

27th Field Artillery Association
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Subject: Association Membership/Reunion 2011

To: Membership

I was asked to assume the responsibility of President of the Association last year. It has been a fast and eventful year trying to computerize our membership. It has been an honor and pleasure to take on this task. I have really enjoyed talking with many of you sharing our past experiences with the regiment. I am hoping to computerize our membership to reduce the cost of mailing and to take advantage of this new technology in expanding our membership and introducing the ease of computer communication for our membership. With "Luck" this may be our last mailing via the Postal Service.

Frequently, I have been asked "Why join the Association?" Combat service in the Artillery was a memorable period of our lives. We were not well received by our nation that asked us to serve and it has been largely Vietnam veterans that have assured this did not happen to any future generation of soldiers and we have been very successful. Now it is time to share our camaraderie, pride and reunite with one another sharing pictures and stories of our service together. This is the time to rekindle old friendships and to start new ones. Our Lifetime certificate is a beautiful statement of membership and is suitable to frame and display prominently in your home. Reunions are clearly the highlight of membership and we will meet this year @ Fort Sill, Oklahoma Oct 13, 14, 15, 2011. We encourage that you attend with your spouse and family members so they too can share in the memories of your combat service. This year we will honor the Fallen Soldiers of our Regiment with a "Wall of Honor" it will be a moving ceremony dedicated to those that gave "ALL".

The dress will be casual, with the exception of the Wall of Honor Banquet on Friday evening, which is a coat and tie event with appropriate dress for the ladies. Retired military are encouraged to wear mess dress or dress blues, if you can fit into them. Ladies this is a chance to get yourself a new dress! So get in the closet and dust off the uniforms.

Some have suggested a golf scramble. "Believe It or Not", Friday and Saturday already have tournaments booked but Carl Douglas assures me that if we have enough interest we can have a scramble on the Thursday Oct 13th. Again call 208-853-1544 and commit and I will reserve some time. Fort Sill has a beautiful and difficult course so I encourage the golfers to step up so we can make this a go!

We have negotiated a special rate with Best Western @ \$81 per night which includes a full American breakfast. Please call early and contact the hotel @ 1-800-359-0020 and identify yourself as members of the 27th FA Regiment Group to get your reservation. There is a guest van to and from the local airport. The hotel is located beside I-44at exit 37. Call a soon as you receive this newsletter to guarantee your reservation space.

I also want to thank our past and current Regimental Association leadership for their tremendous efforts and dedication to maintaining the life of our Association. Special thanks go out to Jim and Lori Suessmann, John Munnely, Fred See, and Norm Cooney. We need volunteers for association leadership positions so let us hear from you. We especially need a Chaplain for our Reunion so again telephone or email.

So mark your calendars and call to make your reservations for the reunion. More information will follow as we know the approximate number of attendees. The reunion will be a pay as you go event to facilitate ease of participation. I will attach or enclose an application for membership and remember if you have any question please give me a call @ 208-853-1544 or SKYPE-hnpark1@msn.com , my Skype name -henry.parker9. Once we receive the applications back I will put together a Membership list to send to everyone. Contact your list of fellow Artillerymen and send them an email encouraging them to attend this year's reunion.

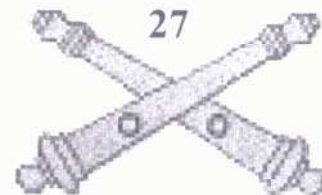
We would like to prepare a regiment challenge coin thru Eagle Crest for the reunion so email or call with your suggestions. We will have our Regimental crest and battalion mottos on the medallion with cross cannons. So let me know of your ideas so we can go to the design and have this coin ready for the reunion at a reasonable cost and distribute at the reunion.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes! I would like to _____ join or _____ renew my membership in the 27th Field Artillery Regiment Association. Please add my name to the list of members under the following category:

	Active	Retired/Inactive	Donation
Individual Membership	_____ \$10/Year	_____ \$10/Year	_____
Associate Membership	_____ \$10/Year	_____ \$10/Year	_____
Corporate Membership	_____ \$100/Year		_____
Lifetime Membership	_____ \$100/Life		_____

My current Status is: _____ Active Army _____ Retired _____ Civilian

NAME: _____ RANK: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ CELL _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

BATTALION / BATTERY _____ DATES _____

DUTY POSITION(S) _____

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