your accomplishments, sacrifices, and selfless service. Be proud, stand tall! My sincere thanks and appreciation for your service!

D.C. Monument Status: I am cautiously optimistic that we may soon be able to let a contract, and do the modifications that will add the 631 names of BRO soldiers lost in Afghanistan and Iraq. We are awaiting final approval for the National Park Service to start construction. We have set a tentative dedication date for Memorial Day, 2023. Your generous donations have positioned us to make this occur. As soon as we know the construction costs, we will plan a final fund drive to raise

the balance.

Society Financials: I want to thank our members for their generous donations, and the Society Staff for their initiatives in fund raising and reducing expenses. For both 2020 and 2021, the Society revenue exceeded expenses and we were able to provide more support to the active Division, as well as add funds to Investment Accounts.

Through your loyal support and generous donations, we shall continue to provide a “rallying point” for our BRO Veterans, and reach out to BRO active-duty military in need.

I wish all continued good health and happiness. Stay safe!

IsFirst Alert: Society Reunion Fort Worth, 20 – 24 July 2022

Key information for your consideration:

- We will have a Reunion in Fort Worth 20 – 24 July 2022!
- Theme is Salute to the 1st Infantry Division: Post 9-11 Veterans
- Do your part in getting Post-9/11 BRO Vets to attend
- You must make your own travel and hotel reservations
- Details in subsequent SFID

emails, webpage, and Facebook

- Fill out the registration form, including your choices of tours, and return to Phyllis Fitzgerald, Executive Director
- Contact your friends and encourage them to attend a great Reunion – It has been three years since we last assembled!
- Raffle tickets are available online at www.1stid.org



Letter from the Executive Director

By CW3 (Ret) Phyllis Fitzgerald

Greetings everyone, I hope my letter finds you well and staying healthy. This is going to be a great year, with our 101st Annual Reunion coming up in July.

We have been busy at Society headquarters. Work continues regarding updating our membership database, and we are making progress thanks to your efforts in updating addresses, emails, and phone numbers. Your help allows us to stay in contact, and achieve our goal of being able to communicate with each member by mail, phone or email.

The annual reunion will be here before we know. I hope to meet many of you sometime between July 20-24, 2022, in Fort Worth, Texas. Registration began on March 1st and so far we have over 100 signed up. In the pages of this magazine, you will find all the details about the reunion

and the registration form. There are several ways to register: mail in the form; go to our website, www.1stid.org; or call us at 785-579-6761. The theme for this year's CP decorating competition is: "Salute to the 1st Infantry Division – Post 9-11 Veterans." Please see more in the magazine.

Efforts continue to share the story of the Society and the 1st Infantry Division. Each week at the Victory Welcome for new to Fort Riley Soldiers and families, I share the story of the Society, our mission, how we help and take care of Soldiers, Veterans, and families, and how to become a member.

So far this year we have provided sponsorship for the Annual Volunteer of the Year awards; Fort Riley Spouse Group scholarship fundraising spring event; Annual Easter Egg Hunt

for dependent children; Kansas Gold Star Memorial Fund; Armed Forces Community Foundation spring fundraiser; and the Big Red One Year of the Family. The Society sponsored 14 military families in the 1st quarter, and we sponsored one of two benches that were placed and dedicated at the Fort Riley outdoor chapel. You can read more inside.

If you are interested in joining a local chapter, check the information in this issue about existing chapters. If there is not one in your area, please consider starting one. Chapters help us stay connected, reconnect, and meet others.

Membership is holding steady. Thank you all for sponsoring active-duty Soldiers. The composition (by era) of our membership database is provided in this issue of the Bridgehead Sentinel. You

will see that the Post 9-11 Vets have replaced the Vietnam Vets in numbers, but we still have a significant number of Vietnam-era members. As time progresses, the Society looks forward to the leadership of our Post 9-11 Vets.

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

I hope you enjoy the magazine. I appreciate your phone calls, letters, and emails, and 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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The Annual Reunion is Back!

The Society of the 1st Infantry Division's 101st Annual Reunion is being held at the Historic Hilton Fort Worth in Fort Worth, Texas, 20-24 July 2022.

The theme for this year's reunion is: "Salute to the 1st Infantry Division — Post 9-11 Veterans"

It's been three years since the last reunion. We know everyone is looking forward to seeing and reconnecting with each other. Most events and tours will center around the Fort Worth Stockyards. In the stockyards you will find everything from county music, barbeque, shopping, dancing, museums, wine tasting to daily long horn cattle drives. We also have tours planned to the Texas Civil War Museum, which has the largest Civil War collection West of the Mississippi. You will have the opportunity to explore on your own, too. You might consider the National Vietnam War Museum in Weatherford, Texas as well. (It's about a 90-minute drive from the hotel and the trip would be on your own.)

Fort Worth is the 12th-largest city in the United States, known for Texas hospitality and

a dozen remarkable districts full of culture and fun. Attractions include the historic Western Stockyards featuring the world's only twice-daily cattle drive, Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honky-tonk, and Mule Alley, a new shopping, eating and entertainment area. If you like shopping, galleries, restaurants and performance venues, our hotel is less than a 2-minute walk to the connected downtown with the 35-block Sundance Square entertainment district. The Cultural District, which requires transportation, features stunning museums, the Botanic Garden and Fort Worth Zoo.

We have a full schedule planned. Please read through the next few pages carefully and make sure to register for all the events of interest to you and your guests. There is limited seating for many of the tours, so register now so that you are not disappointed later!

When not on one of the

planned tours, you can go on your own walking tours. An attraction right outside our hotel is the John F. Kennedy monument.

Our hotel is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and the Hilton Fort Worth has been among Texas' most stunning holiday destinations for over a century. This hotel originally debuted as the "Hotel Texas," which was designed by a team of talented architects. The Hotel Texas immediately became the most luxurious holiday destination in all of Fort Worth once construction on it concluded in 1921. Popularity with the hotel remained strong for many years thereafter, prompting its owners to continuously expand the building to accommodate the ever-rising demand. One of the greatest expansions transpired at the start of the 1960s, when a new team of architects created the spacious Crystal Ballroom on the second level. The hotel's tremendous acclaim eventually attracted many

illustrious guests, with the most prominent being President John F. Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline Kennedy. The two stayed in Room 850 when they visited the greater Dallas area in late 1963. President Kennedy even addressed dozens of media personalities in the new Crystal Ballroom. Unfortunately, this speech would prove to be President Kennedy's last, as he was assassinated hours later at Dealey Plaza. A member of Historic Hotels of America since 2016, this amazing hotel is now operated by Hilton Hotels & Resorts as the Hilton Fort Worth.

The most important reason for attending is to see all your old buddies and to meet and make new friends. Please join us for the Welcome Party to enjoy some entertainment and socialize. It is free and everyone is WELCOME! We will also have a silent auction during the event.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Please join us!

Reunion Hotel: Hilton Fort Worth

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Why should I attend the Society Reunion?

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We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Please join us!

COVID-related policy, subject to change:

- Mask wearing is at the discretion of each attendee. Masks are not mandated unless COVID threats indicate a need to modify this policy. Proof of vaccination is not required.
- Those with COVID-related symptoms are expected to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.
- Should conditions worsen to the point attendees' health is threatened, the Society will cancel the Reunion and refund registration and other fees paid.

2022 Tentative Reunion Program

Wednesday, July 20

9am-12pm & 1-5pm
9am-5pm
1:30pm

Quartermaster & Registration Open
Individual Activities
Unit Reps Meeting w/Society Staff
(Location TBD)

Thursday, July 21

9am-12pm & 1-5pm
9:30am-1pm
10:30am-2pm
9:45am-1:15pm
9:45am-1:15pm
10:30am-2pm
6-9pm

Quartermaster & Registration Open
Texas Civil War Museum tour
Texas Civil War Museum tour
Ghost Tour/Wine Tasting FW Stockyards
John Wayne Museum, Stockyards
Stockyards (On your own)
Welcome Party

Friday, July 22

7:30-9am
9am-12pm & 1-5pm
9:30am-1pm
10:30am-2pm
9:45am-1:15pm
9:45am-1:15pm
10:30am-2pm
2-3pm

Conflict Breakfast
Quartermaster & Registration Open
Texas Civil War Museum tour
Texas Civil War Museum tour
Ghost Tour/Wine Tasting FW Stockyards
John Wayne Museum, Stockyards
Stockyards (On your own)
*Board of Directors Meeting
(Location TBD)

Saturday, July 23

9am
8am
10:15am
10am-12 & 1-3pm
11am-2:30pm
11am-2:30pm
6pm
7pm

Memorial Service
Unit Meetings in CP
General Business Meeting
Quartermaster and Registration Open
Texas Civil War Museum tour
Stockyards (On your own)
Cocktails/Reception
101st Annual Reunion Banquet

Sunday, July 24

Hope you had a wonderful time. Farewell 'til next year!

2023 Reunion

Astor Crowne Plaza
New Orleans, LA
Aug 9 – 13, 2023

2024 Reunion

Hyatt Regency
Albuquerque, NM
July 29 – August 4, 2024

TOURS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

We have arranged several tours to make your Fort Worth visit a memorable experience. These are optional events that require pre-registration. All tours have limited seating. To avoid disappointment, we recommend signing up for tours when you register rather than waiting until you arrive at the reunion. If you decide after you arrive at the reunion to go on a tour, check with Quartermaster for availability.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome Party

Thursday, July 21, 6-9pm
– Free. The event will be in the Crystal Ballroom (C, D), (2nd Level), our entertainment will be the “Empty Pockets Band” (A HIGHLY RECOMMENDED COUNTRY WESTERN BAND) and is sponsored by USAA – Corporate Sponsor. We’ll also have a silent auction during the party, with the proceeds going to the Society of the First Infantry Division.

Conflict Breakfast

Friday, July 22, 7:30-9am - \$30 per person. Breakfast will be in the Continental Room (3rd Level) and will include sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit, yogurt, cereal, and breakfast pastries. Brewed regular and decaffeinated Coffee, selection of black, herbal and specialty teas and water station.

Memorial Service

Saturday, July 23, 9am - The service to honor our fallen will be in the Grand Crystal Ballroom (C, D), (2nd Level). Speaker: TBD

101st Annual Reunion Banquet

Saturday, July 23, 6-9pm - Cocktails and Reception followed by the 101st Annual Reunion Banquet beginning at 7pm. Grand Crystal Ballroom (B, C, D), (2nd Level). \$52 per person/children \$25. Adult meal includes entrée and sides, salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

Banquet Entrees:

Beef: Grilled Beef with Red Wine Demi Glaze, Roasted Red Potatoes, and Fresh Vegetable

Fish: Red Snapper with Lemon Butter, Fresh Herbs, Roasted Potatoes and Fresh Vegetable

Chicken: Grilled Chicken with Melted Tomatoes, Fresh Herbs and White Wine Butter, Roasted Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables

Vegetarian: Pasta Primavera, Fresh Vegetables, Penne Pasta, Light Alfredo Sauce

Child Plate: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese and Fruit Cup

TOURS

Thursday, July 21

Texas Civil War Museum

There will be 2 shuttles daily to the Texas Civil War Museum (Thursday and Friday). The 1st shuttle (56 max) will depart the hotel at 9:30am and drop off passengers at the museum. The charter bus will return to the hotel and pick up the 2nd shuttle (56 max) at 10:30 and drop passengers at the museum. At 1pm, the bus will pick up the 1st shuttle and return passengers to the hotel. The bus will return to the museum and pick up the 2nd shuttle at 2pm and return passengers to the hotel.

The Texas Civil War Museum opened in January 2006. With over 15,000 square feet of exhibits, it is the largest Civil War Museum west of the Mississippi River. The museum gallery is shared with exhibits on loan from the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Texas Division. The museum consists of three separate galleries that display a civil war collection, Victorian dress collection and United Daughters of the Confederacy Texas Confederate collection.

Along with the exhibits, the Texas Civil War Museum includes a 75-seat movie theatre which hosts the commissioned movie, "Our Homes Our Rights" - Texas in the Civil War. Also included is the Magnolia Mercantile which showcases specialty gift items related to the Civil War and Victorian era. **Click here to learn more.**

Ghost Tour/Wine Tasting, John Wayne Museum and Stockyards on your own

There will be 2 shuttles daily to the Stockyards (Thursday and Friday). The 1st shuttle (56 max) will be for the Ghost Tour/Wine Tasting (20 max) that will include watching the noon Longhorn Cattle Drive, and for the John Wayne Museum tour (36 max). The 2nd shuttle (56 max) will be for those that want to go to the Stockyards and adventure on your own. The Stockyards host many places to eat, shop, museums to visit, noon Longhorn Cattle Drive and the opportunity to do a little two stepping. **Click here to learn more.**

1st shuttle (max is 56) - departure from the hotel is at 9:45am. The charter bus will pick you up at the hotel and drop you off at the Stockyards where there will be someone to greet you for the Ghost Tour/Wine tasting (20 max) event and for those going to the John Wayne Museum (36 max), there will be someone there to greet you. The bus will pick the 1st shuttle back up at 1:15pm and return you to the hotel.

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Friday, July 22

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Saturday July 23

Texas Civil War Museum

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Stockyards on your own

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Click here to learn more.

Non-Hosted Event Opportunity:

The National Vietnam War Museum (nationalvnwarmuseum.org) is located in Weatherford, Texas, approximately 90 minutes from the hotel.



Admin and Logistics

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Hotel: Check in is 4pm and check-out is 11am. The hotel is located at 815 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Hotel Reservations

PLEASE NOTE this is a change from past reunions: hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Mention that you are coming to the reunion of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division and use code SOFID. Call 1-800-445-8667 (select 3 for reservations) OR click this link to register online: HISTORIC HILTON FORT WORTH.

The cutoff date to secure your hotel room reservations at our group rate is 16 July 2022. We encourage you to make registrations early to take advantage of the group rate! *After 16 July hotel rooms will be based on space and rate availability.

Cancellations

You can cancel reservations at least 24 hours prior to arrival and will not be charged. You will need your confirmation number. Cancellations made within 24 hours of arrival will be subject to

a one night room and tax cancellation charge. All cancellations must be made through the hotel at 1-800-445-8667.

Handicap Accessible Rooms

If you require special room accommodations, please advise the hotel when making your room reservations.

Transportation from the Airport

Shuttle: Plenty available. If flying, make your reservations with Texas Airport Shuttle (817-403-6196) or <https://www.super-shuttle.com/> (1-800-258-3826)

Train Shuttle: Make reservations at TEX RAIL. Cost is \$2.50 one way. Train station drop-off is 2 blocks from hotel.

Personal Vehicle Parking

Valet Parking is available at the hotel. Daily Prices (overnight) are – (*price includes the 20% discount given at checkout) \$25.60 for cars; \$38.60 for oversized vehicles; and \$20 for day-only parking. The price will be added to the guestroom reser-

vation when you arrive at the hotel and receive your valet ticket.

Regular parking is in the Convention Center parking lot for \$15 per day. Go to this link [Parking Fort Worth](#) to enter your arrival and departure dates.

Event Schedule

If you are unable to attend the entire event, no problem. The core reunion events take place on Friday and Saturday, 22-23 July. Join us for whatever days your schedule allows —you'll have a great time!

Spread the Word!

You can help spread the word about the reunion by sending the news release in this publication to the editor or pressroom of your local media. Go ahead and make copies and mail or fax them to all the newspapers, magazines, TV, and radio stations that you can.

Unit Command Posts

The 2nd, 16th, 18th, 26th/28th Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry/Armor/Recon and Headquarters & Support Units will

operate Command Posts (Hospitality Rooms) for their units. Veterans from units not listed are welcome in any CP. The size of your CP room will be based on the number of members from your unit attending. Judging for the CP competition will take place on Friday 22 July at 1500. The theme for this year's CP decorating competition is: "Salute to the 1st Infantry Division – Post 9-11 Veterans."

Reunion Registration Fees

- Early-bird registrations, received before 20 May, are \$45
- On-time registrations, received between 21 May -10 July, are \$50
- Late registrations, received 11 July and after, are \$65

Reunion/Tour/Hotel Cancellation/Refunds

Reunion registration fees are non-refundable.

For tours, if you cancel by 6 July, full refunds are available. After that date there are no refunds.

If you need to cancel your hotel reservation, cancellations made 24 hours prior to arrival will be refunded by the hotel.

Weather

July in Fort Worth is typically

the warmest month of the year. Daytime maximum temperatures average around 36°C (97°F); at night, 23°C (74°F) is normal. Humidity levels are around 60%. Plan to bring comfortable, loose-fitting, summery clothes, and be sure to stay hydrated.

Confirmation

You will receive a written or email confirmation of your registration. Please review it carefully to be sure you signed up for all the activities and functions you are interested in (there is limited seating at several events).

The banquet sells out quickly, so please sign up for that early. Activities not on your confirmation means you did not sign up and pay for them. Please call us immediately (785-579-6761) to make any corrections or additions to your registration.

NEWS RELEASE

Famous “Big Red One” to hold 2022 Annual Reunion in Fort Worth, Texas

Veterans of the Army’s renowned 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One, will hold their 101st Annual Reunion in Fort Worth, Texas, July 20-24, 2022, at the historic Hilton Fort Worth. The reunion is organized by the Big Red One veterans organization, the Society of the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.

The 1st Infantry Division is the Army’s oldest and arguably the most famous division. It served with great distinction in World War I, World War II, Germany, the Cold War, Vietnam, and Desert Storm. Elements of the 1st Infantry Division have participated extensively in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Over 500 Big Red One veterans and their guests attended the 100th Annual Reunion held in Baltimore, Maryland. The Commanding General of the Division and a contingent of leaders and young soldiers serving in the Division added a new and exciting dimension to the reunion.

Everyone who has ever served in the 1st Infantry Division or any unit attached to it is cordially invited to attend the reunion.

Details and reservation forms are available on the Society’s website at 1stid.org, or by mail or phone from:

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Above: CP decorations from the 2019 BRO Reunion.

Regimental Command Post Competition

This year’s Reunion theme is “Salute to the 1st Infantry Division – Post 9-11 Veterans.”

We are looking forward to seeing your themed decorated command posts honoring our Post 9-11 Veterans.

Judging is by the Best Warrior

Non-Commissioned Officer on Friday, July 22. The winner will be announced during the banquet on Saturday, July 23.

The winning command post will be presented with the trophy and a \$250 check.



Letter from the CG

by Major General Douglas A. Sims II

This note comes to you from points east. In response to Russian aggression in Ukraine, the Division Headquarters and Division Artillery deployed forward to central Europe in late February, and we are working under the leadership of LTG Kolasheski (former Danger 6) and V Corps. As you would imagine, it's been an interesting time, and we're fired up to be on the team here. There's something about seeing the Big Red One on European soil, as many of you can relate. Of course, the patch has been over here for a while, with both our Division Forward and 1st Brigade having arrived last summer.

All in all, things are going well. We're working to strengthen our connections to operational partners and determine appropriate planning for any required operations. We hope it won't come to that, but the Division will be ready, if it does. We received our final flights of people and equipment in mid-March, and our staff processes and command and control are getting better day by day. Quite honestly, the movement of the Division Headquarters and DIVARTY was pretty extraordinary, thanks to our Chief of Staff, Division Staff Sergeants Major,

DIVARTY leadership, and the Fort Riley garrison team. In less than 30 days, we deployed the entire Headquarters, without being on a PTDO or in an enhanced readiness stance.

I arrived in late February and was incredibly pleased to find our NATO allies truly closing ranks. In my travels throughout the area of operations (AO), I've been inspired by the resolve and commitment of the team and with the abilities of the American Soldier. In and out of our AO, wearing all sorts of patches, the Army quickly arrived and is working every day to increase assurance to our partners and deterrence to Russia.

Most of those patches happen to be red 1s on the sleeves of 1st Brigade Soldiers. The Devil Brigade has been here since last summer, and, based on the current crisis, was extended for 60 days. They have been relentless in their work to further hone their lethality and the sense of purpose, given these circumstances, has added to their level of effort. There's little doubt that Mr. Putin took notice.

Back home, U.S. Forces Command did a big favor for the Division and sent BG Frank

Stanco, a Deputy Commanding General at the 1st Armored Division, on temporary duty to Kansas to serve as the acting commander of Fort Riley. Frank arrived a few days before my departure and has done incredible work in his first seven weeks to keep the team straight at home. You'd think he had been a member of the Division for years in the way he has prevented us from missing a beat in Kansas.

And there's plenty going on in Kansas. At the end of March, 2nd Brigade assumed responsibilities as the ABCT on the Immediate Response Force. This follows their outstanding National Training Center (NTC) performance, in February, where they truly validated their training plan from last fall. Unlike standard rotations, the Dagger Brigade replicated a high-end allied partner brigade, with the 3rd Security Force Advisor Brigade serving as advisors for 2nd Brigade (there's enough stress at NTC without trying to figure out those relationships!). Despite the challenges, they crushed it, then focused heavily on maintenance to get their fleet back to high readiness in the event they are needed somewhere in the world.

At the same time, our Aviation Brigade is back in the air and making noise in the Flint Hills. Having received the last pieces of equipment from their recent deployment, they are now in the midst of aerial gunnery as they work to rebuild readiness for the next requirement. I've had more than one person tell me how great it is to see the Demon Brigade back in the skies of Kansas.

One of the busiest units in the Army, our Sustainment Brigade, recently transferred the Defense Support to Civilian Authorities (DSCA) mission to the 1st Armored Division Sustainment Brigade. Over 18 months, the Durable Brigade was the most-deployed in the Division, with men and women all over the country reacting to the COVID crisis, in addition to planned deployments to US Central Command and European Command. Last month, the Durable Brigade officially converted from a Sustainment Brigade to a Division Sustainment Brigade, which brings with it some adjustments of manning and positions across the organization.

Finally, in January, we kicked off the Big Red One Year of Family (BYoF). The sequel to the Big Red One Year of Honor, BYoF is

designed to increase the strength and resilience of our Families, educate people on the resources available on and off Fort Riley, and demonstrate our appreciation for all that our Families do for us. Over the year, we will conduct this in three ways. First, stand-alone events are scheduled throughout the year and are designed to increase resilience across the five dimensions of strength, as well as highlight key post and community programs and activities. Second, signature events are scheduled approximately once per quarter, at which we recognize two outstanding families from each brigade and thank them for all that they do for us (this is where we'll unveil two benches, one of which was donated by the Society—thank you!). Finally, initiatives are longer duration programs that seek to enhance resilience and strength (a couch-to-5K program and Family speaker series, for example). Ultimately, we're seeking to make our entire community better, and initial indications are that the program is doing just that. Given the recent deployments, the extension of 1st Brigade, and the

standard demands of military life, we believe that the BYoF will make a difference.

As I close, I regret to say that this will be my final note to you as Danger 6. On May 11, I'll hand over the colors to MG John Meyer, back at Fort Riley. It's the second time John and I have had such a ceremony, as he assumed command of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment from me in 2014. As was the case at 2 CR, I'm confident he'll make this an even better organization. As I depart the Big Red One, I'm so very thankful to the men and women of the 1st Division and Fort Riley, in and out of uniform, past and present. Our people have made this the richest assignment that Fay and I have had in 30 years of service. Although the patch will come off my left shoulder, I will always be a Big Red One Soldier and remain honored to have had the chance to serve here and be associated with men and women like each of you.

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!!

Keeping up with the 1st Division

Headquarters (DEPLOYED)

A portion of the DHHB joined the 1st CAB on a rotational mission in Central Europe in July, 2021.

1st Armored Brigade Combat Team (DEPLOYED)

The 1st Brigade assumed the rotational brigade mission in Central Europe in August 2021.

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (REDEPLOYED)

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

1st Combat Aviation Brigade (DEPLOYED)

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

1st Division Sustainment Brigade (REDEPLOYED)

The 1st 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 1st ID Sustainment Brigade redeployed back from Fort Riley.

Division Artillery (REDEPLOYED)

Since the 1st 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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Society of the First Infantry Division Member Profile Update

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.

I want to share with you the composition of our membership. It changes daily but generally the total numbers stay close.

These numbers reflect our database on March 31, 2022. Many of our members have served in more than one era but this does not change the percentages.

On March 31, we had a total of 8889 members, which does

not include business partners or corporate sponsors.

Our records show post-9/11-era memberships surpassing Vietnam-era memberships.

With the composition of our member database, our general fund currently operates on approximately 7% of member annual dues. The remainder of the Society's annual budget is supported by funds from business partners, corporate sponsors, quartermaster sales, donations, and fundraisers.

Membership

Life:	8173	91%
Active Duty:	152	1.7%
Regular Veteran:	477	5%
Associate:	49	.5%
Business Partner:	36	0%
Corporate Sponsor:	21	0%

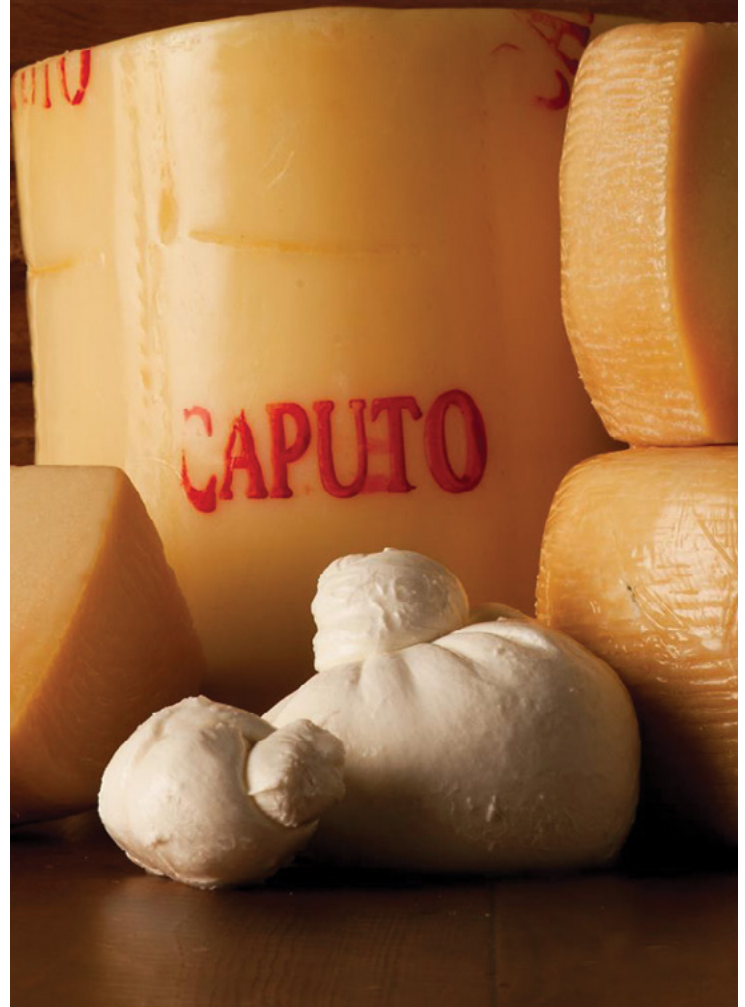
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Post 9-11:	3935	44%
Vietnam*:	2090	23%
Peace Time:	1010	11%
Unknown:	397	4%
Balkans:	547	6%
Cold War:	388	4%
WWII*:	276	3%
Desert Storm:	213	2%

**Includes widows*



Above: The Society has members from WWII through Active-Duty!



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, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The BHS allocates space for local chapters to share updates.

As chapters meet, they can share their news with everyone on these pages.

The Society is available to assist in getting chapters started. 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 forming a chapter, please reach out to the Society by phone (785-579-6761) or email (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: 1stid.org/chapters

Local Chapter Updates

East Central Indiana Chapter

POC: James Allen
Jallen5749@gmail.com
Phone: 765-969-7977

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

The Albuquerque/ Sante Fe Chapter

POC: Manuel Alzaga
manuelalzaga@gmail.com
Phone: 505-270-4068

Greetings from New Mexico!

I hope to hear that all our BRO brothers and sisters are doing well and in good health. Here is the latest from my area...

RIP Kenton Allen

One of our own passed away on Dec 27, 2021. SP4 Kenton Allen served with me in C Btry 3/6 FA from 1981-1983. We also went to boot camp together at Ft. Sill OK from Aug-Oct 1981. We kept in touch via Facebook and would call each other every now and then. He was a deacon at a church in Tennessee and grew up in Chicago.

BRO Serving in Ukraine

Another BRO brother I served

with in C Btry 3/6 FA has volunteered to help fight the commies in Ukraine. SP4 John Sharkey married a Ukrainian woman years ago and she is a nurse. She volunteered to go back home to help, and Sharkey went along to protect her and to fight the enemy. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers, and wish them a safe return home.

Reopening / Happy Hour

Now that most of this state is "safe," I would like to extend an invitation to all BRO vets. I have an open reservation with the local American Legion for Happy Hour or chow. Call me if you are ever in Albuquerque!

Convention in 2024

I was recently informed that the BRO Reunion (Albuquerque) has been rescheduled for the summer of 2024. I am looking forward to this event and hope to meet many of you there. Until then, keep your head low... Hoorah!

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

Wisconsin Society of the 1st Infantry Division Chapter

POC: Jeff Anderson
jeffoakvalleyfarm@gmail.com

Phone: 608-381-3791

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

Chattanooga, Tennessee Chapter

POC: Mike Holden
(Plt. Sgt., C/2/16th Infantry,
Viet Nam 1968-69)
mikec216@comcast.net

Phone: 863-370-2519

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

Junction City Kansas Chapter

POC: Phyllis Fitzgerald: Email:
sfid1919@gmail.com
785-579-6761

Update from Phyllis: Nothing to report this month. 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

POC: John B. Long
marinawoolcock54@gmail.com
716-877-6818

Update from John: Dr. Long just celebrated his 95th Birthday.



Left to right: Tennessee Chapter members Sgt. David Bell, PSgt. Mike Holden, Lt. Colonel Ray Adkins and Cpt. Larry Taylor.

A cross section of Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, the Commander of his Post and many fellow Veterans came together to celebrate. David Bellavia, the namesake of our Chapter and Medal of Honor recipient, joined via Zoom. Also

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marking the occasion were the mayor of Buffalo, Hon. Byron Brown, and Congressman Chris Jacobs, who put John's name in the Congressional records, and Sheriff of Erie County, Hon. John Garcia. All friends and so many good wishes. He announced a WW2 Leadership Legacy Project.

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.

POC: Antonio Maria
black_lions66@yahoo.com
973-477-9360

Update from Antonio: Nothing to report. 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.

Society of the 1st Infantry Division South Eastern Ohio Chapter

POC: Mike DeBolt
1infdivseo@gmail.com
Office Address: 1434 Linden Ave
Zanesville, OH 43701
740-252-1485

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. ♣



Metropolitan Metamorphosis

By Dale R. Andrews (2013 copyright)
U.S. Army Medic, 1967-68
1st Infantry Division
Republic of Vietnam

Ho Chi Mien City's metamorphosis looked so spectacularly serene that she seemed surreal to me during the halcyon aromatic spring of 2013

Fragrant flowering propaganda exhibits had replaced army tanks in city parks I retraced my tactical past with GPS to battlegrounds with my friend Mark

My youthful military deployment held me there in warfare in 1967 & 68 when Saigon's streets ran blood red with the repugnant odor of death and hate

Intrusive thoughts came of RPG's and mortar memories that shook the earth under me, I recalled screams of "medic" as popped-smoke swirled from slicks

Finally, a possible passage to my peace re-exposure therapy with a prophetic guide Mark Daniels and his friend Dr. Tuc a Vietnam University President

Mark walked with me at former Air Base Tan San Nhut in 2013, now gunship free we saw soccer players resolving disputes on green grass devoid of Huey's and artillery

On Sunday we sipped espresso at a café overlooking the Saigon River near the Newport bridge where in Tet 1968 Saigon was saved by battle brave U.S. Infantry

Tears flooded my eyes uncontrollably deep emotions recalling the souls left dead under the crumbling bridge and waterside bereft of dignity from VC attacks of dread

We traveled to sites of tormenting scenes ruminating somberly of old days fatigued hunting the enemy in the tunnels of Chu Chi today we saw a modern Viet-Cong offspring Wearing black-pajamas like their guerrilla grandfathers who were the fieriest of enemies, the VC granddaughters graciously served us tea in the humid jungle of Chu Chi in 2013

Instinctively I recoiled as a rapid pop-pop rang-out from AK-47's and left behind M-16's from a tourist rifle range where we had bombed their ancestors to smithereens

Dr. Tuc, born after the war like most living Vietnamese, took us to his office near the village and water plant at Thu Duc I recounted that battle to our esteemed host

Peering down from his balcony I recalled my triage station at the water-treatment plant and our defense position during the bloody Tet of '68 and the Viet Cong defeat

We traveled on up the road to Di-An to the old base camp of the Big Red One I saw the same gate where we flew Old Glory proud and brave as if we had already won

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TOURS AND EVENTS

Thursday, 21 July (1st Bus – 2 shuttles) (trans Rented Coach)
(10am-1pm) Texas Civil War Museum-1st Shuttle (56 Max)

_____ people @ \$25/ea = \$ _____

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(11am-2pm) Texas Civil War Museum-2nd Shuttle (56 Max) # _____ people @ \$25/ea = \$ _____

Thursday, 21 July (2nd Bus – 2 shuttles) (trans Rented Coach)

(9:45am-1:15pm) Ghost Tour/Wine Tasting - 1st Shuttle (20 Max) # _____ people @ \$50/ea = \$ _____

(9:45am-1:15pm) John Wayne Museum Tour - 1st Shuttle (36 Max) # _____ people @ \$35/ea = \$ _____

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- ☐ Vegetarian Plate: Pasta Primavera – Fresh Vegetables, Penne Pasta, Light Alfredo Sauce

total meals # _____ @ \$52= _____

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With a donation of \$2,500 or more, each Platinum Level membership receives a 100th Anniversary First Infantry Division commemorative numbered print, a Society membership certificate, window decals for your business, e-copies of the *Bridgehead Sentinel* (BHS), and a full-page advertising space in the BHS. Additionally, we give you (4) banquet dinner tickets at our annual veteran's reunion.

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Society Support and Donations to Active-Duty



Above: Society Executive Director Phyllis Fitzgerald donates commissary cards on behalf of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, KS.



Greetings and thank you to all our members and sponsors who donated to the Big Red One Support Fund. Thanks to your generous donations, we provided support to various activities and events that support our 1st Infantry Division Soldiers and families. Below is a summary of some of the events:

- Provided 142 Commissary Gift Cards (\$50.00 each) to the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley Chaplains this past 2021 holiday season. Total value: \$7,100. They distributed the cards to families that may have needed a little extra help during the holidays. Thank you to our members, business partners and corporate sponsors for your very generous donations.
- Provided \$150.00 of Easter candy for the annual Easter Egg event (April 9, 2022) on Fort Riley for the dependent children.
- Provided a \$200.00 to the Fort Riley and 1st Infantry Division Volunteer of the Year 2022 event.
- Provided \$400.00 to the 526th Composite Supply Company (CSC) Soldier and Family Readiness Group (SFRG), 1st Sustainment Brigade to provide items for redeploying single Soldiers who live in the barracks.
- Provided \$500.00 for the Kansas Gold Star Memorial Fund. The funds will be used to place a Gold Star Family Monument in Topeka, the capital of Kansas.
- Provided a \$100.00 sponsorship for the annual Armed Forces Community Foundation Spring Fundraiser. Every fall the Society receives a generous donation as a part of the annual Match Day.
- Sponsored 14 military families for the 1st quarter for the Big Red One Year of the Family.

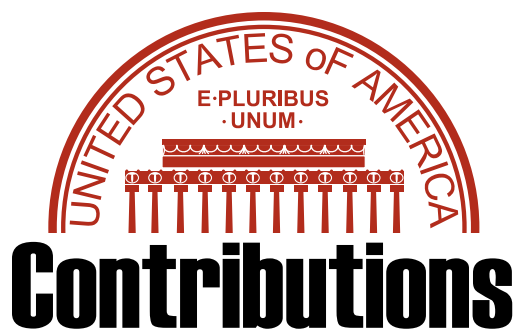
For the Big Red One Year of the Family, the Society of the First Infantry sponsored a bench that was placed at the Fort Riley Outdoor Chapel and Bald Eagle watching site.

The plate is inscribed with: *Donated by the Society of The First Infantry Division Members and their Families. Presented to the Officers, Non-Commissioned*

Officers, Soldiers and Families of the 1st Infantry Division.

Former 1st Infantry Division Danger 6's and Danger 7's also donated a bench in honor of the Big Red One Year of the Family. The inscription on the bench plate reads: "FOR THE SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES OF THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION. GRATEFULLY DONATED BY THE FORMER COMMANDERS AND COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR OF OUR DIVISION."

We owe a lot to the families of our Military. They sacrifice a lot for all of us. For this we are thankful and hope that these benches are a reminder of how much they all mean to us.



We thank all who have responded to our requests for support of our SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. Your generosity will enable us to fulfill our obligation to the children of all Big Red One Soldiers who have lost their lives in combat—over 180 children to date—and to the children and grandchildren of our 1st Infantry Division Veterans.

Following is a list of contributors to the 1st Infantry Division Foundation Scholarship Fund and 1st Division DC Monument Fund since October, 2021.

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First Infantry Division Monument Fund Drive



- First Division Monument located west of White House
- Each Conflict contains names and units of 1st 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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Metropolitan Metamorphosis

...Continued from page 17

This day, when I saw the base flying the enemy communist flag it devastated me it seemed a denial of victory because I personally saw the enemy on our territory

Ah, but Hanoi, what a place to see at peace my first time there, unlike foretold horrors of heroic pilots parachuting to be captured I took a stroll by the lake for a reverent hour

Hanoi, a slow-paced peaceful ageless city now long free from bombing campaigns and fortified bridges of anti-aircraft guns, peace may finally visit my traumatized brain

Ho Chi Mien's tomb conjured-up vengeance and evoked a familiar fear of being captured and thrown into hellish prisons by the North Vietnamese Army and tortured horrifically

Mark and I trudged Thud Ridge, silently our thoughts were of MIAs, and we prayed for them, their families, and all the Vietnamese people, who are still not free

If ever my life could provide wisdom from experience, my gift to all would be a relief from suffering, with freedom from war and world peace endlessly.

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Yes . . . I want to help our Society help the Soldiers of the BIG RED ONE!
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If you would like to donate to the BRO Support Fund, please use the coupon on the left or the membership renewal application on page 18 to do so. With your generosity, help and support, the Big Red One continues to take care of its own!

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Welcome to the new members of the Century Club! These are members who have donated \$100 or more toward the Big Red One Support Fund. Thank you for partnering with us to support our division!

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The Mud Soldiers are the men from C Company, 2nd BN 16th Infantry Regiment, First Infantry Division, who fought the battle at Xa Cam My, Vietnam, in April 1966. The donation is

from unclaimed funds paid to select members of the Mud Soldiers by the movie "The Last Full Measure," the Hollywood production about the battle.
— Ken Alderson XO/CO C 2/16 (1965-66)

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JANUARY 22, 2022
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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. We were able to provide 20 Active Duty Soldiers with a 1 year membership!

It really does take all of us to have a successful Society and we thank our members for such

generosity. I encourage everyone 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.

Thank you to all that sponsored an Active Duty Soldier:

- Paul Herbert
- Edward Schoonmaker
- Keith Fitzgerald

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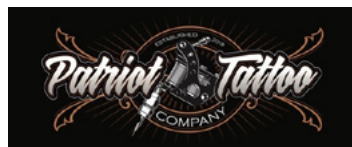
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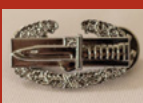
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Museum Notes

FIRST DIVISION MUSEUM AT CANTIGNY MCCORMICK RESEARCH CENTER

PART OF THE MCCORMICK FOUNDATIONS

New Exhibit Features Mexican-American Big Red One Soldiers

By Krewasky A. Salter, Ph.D.

In conjunction with Cantigny Park's summer art installation (see sidebar), the First Division Museum curated a Mexican American Military Experience pop-up exhibition to run concurrently. The exhibition interprets the Mexican American military experience from the American Revolution to the present, with a specific section dedicated to the Mexican American experience in the 1st Infantry Division. What follows are four of many stories in the exhibition.

During World War I more than 5,000 Mexican Americans served, include an unknown number in the BRO. Casiano Trujillo joined the Army in El Paso, Texas, in 1917 at age 17. His 19-year-old brother Jose Trujillo and 16-year-old cousin (name unknown) also joined. They were all from El Paso. Casiano was gassed at the Battle of Cantigny and wounded at the Battle of Soissons. Although he returned home, he soon died of his wounds in September 1919. His cousin was killed at the Battle of Cantigny and brother Jose gave his life at Soissons.

During World War II, Mexican Americans served in large numbers once again. On June 6, 1944, 81mm Mortar Section Leader, Lieutenant Oswaldo Ramirez of Spanish and Mexican



Above: Casiano Trujillo in World War I with the BRO.

heritage landed with the 16th Infantry Regiment on Normandy. He served with the division from the breakout of Normandy through the pursuit across Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star for actions on November 18, 1944, while fighting near Hamich, Germany.

Among the dozen BRO Medal of Honor recipients during the Vietnam War is Sergeant Candelario "Spider" Garcia. Born in Corsicana, Texas, Candelario was Mexican American and joined the Army in 1963. Five years later, on December 8, 1968,

his acts of valor resulted in the awarding of the Medal of Honor in 2014. Candelario's citation in part reads: While conducting reconnaissance, Sergeant Garcia and his platoon discovered communication wire and other signs of an enemy base camp leading into a densely vegetated area. As the men advanced, they came under intense fire. Several men were hit and trapped in the open. Ignoring a hail of hostile bullets, Sergeant Garcia crawled to within ten meters of a machine gun bunker, leaped to his feet and ran directly at the fortification, firing his rifle as he

charged. Sergeant Garcia jammed two hand grenades into the gun port and then placed the muzzle of his weapon inside, killing all four occupants. Continuing to expose himself to intense enemy fire, Sergeant Garcia raced fifteen meters to another bunker and killed its three defenders with hand grenades and rifle fire. After again braving the enemies' barrage in order to rescue two casualties, he joined his company in an assault which overran the remaining enemy positions.

The first Mexican American to attain four-stars was General Richard E. Cavazos, who achieved that rank in 1982. General Cavazos served in the First Infantry Division twice, first as commander of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in Vietnam in 1967; and again, as commander of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division in 1976. A heroic combat veteran and two-time Distinguished Service Cross recipient for actions in the Korean War and Vietnam War, General Cavazos was one of the most inspirational leaders of his time. General Colin Powell wrote in his book, *My American Dream*: "When



Above: Lieutenant Oswaldo Ramirez who landed with the 16th Inf. on D-Day.

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Bridgehead Sentinel



Left: Sergeant Candelario "Spider" Garcia reviewed the Medal of Honor in 2014 for his valorous actions on December 8, 1969 during the Vietnam War.



Left: The first Mexican-American to attain the rank of four-stars, General Richard E. Cavazos. General Cavazos was a heroic combat veteran and two-time Distinguished Service Cross recipient for actions in the Korean War and Vietnam.



The Creatures are Coming!

This summer, an exciting outdoor art installation is coming to Cantigny Park, home of the First Division Museum. "Alebrijes: Creatures of a Dream World" will feature colorful alebrije sculptures inspired by Mexican folklore.

The word alebrijes—pronounced ah-leh-bree-hehs—refers to imaginary creatures that possess elements from different animals. They originated in the 1930s from the vivid dreams of Mexico City artist Pedro Linares. The artistic

tradition of alebrijes gained popular exposure in the United States with "Coco," the 2017 Disney/Pixar film.

At Cantigny, visitors will find 48 alebrijes throughout the gardens and grounds, created by artists from Mexico City. Throughout the exhibit, Cantigny will host related programs and special events such as garden walks, lectures, museum displays and concerts.

For more information, visit www.cantigny.org/alebrijes

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this officer talked about what it meant to be a soldier, to offer your life in the service of your country, he brought grown men to tears." (p. 273). General Norman Schwarzkopf wrote in his book, *It Doesn't Take a Hero*: He was superb at rallying the men: he'd give a morale-building speech that would bring tears to their eyes, then move through the ranks joking, backslapping, pretending to be gruff." Schwarzkopf added: "If he knew a battalion was out on a road march in the middle of

the night and it started to rain, he would drive to where the troops would pass and stand out there in the downpour and wave." (p. 210). In combat or in peacetime, General Cavazos led from the front and by example!

All of us at the First Division Museum invite you to come see this important exhibit for yourselves. We are here for you, always honoring and interpreting the proud history of the Big Red One.

