



2nd Battalion 1st Infantry Chapter, Americal Division Veterans Association (ADVA)



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Commanders Corner: Greetings to all my brothers and Sisters and families of the 2nd of the 1st 196 Infantry Brigade and all the brothers and Families of our sister units that participate with our organization. I hope everyone is doing as well as possible as we all get older. Hopefully everyone made it through the long Winter, and will have a great Spring. 2023 is moving along quickly as we are entering into the 2nd quarter of the year.



As communicated in our last Newsletter in February we unfortunately have some brothers and families dealing with health issues. I ask that everyone especially keep Ronnie Pettitt and his wife Linda in our prayers as Ronnie deals with his health issues. Also, Jesse Mendoza and his partner Eileen Boney continue to deal with Eileen's health challenges. As everyone that has been active in our group and attended reunions knows these Brothers and Sisters have been some of the most active members in in our group and I know we all hope that they can continue to do so. I know that there are others that are dealing with their own health challenges, and we also want to pray that they all get better soon.

In our last Newsletter we had John Woyansky provide an update on the First Infantry Regiment Monument project and he is providing another update in another section of the Newsletter. Unfortunately, I must report that the support that John has received is not up to the 2nd of the First standard and we need members (especially Those Members that previously volunteered) to become engaged and provide the support needed to complete this important endeavor. None of us are getting younger so completing this important project with some urgency is necessary. If we don't get it done than it will most likely never get done. We also discussed that we need all our members to step up and donate as much as they can to the financial requirements to complete this project. As of this Newsletter we have had only five of our members make donations. I realize that times are difficult these days, but I am requesting that everyone donate even if its small. Those of you that are more able financially I ask that you try to donate a little more. Hopefully at our reunion in Reno in June we will have some positive updates from John.

As Mentioned above our next reunion Reno in June is getting closer and we are hoping for a great turnout. If you haven't completed your reservations than please do so soon. Information on the Reunion can be found in this Newsletter or the 2nd of the 1st web site. Also, if to are receiving the Americal Newsletter than all the information is there. Again, we are hoping for a great turnout.

Keep safe and may the bond of battle never be broken!

Dwight Sypolt
Commander

From H Duckworth O'Brien's "A Grunt's Life": The meaning of "Boom Boom", As in every war there are business transactions between the indigenous population and the American military not sanctioned by our government. In Vietnam, certain Vietnamese women made a salary disproportionately larger than the average farmer or store clerk. Americans contributed to an unstable economy and ladies like these contributed to certain undesirable health issues at times. Additionally, an entire new segment of Vietnamese culture was created, Amer-Asians. It was a complex time.

Troops will get an extra \$100,000 in life insurance coverage March 1: Service members will automatically receive an extra \$100,000 of life insurance coverage as of March 1, increasing the maximum Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage amount to \$500,000. All service members will automatically get the increased coverage, including those who have previously reduced or declined their Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, known as SGLI. The boost in coverage applies to all those eligible for SGLI, including active duty, Guard and reserve members. Troops will pay a premium of \$31 per month for \$500,000 worth of coverage, a \$6 increase, which will be deducted from their pay. The monthly SGLI premium is the same regardless of the service member's age or other factors. Currently, troops pay \$25 a month for \$400,000 of life insurance coverage. The rate hasn't changed; the cost is still 6 cents per \$1,000 of insurance. SGLI coverage is offered in increments of \$50,000. Also on March 1, the maximum coverage for Veterans' Group Life Insurance, or VGLI, is also increasing to \$500,000, up \$100,000 from the current \$400,000. That is not automatic. Eligible veterans must request it. The Department of Veterans Affairs will now be providing \$1.45 trillion of life insurance coverage, making it the 12th largest group life insurer in the United States, said Daniel Keenaghan, executive director of the VA insurance service. The VA administers both the SGLI and VGLI insurance programs.

VA to change its motto, dropping male-only language: Veterans Affairs leaders are changing the department's mission statement from the current male-only focus to be more welcoming to women veterans, officials announced recently. The current motto — in use by VA and the Veterans Administration since 1959 — is based on an excerpt from President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address: "To fulfill President Lincoln's promise 'to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan' by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans." It's displayed prominently at about half of all VA hospitals, cemeteries and office buildings across the country. The new motto will still be based on Lincoln's words but instead reads: "To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors."



First Infantry Regiment Monument: First a little background. Rich Heroux and John Woyansky, members of the 2nd Battalion 1st Infantry Chapter, Americal Division Veterans Assoc. (ADVA) attended the dedication of the 196th LIB Monument on the "National Infantry Museum's Walk of Honor" at the home of the U.S. Army Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia. While observing the monuments of all units on the Walk of Honor, it became clear that the place of honor for the 2nd & 3rd Infantry Regiments were proudly displayed. However, Absent from this hallowed location was the monument representing the 1st Infantry Regiment. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd Infantry Regiments trace their lineage to 1791 following the Revolution War, They are the oldest Infantry units in the Army. After some preliminary discussion and research the Chapter members decided to initiate a plan of action be developed and presented at the Chapter's annual membership meeting in August 2022. The initial plan was developed and the members attending the meeting voted to start working toward raising funds in support of acquiring a monument to be erected on the ground of the Infantry Museum. A three-member team were selected to start the research and development of the details of how we were to attack this project that would include all soldiers who are (were) assigned to the 1st Regiment. There are three battalions of Infantry currently in the U.S. Army inventory stationed throughout the U. S. Army. We would require their support to help raise funds, approve the monuments design, and placement. The three members have drafted the supporting documents and plans that will be presented to all of you as they are prepared. I have included in this months Newsletter the January 2023 Status Report, by John Woyansky. We are looking for suggestions and volunteers to move this project forward to completion. At the end of this Newsletter please find the latest information prepared by John Woyansky identifying action required and assistance necessary to see this important and long over due tribute to the numerous American soldiers who sacrificed preserving freedom.

Bruce Kendrick writes: After becoming Aide-de-Camp to BG H.H.Cooksey, the new Assistant Division-Commander for the Americal Division, he and I would go to his quarters each evening before going to the general's mess for the evening meal. We used this time to go over the day's events and occasionally have the chance for BG Cooksey to meet with a newly assigned staff officers. On one such occasion the new acting G-3 was invited for cocktails. It became immediately clear that this man was different. First off, he was a major, all other primary staff officers were Lieutenant Colonels. I listened carefully as he and BG Cooksey discussed a variety of subjects. He was brilliant, charismatic, and unassuming. All the things that I had come to admire. After a half hour the General gave me the signal that we should prepare to go to the general's mess. The new G-3 and I had a short conversation where he asked about how I had become the Aide and about my time as a battalion recon platoon leader. After he left to walk over to the mess, BG Cooksey told me "Bruce, watch that young man. Someday he will be somebody." Little did I know that I had just spent time with the future Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and Secretary of State - **Colin Powell**.

Veterans Affairs drops mask requirement for all agency medical offices: Individuals will no longer be required to wear face masks throughout all Veterans Affairs medical facilities, a mandate which had been in place since the early days of the corona virus department officials announced March 3, 2023, The policy change came one day before the three-year anniversary of the first confirmed COVID-19 case at a VA medical center. Over the last 36 months, more than 857,000 individuals affiliated with the VA health care system have contracted the virus, with more than 24,000 deaths.

A man, a medal and what it takes to lead: A young Paris Davis met a handful of soldiers while attending college in the deep South in the late 1950s. Those soldiers had some words for him. "A couple of NCOs thought I might be a fair soldier," Davis told reporters. "They said I ought to go into the military. The first thing they told me 'do what the sergeants tell you, they're not going to lead you wrong.' And I did and they did and that's why we're in this room." Davis shared that memory as he spent the day being interviewed by multiple media outlets March 3, 2023, a short time before he would stand in his old uniform, festooned with ribbons, badges and medals, but with space for one more – the Medal of Honor. President Joe Biden looked at retired Army Col. Paris Davis and then to the crowd and said that this day may be the "most consequential" of any day during his presidency. "Paris, you are everything this medal means," Biden said. "And you are everything our generation aspired to be and you're everything our nation is at our best." The nation may have waited nearly six decades to right the wrong of not bestowing this medal on Davis, but the octogenarian released those prospects before weapons had cooled from the harrowing battle he'd survived.



Convert Annual Dues to Paid Life Dues: The Americal Division Veterans Association (ADVA) has very low rates for life dues. Anyone who pays annual dues are strongly encouraged to sign up for Life Dues. Paid life dues means that the member will never have to remember to write and mail a check to cover annual dues. We are getting older. It is time to begin to lessen the duties and streamline the administrative burden of the dedicated officers who administer the membership database. Annual dues reminders are sent three times a year. There are approximately 300 notices sent out each time for a total of 900 dues notices. This is about 35% of the ADVA membership. The remaining members have paid life dues. If we can cut the number of annual dues, it will save the ADVA money in printing and mailing costs. Life dues rates are as follows: Age 70 or younger, \$100. Age 71, \$90. Age 72, \$80. Age 73, \$70. Age 74, \$60. Age 75 or older, \$50. Pay the rate for the closest age at the time of payment. The ADVA is happy to announce a new incentive to encourage members to obtain Life Paid status. Once each quarter in 2023 a random drawing will be held to select the name of one member who paid life dues during the quarter. The ADVA will rebate the amount of dues that the member paid back to the member. The member must pay life dues to be entered in the drawing. Life dues can be paid at any time. Send the dues payment payable to ADVA to PNC Ronald R. Ellis, 4493 Hwy. 64W, Henderson, TX. 75652; include your **Name, Address, Telephone, Email, Americal unit, and dates served**. The National Adjutant will send a life dues paid certificate to show proof of the upgraded membership.

Questions concerning this announcement should be directed to Roger Gilmore, National Adjutant, email to gilmoraces@aol.com or telephone 214-497-6543.

Senate votes to repeal Iraq war authorizations: 20 years ago President George W. Bush received authorization for the use of military force to invade Iraq. America still holds onto its military authorizations to wage war there, more than a decade after the fighting officially stopped. Lawmakers took their first real steps in addressing that this week as the Senate voted 66-30 to repeal the authorization for use of military force

Remains of two soldiers killed in Korean War identified: Two soldiers who were killed during the Korean War have been accounted for, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Army Cpl. Carmen Carrillo was accounted for Feb. 3, 2023, and Army Master Sgt. Merritt L. Wynn on Aug. 26, 2022, according to separate releases on March 1. Wynn was a member of K Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division in late 1950. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 26, 1951, after the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces attacked his unit's position east of Unsan, North Korea, according to the agency. Wynn was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his leadership and bravery on that day.

Remains of soldier held captive in Korean War identified: The remains of an American soldier who died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War have been identified, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Army Pfc. Harry J. Hartmann was a member of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in the fall of 1950. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 2 during fighting near Unsan, North Korea. According to repatriated POWs, Hartmann was captured and held as a prisoner of war at Camp #5, Pyoktang, North Korea. He died on or around March 31, 1951. Nearly 500 sets of remains from burial sites at Camp #5 were returned to the U.S. as part of Operation Glory after the war ended. All but 38 were identified. The unidentified remains were buried in 1956 as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Remains returned by North Korea in 2018: Officials recently identified the remains of a 24-year-old Army sergeant killed during the Korean War amid the remnants in 55 boxes turned over in 2018 by North Korea to the United States. Sgt. Charles Garrigus, of Terra Haute Indiana, will be buried in Greenwood Indiana; date not yet determined, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Garrigus served as a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. Unit leadership reported Garrigus as missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950 during a battle near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Searchers found no remains immediately after the battle nor any evidence that enemy forces held Garrigus as a prisoner of war. The sergeant's remains came to U.S. possession in a July 27, 2018 following a June summit between then-President Donald Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un. North Korean officials transferred 55 boxes "purported to contain the remains of American service members killed during the Korean War.

Korean War soldier's remains identified: Although military officials thought they had the remains of a missing Army corporal months after 1950, it took another 72 years to verify his identity. Cpl. Alton Christie, 18, of Jasper, Florida died in the Korean War in July 1950. Fellow soldiers reported him missing in action on July 5 and no evidence pointed to his capture or confinement. Christie served in Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, seeing combat near Osan, South Korea before his disappearance. The Army ruled a "presumptive finding of death" on Dec. 31, 1953, and declared his remains unrecoverable in January 1956. But, in October 1950, soldiers found a set of 20 remains at Osan. Seven of those 20 were interred as unknown remains. Officials designated one of those sets X-214, thought to be Christie's. But scientists did not have enough material to clearly identify the remains. Officials then transported the

remains to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, Hawaii. "In December 2014, Christie's next of kin contacted the Army and requested the disinterment of X-214 as a potential association with Christie," according to the release. The remains were disinterred on March 7, 2016.

First time: Middle East partner military trains at a US Army center: A company of United Arab Emirates soldiers with the 11th Mountain Battalion embedded in the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division for a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana. "This company and senior leadership could not be more energized," said Lt. Gen. Patrick D. Frank, commander of U.S. Army Central Command. Frank told Army Times that successful partner rotations such as this have an exponential effect. U.S. leadership can take the results of this event and showcase them to other partners in the region to illustrate why training with the United States at its centers holds value. The evolution kicked off with a brigade-level live fire, Emirati soldiers worked as one of the brigade's companies during defensive operations, at least two air assaults and an offensive attack at the end of the rotation, Frank said. But the Emirati soldiers began preparations for this rotation in September with a team of a dozen U.S. soldiers, one major and eleven experienced noncommissioned officers from the 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade. Col. Zachary Miller, 3rd SFAB commander, told Army Times that while his brigade has had a CENTCOM focus from its inception, that focus was aimed more at Afghanistan and Iraq. But with U.S. involvement in those past conflicts reduced, there are more chances for other partnerships to grow.

20 years after invading Iraq, U.S. Troops are still holding things together there: It's been nearly 20 years since a U.S.-led military coalition invaded Iraq and toppled Saddam Hussein, and U.S. troops are still fighting alongside the Iraqi government to stabilize the country's security situation. In February, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) conducted 33 partnered operations with coalition military personnel targeting Islamic State group militants, according to the latest data from U.S. Central Command, the exact same number it conducted in January of 2023. While the U.S. hasn't conducted any unilateral operations in Iraq since the start of the year (CENTCOM did not disclose data on those carried out there in 2022), if partnered operations continue at this rate they will outstrip last year's total of 191 operations just over halfway through this year, suggesting that the U.S. counterterrorism operations in Iraq, like in Syria and Somalia, are slowly heating up once again. "We are focused on ensuring the enduring defeat of ISIS," CENTCOM commander Gen. Michael "Erik" Kurilla said in a statement accompanying the February operations data. "We continue to work with our partners to take the fight to ISIS in both [Iraq and Syria]."

Military Exposures & Your Health, Gulf War Veterans: A newsletter for Veterans with service since 1990, is now available online four times a year instead of twice a year, so you can receive the latest information more quickly on VA news, benefits, research, and more. Read the latest issue, which covers toxic exposure screening, burn pit registry updates, and contaminated water at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, at <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/publications/military-exposures/meyh-8/index.asp>.

When Cain killed Abel with a rock,
God did not confiscate all the rocks.
God blamed Cain, not the rock.

Hello fellow 1st Platoon B Company Vets: Happened to just read in depth my Oct Nov Dec 2022 Americal Journal and saw Young Ruff's px - picture. One of the nice things about attending these periodic reunions is we run into old soldiers we all honorably served with many moons ago. Even running into one will make your day! Young Ruff and I got together at the Sept 2021 Indianapolis reunion. We hadn't seen each other in many many years ...I'm bringing this up now in early March, as if there is any way physically and financially you can make the upcoming June 11 -16, 2023 reunion in Reno - please consider booking it now. Go to: <https://americal.org/cmsaml/index.php/reunions.html>. No sense stating the obvious, but I will anyway - "we're not getting any younger." First Platoon lost some great men the past 10 years or so. I miss them all....and I know you do too! Will we recognize each other, probably not...until the stories and good and bad memories begin. You know the ones - how we went up high degree mountains in 120 degree weather during monsoon with full backpack load, with an occasional sniper fire to keep us loose..or moving with the accompanying RF Vietnamese troops shooting coconuts out of trees and chickens to eat that eve. Yada, yada... If you could do the above, you can get your ass to Reno. Love to see you there, LT Jerry Hughes



Soldiers remove unexploded shell unearthed at Gettysburg Civil War site: An unexploded 3-inch shell casing from the Civil War stopped traffic this week in Gettysburg while U.S. military technicians investigated the Pennsylvania battlefield finding. U.S. Army explosive ordnance disposal soldiers, who made a 92-mile journey from their headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va., removed and destroyed the round, which was discovered during an archaeological dig at Gettysburg National Park. "This type of munition was historically used during the Civil War and most likely came from the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863," Capt. Matthew Booker, the commander of the 55th Ordnance Company, said in a statement. The round was identified by Staff Sgt. Alexander Campbell, the EOD team leader, as a 3-inch Burton case shot, which was commonplace at the time. It was found by Steven Brann, a contract archaeologist who was sweeping the Little Round Top area under renovations with a metal detector recently. "He laid it gently on the ground, took a picture of it and ran for the hills," said Jason Martz, spokesman for Gettysburg National Military Park, according to a CNN report.



First unit gets new Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicles replacing old M113s: The U.S. Army recently delivered the first BAE Systems-made Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicles to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia, marking the beginning of the end for M113 armored personnel carriers used since the 1960s. "It's been a long journey; about a decade ago, the Army embarked on an effort to modernize its armored brigade combat teams," Jim Schirmer, deputy program executive officer for the U.S. Army's Program Executive Office Ground Combat Systems, told reporters in a March 14 briefing. The 3rd Infantry Division is the first of its type to have a fully modernized armored brigade combat team with Abrams SepV3 tanks, M2A4 Bradley infantry combat vehicles, M109A7

Paladin Integrated Management howitzers and now Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicles. The AMPV shares common components with the howitzers and Bradley vehicles, including tracks, engines and transmissions, and will reduce the logistical burden on the unit, Schirmer said. The milestone also signals a full-rate production decision is just around the corner for the program, which is expected by the end of the month, he added. BAE was recently awarded a \$245.6 million contract to buy long-lead items to keep production moving.



Finalists DEROS; \$20.00 Wager: This story is about two soldiers assigned to Weapons Platoon, Bravo Company, 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division (23d Infantry Division), in I Corp, RVN; 1971-1972. SGT Robert "Bob" Hemmis from California, and SGT Larry Cannon from Iowa. Bob Hemmis was a line soldier assigned to the 81 mm mortar gun pit, while Larry was assigned to the Fire Direction Center. Most of us knew by local knowledge, we would not likely have a full 12-month combat tour. Some units were already exercising withdrawal procedures. We were already receiving replacements from those Units that were ordered to stand down as units were deactivated. The rumor mills speculating the DEROS (Date Estimated Return from Over Seas), were working overtime. There was always talk about going home to our loved ones, and back to a normal life. At that time, we were not aware a normal life was not going to happen for most of us. Like most of our brothers in arms, we were always thinking of ways to break up the routine. So, knowing some of us were going to DEROS earlier than others, Sgts. Hemmis and Cannon decided to make a \$20.00 bet on who would be the first to rotate. No one in the platoon except the two sergeants knew about this DEROS wager. Most of us would not even find out about this wager until over forty (40+) years later. During one of our platoon reunions in Sequim, WA in 2017, this DEROS wager was revealed. At the time, none of us knew what Sgt. Cannon's status was or even if he was still vertical. We had all lost contact with him after Vietnam. That would change in October of 2018 with a reunion in Glendale, WI. Sgt. Cannon's post-Vietnam story would mirror many post-Vietnam stories. Both Sgt Hemmis and Sgt Cannon agreed over the phone to settle the \$20 debt. They would eventually meet at Sgt Cannon's AZ residence on February 19, 2019. In the below picture Bob has handed Larry the \$20 bill after over 40 years have passed. Bob DEROS Aug 5, 1971, & Larry Apr 27, 1972. By: Larry Tallacus



SGT. L Cannon & R Hemmis, shined boots & clean uniforms

The Debt is settled!

Courage isn't having the strength to go on; it is going on when you don't have strength.



1st US Infantry Regiment Association, Project Status, 23 MARCH 2023

Since the last status report in January, we are still making slow progress for the 1st INF RGT Project. You might recall from the last status report and the Annual Meeting in August that the 2-1INF Chapter of the ADVA approved funds (\$1000.00) to initiate action to establish the 1st US Infantry Regiment Association with the intent of putting a memorial to the Regiment at the National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Ga. To date we have spent about \$400.00 on actions taken.

Our **website** managers WEGOTYOURBACK LLC purchased the Domain Name and built the initial 1st US INF RGT ASSOC site (<https://www.1stusinfregtassoc.org/>). Anyone have any experience with “**WordPress**,” a web tool? I will try to get a few pages constructed and link our 2-1 Inf site as well.

We signed a two-year MOU, effective through 31 DEC 2024, with the **Americal Legacy Foundation (ALF)** to accept donations for funding of initial steps of the project to purchase a plot, design, purchase and emplace a Monument/Memorial to the soldiers of the 1st INF REGT. According to Roger Gilmore, ALF, donations received from members are at about **\$2,600.00**. **Spencer Baba is also keeping track of these donations by members.**

If you have the means, PLEASE donate to the project!

Donations **PAYABLE** to ALF, with a note/purpose: **FOR 1stUSINFREGT Project Send to: ALF, C/O Roger Gilmore, P.O. Box 830662, Richardson, TX 75080** IF the project is not followed through, ALF will refund to the association any residual funds.

With a thought to donations, we have drafted the following table to try to generate more of a donation stream from our membership. It is not complete by any stretch, but it is good enough for now. However, if you have comments or suggestions, let me and the Chapter Leadership know.

1st US INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

DONATION STRUCTURE

LEVEL	NAME	MEMBERSHIP	DONATION	TOTAL ^{1,2}	HONORARIUM ³
1	GRUNT	Yearly	\$50.00	\$55.00	Membership Card/ Donor
2	SQUAD LDR	LIFE	\$100.00	\$150.00	LIFE Card, Member Certificate
3	PLATOON LDR	LIFE	\$200.00	\$250.00	Certificate
4	COMPANY	LIFE	\$500.00	\$550.00	Regimental Coin & Certificate
5	BATTALION	LIFE	\$950.00	\$1,000.00	TBD
6	REGIMENTAL	LIFE	\$3,000.00	\$3,050.00	TBD
7	LEGIONNAIRE	NA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	LEGIONNAIRE Certificate
8	CENTURIAN	NA	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	TBD

1: Totals are cumulative over time
 2: Totals are after LIFE plus Donation
 3: Honorarium TBD dependent on vendor capabilities
 TBD: TO BE DETERMINED



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I contacted the US Army National Infantry Museum (NIM) to find the coordinator for memorials on the *Walk of Honor* behind the museum. 1SG (RET) Michaela Tyndel, Manager of Unit and Family Relations, NIM, is our POC. There were three available plots for a monument near the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Regiment memorials in late Sept 2022. The NIM *Monument Placement Policy* specifies an 18-month timeline from signing the agreement to placing the memorial. This poses a problem since we do not have financing for the whole project, which might be from \$20-25,000; consequently, we have not signed this as of yet. I have asked a member, Joe Feliciano, who lives in Columbus GA, to act as our on-scene representative..

The following attendees signed up to help on the Regimental Project: Spencer Baba, Edward Bennis, Young Ruff, Rich Renaldo, Tom Ellis, and John Woyansky.

Started a *1st US Infantry Regiment Association* Group on Face book on 20 November 2022, but as of 22 NOV no contacts.

The current balance in 1st US Infantry Regiment Assoc BOA account is \$100.00. A \$100 donation was sent to the ALF for the Regiment.

The current balance in the 2-1 INF ADVA Chapter BOA account as of 22 March 2023 is \$ 4,808.06.

Contacted Columbus Monument Company for an initial assessment of costs for the 1stUSINFREGT Project monument. We need to look for two additional vendors for this type of action.

No commitments without consent of 2-1 INF Assoc Officers and Members.

IF you want to get involved in this Project, please contact John G. Woyansky, Secretary/Treasurer 2-1INF CHAPTER of ADVA:

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