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FIELD ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION  
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## From The President's Corner

Welcome to our second edition of the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Association's newsletter. Thanks again to Charles (Chuck) Carter for his hard work in getting this newsletter put together. We hope you will enjoy it. If you have any articles and/or stories that you want to be published, please send them to Chuck to review. Become a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Association by completing the membership application in this newsletter, so you won't miss a copy. Memberships start on January 1<sup>st</sup> and run through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Help support the Association by becoming a member. Dues support our website and various other expenses and programs.

As I am writing this, there is a light rain falling and it seems like everything was getting greener right before

my eyes. Then I think back to Vietnam and remember when it rained there that all we had was mud. What a difference it is. I think we have all been waiting for spring so we can get out more and do the things we like to do. Do it now while you can as you never know what lays ahead in our lives.

I urge you to plan to attend the 2010 reunion which will be in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>h</sup> of September.

The website has drawn some hits and with that we gained several new members. Please pass the word to anyone that you know that was in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery.

You can view it at [www.4-42faassn.com](http://www.4-42faassn.com).

Please remember those who are still engaged in combat on foreign soil.

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## Special points of interest:

- See upcoming events for info on upcoming reunions.
- Application for Membership enclosed.



We're on the Web. You can find our Website at:

[www.4-42faassn.com](http://www.4-42faassn.com)



## Veteran's Benefits Updates

Checked on veteran's benefits lately? Many benefits are available for OEF/OIF veterans. For more information on these benefits, go to: <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>. For Vietnam veterans, the VA has added some more presumptive diseases to Agent Orange exposure. This brings the total to 15 diseases considered presumptive due to Agent Orange exposure. For more information on this, go to:

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/>. Don't forget about possible state benefits either.

Many states also provide benefits for veterans. For more information on these go to:

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-benefits/state-veterans-benefits-directory>.

**PRESIDENT’S CORNER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)**

I recently got the book “5 Years to DROS”. What I have read so far is very interesting. If you want to get a copy, which sell for \$19.50, please contact Gene Shaw or I for information on where to get it. Don’t forget the reunion at Ft. Sill, 23-26 September. Info on reunion and registration form is included in this newsletter.

May all of you have a wonderful summer with your family and friends..

Alan

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### Were You There?

In an effort to better tell our story, we would like to begin a new feature in the next addition. Many of us participated in many battles/fire fights/contact missions and interspersed with fun (although a different kind of fun) events. Some of these fun events included visits from dignitaries and our ever wonderful "Donut Dollies".

What we need from you is some input—your stories told your way. Some examples are:

The Ban Me Tuot attack on A Battery in 1968, the battles on 24 April 69 & 27 May 69 supported by B Battery from LZ Mile High, the C Battery battles around Dak To.

How about some highlights on Donut Dolly visits to firebases? How about some stories on recent deployments of the Battalion in support of OIR or GWOT?

Send me your stories or call me & we'll talk about them.

E-mail: [chuck.carter1@comcast.net](mailto:chuck.carter1@comcast.net)

or

Phone: 601-605-8927

Missing a 4-42 FA buddy or someone you'd like to check on? Submit their names and we'll help you try to find them.

### WHAT'S UP IN THE 4-42 FA TODAY?



LTC Craig Berryman  
Commander

#### Leadership



CSM Joseph Crandal  
CSM

## WHERE ARE THEY? Can you help find these men?

### Btry A

SP4 Kenneth Arnold Oregon 68  
 SGT Frederick Beach Kansas 69-70  
 CPT William Burke Oklahoma 68

1SG Charles Robinson ? 66-67  
 SP4 Ronald Martin Illinois 68-69  
 SP4 Billy Bragg West Virginia 69

SGT Phillip Nichols New Mexico 69-70  
 1LT Ronald Peters ? 69-70

### Btry C

HSB

### Btry B

SGT Williams Mims Texas 69-70

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 4th Infantry Division Association

July 4-9, 2011  
 Branson, MO  
 (Radisson Hotel)



### 1-12 Infantry

Sep 2—4, 2010  
 St Louis, MO  
 (Doubletree St Louis)



### 4-42 FA Association

23-26 Sep 2010  
 IHC HOTEL  
 AULTMAN HALL  
 Ft. Sill, OK.



### 22nd Infantry Regiment

April 14—17, 2011  
 Atlanta, GA



# REUNION REGISTRATION



## **4th Battalion, 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Assn. Reunion**

**When:** September 23-26, 2010

**Where:** IHG Army Hotels - Ft. Sill, Bldg 5676, Aultman Hall, Fergusson Rd.  
Ft. Sill, OK      Enter Ft. Sill at the “Key Gate”

We invite all soldiers and veterans that are serving or served with the 4/42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment to gather in fellowship at this reunion. Bring your spouse/guest along too.

It has been many, many years since some of us have been together, now is the time to get reacquainted and gain new friendships for a fun filled weekend of stories and photos. Those of us who have attended prior reunions have had an exciting time, renewed old friendships and gained new ones.

Thursday evening through Saturday evening, relax at the hospitality room which will be available for the whole weekend. There will be snacks and soft drinks available. There we can gather to renew friendships, to refresh memories, show photos, meet people who were in the unit before and after each of us and to learn more about our fellow brothers. You are encouraged to bring your mementos and photos to share.

Friday morning you are on your own. Friday afternoon at 2:00 pm there will be a business meeting. Friday evening will be the banquet at 7:00pm with the Social Hour at 6:00pm.

Saturday morning at 10:00pm we expect to have a military bus and guide to tour the post depending final decision by Ft. Sill officials. The tour, which we expect to include the Artillery museum, will end back at the hotel by 2:00pm. with time for afternoon relaxation and gathering in the hospitality room.

Sunday morning will be the time for final photos and goodbyes. Then it's either the return trip home or more sightseeing on your own. The schedule is subject to change.

We have worked to try to get the best prices available for this weekend. Our intentions are to create a memorable weekend where you can come together with others to perpetuate our legacy as a combat and peace time unit that served with honor and distinction. We would love to have each and every one of you come and enjoy the weekend.

Planning Committee

## 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Assn. Reunion

**Where:** IHG Army Hotels – Ft. Sill

Bldg 5676, Aultman Hall, Ferguson Rd.

Ft. Sill, OK 73503      Enter Ft. Sill at Key Gate

Phone number for reservations: 580-442-5000, Mention “4/42<sup>nd</sup> Arty Reunion”

Room rates for this reunion will \$65.00 per night plus tax ( 3.09). Everyone **must** individually register with the hotel. Insure you mention **the 4/42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Assn. Reunion** to get reservations. All major credit cards are accepted.

**When:** September 23-26, 2010

**Registration Fee:** \$25.00 per person

Includes hospitality room, snacks and soft drinks.

**Friday Night Sit Down Dinner:** You have the following Choices:

**Baron Beef:** \$26.00 per person or **Chicken Terrayaki:** \$24.00 per person

A check to cover the costs of the registration fee and Dinner with the registration form must be received by Wayne Wright no later than **September 10, 2010**. We hope that each of you will attend this reunion and renew old friendships and make new ones.

If you have any questions or if you are not on our contacted roster, please contact Alan Bahl at 816-436-9663 or by e-mail at [vikesagb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vikesagb@sbcglobal.net).

# 4th Battalion, 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Reunion Registration Form

Form must be received by September 10, 2010

Make all checks payable to: 4/42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Assn.

Mail to:

4<sup>th</sup> Bn. 42<sup>nd</sup> Fld Arty Assn.

Attn: Wayne Wright

4005 Markle Rd.

La Crosse, WI 54601

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Battery: \_\_\_\_\_ DATES SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: -----\$25 per adult- Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes hospitality suite, snacks and soft drinks

Sept. 24 Banquet Dinner: -----Baron Beef--\$26 each --Number of Baron Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Terrayaki--\$24 each ---- Number of Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Confirmation of Registration will be sent out by September 15, 2010. A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable. Call the IHG Army Hotels – Ft. Sill at 580-442-5000, ASAP to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention that you are with the 4/42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Assn. Reunion to receive the rate of \$65 per night/plus tax. These rates may be available pending on availability prior to and after the event should you choose to extend your stay. Please check with hotel reservations.

# Association Membership Application



## 4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION 42<sup>ND</sup> FIELD ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

### Application for Membership

Having served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery, I hereby apply for membership and agree to abide by its Constitution, Rules and By-Laws. I have enclosed \$20.00 for annual dues.

\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

**ERA Served (Check One):** \_\_\_\_\_ WWII \_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_ Cold War (Germany)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Peacetime \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify)

**I am:** \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty

**I served/am serving with (Battery)** \_\_\_\_\_ **during years** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: 4<sup>th</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Assn.

Mail Application and Check to:

4<sup>th</sup> Bn., 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Assn.

Attn: Chuck Carter

122 East Hill Drive

Madison, MS 39110