



**President's
Corner
February 2026**



Team,
Happy New
Year everyone.
I hope this new
year finds you



and your family happy and
healthy. We are now only 3
months out from saving the
date and ROOM for the 2026 -
22nd Infantry Reunion (14-17
May 2026), it is time for deeds
and not words. So, let's get

everyone registered now and make this the most attended Reunion ever! Hotel registration information: Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel for 149.00 USD per night. Book your group rate for 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion by copying and pasting this URL: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1751905765340&key=GRP&app=revslink> into your browser or call 1-800-325-3535 and give the operator the group code: GU8 - 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion.

We have some outstanding selections for your buffet meal on Friday and Sit-down dinner on Saturday! Please fill out your **registration form** in this newsletter and email or snail-mail it to **Lovie Moran** with your payment using PayPal, Zelle, or mailed check.



Make sure you sign up for the golf tournament at the Lincoln Park Golf Course on the registration form and/or send me an email at mark.woempner@gmail.com. The four tee times will fill up quickly our tee times start at 0900 15 May 2026.

In some less happy news **Dawn Esposito** passed away since our last newsletter. A Gold Star mother and advocate for the Triple Deuce for many years. **Jim May** has a few words about her a little later. He and I were talking about Dawn and our conversation turned to all the other Gold Star families we have lost touch with over the years. We will be dedicating time this Spring to renew those bonds between the Society and our Gold Star families.

Speaking of which, I'm sure everyone has heard the 22nd Infantry Regiment has a new Medal of Honor winner, **Michael Ollis** of the Triple Deuce. He died of combat wounds resulting from his actions in August 2013 in the Ghanzi province of Afghanistan. I had the honor of meeting his parents, **Bob and Linda Ollis**, at the Triple Deuce Unit Ball in October of 2021. I watched on the News as Bob had a telephone conversation with President Trump last week. Please put all the gold star families in your thoughts and prayers.

We decided this year's Reunion gift from the Regiment will be pint beer glasses with unit crest on them. We ordered a bunch of them so make sure get signed up for the reunion and grab a couple. Needless to say this Reunion will be at a great venue with a lot of folks I

haven't seen since our last reunion – and I look forward to the lively conversations and tipping back a beverage with you (In our new 22nd Infantry glasses! I think this gets everyone up to date from November. I am so thankful to be surrounded by American Patriots and freedom fighters! Freedom is not Free, is paid for with the blood of the current generation holding the baton to keep this country free. Thank You each and everyone of you for your service to this great nation!



Oskaloosa M. Smith

Oskaloosa Minnewando Smith can be considered the first Historian of the 22nd Infantry Regiment. In 1895 the Military Service Institution of the United States undertook a project that would compile a short history of each of the Army's active units. Oskaloosa Smith was chosen to write the entry for the 22nd Infantry, and his work is the earliest attempt at writing a history of the Regiment.

Smith's work gave a short history of the 22nd Infantry from its re-activation in 1866 to the year 1890, and his narrative concentrated mostly on the years the Regiment was actively engaged against **Sitting Bull** and the Sioux.

Smith had a long and colorful career in the Army, serving for thirty-seven years, twenty-one of those years with the 22nd Infantry. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 31st Infantry when that organization was merged with the 22nd Infantry in 1869, and he would serve with the 22nd until 1890, when he was transferred to the Subsistence Department and he became a Commissary of Subsistence.

His official history in the US Army Registers, Annual Reports to the Secretary of War and the official histories of the 22nd Infantry is thus:

Enlisted as a musician in Company I of the 13th Indiana Regiment of Infantry on December 1, 1861, and served with that unit until November 30, 1864, during which time he attained the rank of Quartermaster Sergeant.

He was appointed a 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant of the 155th Indiana Regiment of Infantry on April 25, 1865, and served with that organization until mustered out on August 4, 1865.



He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the 31st United States Infantry on June 18, 1867.

Smith was officially transferred to the 22nd Infantry on May 15, 1869. Acting Assistant Quartermaster at Camp Crow Creek Agency, Dakota Territory - August 18, 1870 to May 5, 1871.

He commanded the detachment of the 22d Infantry in the fight with the Brule Indians in their attack on Ponca Agency, Dakota Territory, on June 14, 1872.

He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on June 28, 1876. Smith was Regimental Quartermaster of the 22nd Infantry from June 25, 1879 to October 1, 1881. He was the Regimental Adjutant of the 22nd Infantry from October 1, 1881 to May 22, 1884.

In 1885 he was assigned to Fort Sam Houston in Texas. Here he was Judge Advocate and Aide-de-Camp to **Brigadier General David S. Stanley.**

He was awarded a Brevet promotion to Captain on February 27, 1890, for gallant services in action with the 22nd Infantry against Indians at Spring Creek, Montana, October 15 and 16, 1876.

On August 14, 1890 he was offered the position of Captain, Commissary of Subsistence, in the Subsistence Department of the Army, which he accepted on August 30 of that year, leaving the 22nd Infantry after being with the Regiment for 21 years.

He was promoted to Major, Commissary of Subsistence, on November 15, 1897. He was given the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Commissary of Subsistence from July 22, 1898 to March 2, 1899.

Smith retired as a Major on February 12, 1900.

He was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He is listed in the Army Register of 1911 as having died in Lausanne, Switzerland on March 23, 1910. He was 64 years old.

Oskaloosa M. Smith is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

Michael Belis, DMOR

Coming Soon!

The 2026 Reunion is coming soon, so sign up now. Make your hotel reservations and fill out your registration forms, you don't want to miss it. On Friday night we will have a guest speaker, LTC Joe Finch (USA Ret.), who was a helicopter pilot in the 25th Division in 1969, and medevacked many Triple Deuce soldiers who were wounded, brought needed supplies out to the field, and flew gunships in support during firefights. He will present his slide presentation after the buffet dinner. In a wonderful coincidence, the Traveling Wall, the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in D.C., will be displayed in Edmond, a suburb of Oklahoma City, on the same days as our reunion. This is a must-see for our Vietnam veterans.

The Sheraton Hotel is literally at the center of OKC, and is close to most of the major attractions. Oklahoma City has a downtown trolley system that makes loops through the business district and the entertainment district, with a stop in front of the hotel, and in May all rides on the trolley will be free of charge. Within a few blocks of the hotel are a host of places to visit, including the Bricktown entertainment district with clubs, restaurants, and the National Banjo



Museum; the Bricktown Canal, with water taxis, more restaurants and bars, a miniature golf

course, an arcade, and life-sized statuary replicating the Land Run of 1889; the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and Museum; the Myriad Gardens



Crystal Bridge; Scissortail Park; the Paycom Center, home of the OKC Thunder; the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark (AAA); and a huge Bass Pro Shop. All are within walking distance, or you can ride the trolley. The hotel is also connected to the OKC Tunnels, a brightly lit and colorful system of tunnels that connect major buildings downtown and serve as tornado shelters if needed.

A mile or two to the southwest of the hotel is the Riversport complex, which offers white-water rafting and canoeing, and will be the site of some events in the 2028 Summer Olympics. Across the river is OKANA, a resort with what is listed as the world's largest indoor water park. Next to OKANA is the First Americans Museum, built and curated by the many tribes that now call



Oklahoma home, and which shows the history of Native Americans from their point of view.

Fifteen minutes north of the hotel is Remington Park, a huge area that includes a great golf course, the National Softball Hall of Fame and ballpark that is the site of the softball events of the 2028 Summer Olympics, the OKC Zoo, the Oklahoma Science Museum, and the Remington Park horse racing track and casino. Just a half mile north of Remington Park is the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, which is huge and rivals the Smithsonian museums on the Mall in DC.

All of this is in addition to the main purpose of the reunion, which to reconnect with our combat brothers. And I think we all recognize how important that is to our mental health.

How to get to the hotel:

If you are driving in from the west or southwest, stay on I-40 East until you see

exit 150A for Shields Blvd. At the light, turn left and go north two blocks, at which point the street becomes E.K. Gaylord Blvd. Go another two blocks, staying in the left lane, to Sheridan Ave and turn left. Go 1 ½ blocks west on Sheridan and turn into the Century Center parking garage. Go up to the third floor and find a space at the east side of the garage. There is a covered walkway there to the hotel.

If you are coming up I-35 from the south, just before you reach I-40, stay in the left lane and take the left exit, 125C, to Oklahoma City Blvd. Drive about four blocks to E.K. Gaylord Blvd, just past the overhead railroad viaduct, and turn right. Go two blocks north and turn left on Sheridan, and then go 1 ½ blocks west to the parking garage. Go to the east side of the third floor of the garage. The hotel has an entrance on the east wall.

If you are coming from the north or northwest, follow I-35 south to where it merges briefly with I-40 west, and stay in the right lane. Take exit 151A for Oklahoma City Blvd., go a few blocks until you pass under the railroad viaduct, and turn right on E.K. Gaylord Blvd. Two blocks north you will turn left on Sheridan Ave. and go 1 ½ blocks to take a right into the Century Center parking garage. Go up to the third floor and find a space on the east side. Look for the hotel entrance.

Once you have parked your car, go into the hotel and take the elevator down to the first floor to check in. Then go to the 2nd floor where our registration desk will be, as well as our hospitality/meeting/banquet room. All alcoholic beverages will be in a suite on the 12th floor, due to local liquor laws.

Those who are flying to the reunion need only to get their luggage at the terminal, walk outside, and use a taxi, Lyft, Uber, or Airport Express shuttle (all require payment) to take you to the hotel, about 15 minutes away. Expect to pay about \$30 per ride.

If anyone is taking Amtrak, from the station walk ½ block north to Sheridan, one block west to Broadway, and ½ block north to the hotel entrance.

If you have not yet made your hotel reservations, you should do so immediately. If the OKC Thunder makes the playoffs again this year, the downtown hotels will fill up rapidly. I highly recommend using the internet link [Book your group rate for 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion](#) . It is simple and works well. I tried calling the 1-800 number to make reservations for our guest speaker, and was connected to someone in a third world country whose command of the English language was marginal. It took nearly 30 frustrating minutes of both of us repeating ourselves to make the reservation, and it still wasn't done correctly. I had to call the hotel directly to get it straightened out. So if you have to call, I recommend calling the hotel front desk: 405-235-2780. Mention: GU8-22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion

**David Allin, DMOR
A Co./HHC 1969-70**

Staff Sergeant Michael H. Ollis Medal of Honor

The White House has approved the Medal of Honor for fallen **Army Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis**, a Staten Island, New York, native who died in Afghanistan in 2013, while shielding an allied soldier.



Editor's Note: At time of Newsletter publication, the Citation for the Medal of Honor was not published. Below is the Citation for the Distinguished Service Cross.

Distinguished Service Cross Citation

Department of the Army, General Orders No. 2019-32 (October 16, 2019)^[9]

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to **Staff Sergeant Michael Harold Ollis**, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States while serving as an Infantryman with Company B, 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light), in combat operation in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM on August 28, 2013, in Afghanistan. When a complex enemy attack involving vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, suicide vests, indirect fire, and small arms fire against Forward Operating Base Ghazni began, Staff Sergeant Ollis ordered his fellow Soldiers who were located in a building to move to bunkers to shield themselves from fire. After accounting for his Soldiers, he reentered the building to check for any casualties and then moved toward the enemy force which had penetrated the perimeter of the forward operating base. Staff Sergeant Ollis located a Coalition Forces Officer and together they moved toward the point of attack without their personal protection equipment and armed only with their rifles. Upon reaching the attack point he and his comrade linked up with other friendly forces and began a coordinated effort to repulse the enemy from the airfield and adjacent buildings. While under continuous small arms, indirect, and rocket propelled grenade fires. Staff Sergeant Ollis and his comrades moved from position to position engaging the enemy with accurate and effective fire. While fighting along the perimeter of the forward operating base, an insurgent came around a corner and immediately engaged them with small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety. Staff Sergeant Ollis positioned himself between the insurgent and the Coalition

Forces Officer who had been wounded in both legs and was unable to walk. Staff Sergeant Ollis fired on the insurgent and incapacitated him, but as he approached the insurgent, the insurgent's suicide vest detonated mortally wounding him. Staff Sergeant Ollis' actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and the United States Army.

Dear Fellow Americans,

We are extremely grateful to the President of the United States for recognizing the heroism of our son, **U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michael Ollis**, with the Medal of Honor. As Michael's parents, nothing can ever fill the void left in our hearts, which is also felt by our daughters, Kimberly and Kelly, as well as their spouses, Bill and Dave and their children. Knowing that Michael's life, legacy and final act of courage have not been forgotten leaves us with a feeling of overwhelming pride and eternal gratitude.

There are many more people to thank, which we most certainly plan to do in the days ahead. For now, we wish to thank God for the 24 years that our son had on earth. Many people are alive today because Michael lived, which is a blessing.

Live Like Mike! Deeds Not Words!
With Love,

Bob and Linda Ollis

How Many More

How many more Reunions will we be able to attend? All of us need to answer that question. My first Reunion was the St Louis Reunion held in 2002. Mike and Cathy Groves were the sponsors. I don't know the exact attendance numbers, but I do remember that there were many 22nd WW II Vets in attendance. I remember how well we, 22nd Vietnam Vets, were treated. We weren't looked down upon by the WW II Vets, it was the opposite, they thanked us for our service

to the Nation. I also remember the story sharing and the common thread that ran through the stories being told by the WW II Vets and the Vietnam Vets. I came away with the impression that, although these stories took place many years apart and in different places on the earth, that they were similar. There was a common thread, there was something that our war experiences made us equal. Well, we no longer share our time and stories with the WW II Vets. Time takes its toll.

I also remember the bantering between VN 222 Vets who served in different companies. The Boat Originals had some serious fun with one another.

And then there was the bantering between the MECH Vets and the Legs. Many of these stories were told by someone from 1/22 or 3/22 and usually involved a telling about all the stuff that had to carry. **Skip Fahel** was very good at selecting the appropriate time to say. "Why didn't you put it in the track?" The response was generally a slew of 'bad words' followed up by laughter.

I mention all of this because I'd like to see as many Vietnam Vets as possible attend the OKC reunion. I'd like to see the Vietnam Vets sitting with and sharing stories with the AFG-IRAQ Vets. I'd like to see this tradition carried on into the future when time has taken its toll on the Vietnam Vets.

I know that many of the Vietnam Vets hold Mini-Reunions and I applaud them for doing so. My hope is that these close bonded Vets can attend the OKC Reunion while many of us are still able. There is no telling How Many More reunions we will be able to attend.

Jim May, HMOR
Prov., Co 1968

Anne Koop Teague

Following in the footsteps of her father, **Arthur S. Teague**, who commanded the 3/22 during World War II. On September 10 and

11, the Twenty Second Infantry France had the honor and privilege of welcoming Anne Koop Teague to guide her in the footsteps of her father.

After several months of email correspondence with **Gordon Thompson**, husband of Anne's sister-in-law, the date of their visit and our meeting was set for September 10 and 11. As usual, we prepared a historical tour for them so that she could see the places where her father fought in Normandy. A tour filled



with displays at strategic locations.

The program included a presentation of the D-Day uniform in a replica landing craft on Utah Beach. Then we took them to the beach itself, where a wreath of white roses was laid in the water. We also gave them a vial that they could fill with sand from Utah Beach. Then we drove them to the 4th Infantry Division monument, where Anne was able to pay her respects and lay roses once again.

After that, we had a convivial meal at the Roosevelt, where we learned a lot from each other.



Then we all went to **Isaac Curtis Phillips'** grave to lay a wreath. Following this, we began our historical journey in the footsteps of the 3/22nd. We visited places such as the Azeville battery, Fontenay-sur-Mer, Quineville, Montebourg, Le Theil, Pointe du Heux, and Maupertus Airport.

Finally, we ended with a ceremony at our monument, inaugurated two years ago with **Mark Woempner**, where I had the honor of accompanying Anne to lay a wreath.

The stay was short but emotionally intense, and it was an encounter that no one from the 22nd Infantry France present will ever forget.

Thank you to them.

Loic Parent, HMOR

Fort Drum Visit-February 5-6, 2026

As the dates indicate, my visit was a very short one. The purpose of the visit was to attend an ORG DAY event. This event was scheduled for 6 February because the Battalion has been scheduled for deployment prior to 2-22 February, Triple Deuce Day. My trip was different this time. I drove from my home into Canada and traveled thru Cannada on mostly major highways and then reentered the USA near Alexandria Bay.

Once in the USA it was straight ride down I 81 to the Main Gate at Ft Drum. Total time, about 7.5 hours as opposed to 9.5 hours.

Chris Tuccio, "HHC" 2/22, 2004 greeted me at BN HQ, he had been at Ft Drum for a couple of days visiting friends, Air Force Types, who are stationed at Wheeler Field.

Dave Thomas, "C" Co. and the AT Platoon, 2000-2004 came by and told us that he had family obligations that would keep him too busy to visit with the Troops on ORG DAY. Family does come first.

I visited with the new **CSM, Donley**. During the visit I learned that he had been with 1-22 at Ft Carson. He showed me a 1-22 Challenge Coin when I presented him with a 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Challenge Coin. The conversation was mostly about all the changes going on in the Army. CSM Donley explained that his challenge is filling slots with the appropriate personnel because of all the Permanent Changes in Station, PCS, that are going on. His concerns were later better understood while I was visiting

with the Soldiers. Many of them had recently arrived at Triple Deuce. They knew nothing of the Old Goats Squad or the ORA. There are large paintings of Red Ants on the walls as well as an ORA with an explanation of what and why the ORA is prominently displayed in the BN HQ reception area as well as in the Monuments Room. However, many Triple Deuce Soldiers are not at all familiar with the ORA. A few years ago, questions about the ORA were asked at promotion boards. No more. The Soldiers don't appear to know of the Regiments History. This absence of understanding the History of the Regiment is a product of moving personnel around so often that they do not become familiar with the past and how they fit into the Triple Deuce today. history. Furthermore, many of the Soldiers that I had previously met were moving to other units. My opinion is that all the movement of personnel is not good for unit cohesiveness. It appears that the movement of personnel based on 'time in station' is as detrimental as it was in years past.

I left BN HQ and went to visit the Support Company, previously "G" Co. Previously because the Support Company is no longer a part of the Battalion. The Company has been reflagged "C" Co. Brigade Support Battalion. This was the arrangement years ago, an arrangement that served only to add layers in the chain of command. In fact, this arrangement was similar to how things were during my time in Dau Tieng. A more efficient way of providing support had been developed by the Soldiers in Dau Tieng. The supply sergeants dealt directly with the supply types at the supply points. Sending requests from a Company to a Battalion then to Brigade and then on to Cu Chi only added needless delays in providing support. It appears that the lessons of the past have been forgotten.

Well, "C" Co., BSB, is suffering from the same PCS issues that Triple Deuce is suffering from. All of the command structure, with the exception of **Lt Lewis, the XO**, are changing out. I was fortunate to visit with **CPT Hird**

and **1SG Osias**. 1SG Osias asked that I extend a thank you to all the Members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society and the Vietnam Triple Deuce for the support that provided them with the personal items that were sent to them during their deployment. I learned that what sent to "G" Co. was shared with other units in Triple Deuce. This is an example of how unit cohesiveness works. There is no 'us and them,' it is 'us,' this is how Soldiers need to view all the other units in a Battalion. There are **Triple Deuce 3 Card** decals displayed in many places in the Support Company area. I asked if they would be removed and got resounding 'No Way' as an answer.

While I was visiting with the Support Company, Chris Tuccio made a number of visits, in fact, Chris made many visits. In the 3 Shop he spent time with **CPT Christensen, CPT Lorenzo** and **LT Ayala**. He visited with **SGT Johnson**, and **SGT Oliynyk, Medic**, both in **HHC**. Then he visited with **CPT Hicks, "D" Co., CO** and **LT Anderson, "D" Co., Mortar Platoon** and **SGT Macat, "D" Co. Medic**. He also visited with **SSG Chris Minnino, "B" Co.** who I would meet, along with his fiancé, Cina. SGT Oliynyk would join Chris and I for dinner. SGT Oliynyk spent time with **Loic Parent** and **Julien Woestyn, 22nd Infantry France**, when Chris took them on a visit to Ft Drum last year.

While Chris and I were making our visits, the Companies were involved in a Dodgeball Tournament at Macgrath Gym. I received a report from **LT Ric Masi, BN S-3 Shop**, that the Tournament was won by "B" Co., and the runner up was "HHC".

The barbeque began at Oates Lodge, Remington Park and was well attended. The members of **Heart 911** did their customary cooking, outdoors, while the Soldiers ate in the Lodge. Once the Soldiers were fed, and things quieted down, Chris and I were able to visit with **LTC Riley, BN CO, MAJ Briggs, BN S-3** and **COL Graham, BDE CO**. COL Graham expressed his appreciation for how Triple Deuce is supported by 22nd IR Vets and

made note that he knew of no other Battalion in the Army that has similar support.

Members of 22 IRS and VN 222 that are reading this can take pride in knowing that they are the reason that this support can be made. Upcoming Battalion events were discussed as well as efforts to reestablish comms with Gold Star Families. With all of the personnel changes and deployments, contact with the Gold Star families has been lost. That will change and 22 IRS will help in the efforts.

I'd planned on leaving early on Saturday morning, but the threat of another snowstorm that might keep me held up until Sunday caused me to change my plans. I went back to the hotel, packed up and checked out. I went home the way I'd come to Ft Drum. There was a light snow falling as I left Ft Drum, but I soon outran it when I got to the highway in Canada. Traveling through about 100 miles of two-lane roads through the mountains in Eastern Canada and Maine wasn't what I wanted to do, but I'd was still ahead of the snowstorm and wanted to remain as such. I got home, got the wood stove going and fell asleep in my chair.

Jim May, HMOR
Prov., Co. 1968

Team Triple Deuce-Tough Ruck 2026



All members of the Regiment are reminded that our brothers from Triple Deuce have formed an alliance with the Boston Marathon affiliated Tough Ruck 26.2 mile ruck event. It is a fundraising event, with all proceeds going to assist families of fallen

Warriors and First Responders. The efforts include hospital stays, respite vacations, and

camp enrollments just to name a few of the great support provided.

This will be the 10th year the Deuce has entered a team, and the team has been the leading fundraising team almost every one of those years, surpassing corporate teams sponsored by the likes of Raytheon! This event is held on Patriots Weekend, April 18-20, 2026, with the Ruck on Sunday and the Run on Monday. If you are interested in joining the team to participate in the ruck this year or donating to the Triple Deuce team to support their fundraising, reach out to **Kevin Brown** at kvn.brwn1@gmail.com or enroll/donate on your own at <https://toughruck.org> [Name one of the Team Triple Members: **Kevin Brown, Matt Pimose, Bruce Kosmicki, Steve Doan, Chris Tuccio**]

Let's all do our part to make sure the Regiment is well represented with a hearty team and heartfelt donations!

Reunion PX Activities- Save Yourself \$\$\$\$

If you are going to attend the OKC Reunion and are thinking about buying PX items you can be certain the items will be available and save yourself some money by letting me know what you want. It isn't possible for me to bring every PX offering to reunions, so in the past I've had to send items from my home, which added shipping costs. These additional costs can be avoided by letting me know what you are interested in. You may be interested in a shirt or a hat or something in a special color, no matter. I'll bring it with me and you won't get stuck with shipping costs. You can contact me at jlmay@tds.net or 207-634-3355.

Jim May, HMOR
Prov Co. 1968

2026 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2026 Scholarship. Requirements for scholarship:

A. Served with the 22nd Infantry Regiment.

B. Be a direct relation (son, daughter, or grandchild of person that served with 22nd Infantry Regiment. (To include legally adoptive child)

C. Be an active member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society, with five (5) years of current active membership. Deceased must have had five (5) of active membership.

Applications should be received by **May 15, 2026**.

If you would like a scholarship application or have questions, please contact Skip Fabel at eqf2231@gmail.com.

Passing of Dawn Esposito

On November 23, 2025 **Dawn Esposito** passed away. Dawn was the Gold Star Mother of **SGT Michael J. Esposito**, KIA 18 March 2004. Dawn had been ill for some time. I spoke with her about a week before her passing. At that time she told me that she was at home because there was nothing more that could be done for her while in the hospital. My sense was that she had accepted her fate. I thanked her for all that she had done.

With that stated, there is more, much more that must be remembered about Dawn. After Michael's death Dawn became the Squad Mother of the members of Michael's squad. She made it her mission to care for those squad members. She met with the squad members' families and followed their lives after many of them left active service. This was only the beginning of Dawn's devoted attention. Dawn saw that the single Soldiers didn't have a FRG (Family Rear Group) to

support them, so she organized the first Triple Deuce Single Soldier Day. Dawn sought and received support from the New York State AMVETS, Heart 911, (911 FDNY Survivors and their supporters) Walmart, Coca Cola and Anheuser Bush. The first Single Soldier event was held at Remington Park where a karaoke setup, a barbeque area, and a beer truck were present. Single Soldiers were bussed to the event from the BN area. Sporting contests were quickly taken up while others showed off their singing abilities. While this was going on, Heart 911 began preparing the food that the AMVETS had donated. Once the food was being served, the Beer Truck began serving the Soldiers. It was a nonstop affair that went on until about 1600 HRS when the busses returned to bring the Soldiers back to the BN area. While the Soldiers were boarding the busses they were handed sandwiches that had been donated by Walmart. I asked Dawn about the sandwiches, her reply was, "They've been drinking, when they get to the BN area they'll want to get in their cars and go somewhere, if their bellies are full they'll want to take a nap and that will keep them safe." I told Dawn that she'd thought of everything. She smiled, she did think of everything.

Single Soldier morphed into the big Org Day Events that are now celebrated. And these events continue to receive support from those who Dawn initially contacted. Years passed but Dawn continued to stay in touch with Michael's squad members. **Pete Gaworecki, "C" Co., 4th ID, 10-1967 to 2-1968** and I were invited to a gathering of the squad at a restaurant in Watertown where attending one of the many BN events that Dawn always supported.

Dawn's efforts did not go unnoticed. She was named Mountain Woman of the Year in 2012 and made an Honorary Member of the 22nd Infantry Regiment in 2014.

Dawn's memorial Service was held on December 9, 2025. **LTC Chris Riley, BN**

CO, 2/22, 10th MTN sent an Honor Guard to the service. That Honor Guard was led by **CPT Lewis, “A” Co. and 1SG Gardo**. In attendance were **Joe Dichairo, BN CO, 2/22 10th MTN, 9-2002 to 6-2004 and Kevin Brown, BN CO, 6-2004 to 9-2006**. Joe and Kevin report meeting with many of Dawn’s family members and friends.

A Tango Yankee here to **Clarence “CJ” Simpson, “A” Co., 2/22 4th & 25th ID’s, 12-1965 to 12-1967**. “CJ” helped provide information when we first learned of Dawn’s passing.

In closing I will state that Dawn’s influence on Triple Deuce will be lasting. Her efforts have helped place Triple Deuce as the most highly regarded Battalion in the 10th Mountain Division. As such I ask that all future ORG DAYS be known as Dawn Esposito Days. This will ensure that the story of Dawn Esposito will continue to be passed down through the years.

Respectfully,

Jim May, HMOR
Prov. Co. 1968

Taps

Charles R. Cox, of Centennial, CO, passed away on November 20, 2025. “Chuck” served with D Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry in Vietnam 1970-1971.

Lest You Forget—What the 22nd Infantry Regiment Did for You:

1. Gave you the opportunity to serve your country in a proud and prestigious nation unit.
2. Gave you buddies who stuck by you and helped you endure fear, horror and hardship.
3. Gave you good reason to harbor a personal feeling of high accomplishment and pride

4. Gave you treasured lifetime friends markedly improving the quality of your life.

MG [Ret] John F. Ruggles
Former Honorary Colonel of the Regiment



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 10 Coins: \$10.00 each + \$19.00 shipping
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 Shipping: \$6.00**



CIB/DUI: \$14.00
 Shipping: \$6.00 **

Midi Mini



22nd Infantry Crossed Rifles: \$9.00 ea. \$18.00 per set



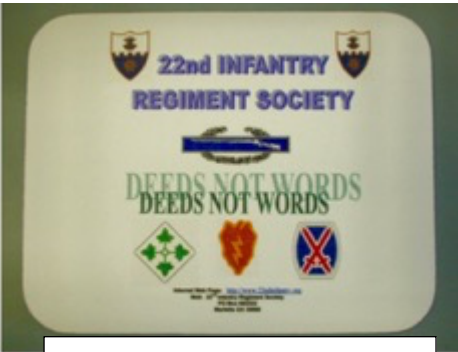
Mini CIB: \$5.00. Midi CIB: \$7.00
 Shipping: \$6.00 **



Blazer Patch: \$10.00
 Shipping: \$3.00**



Unit Crest [DUI] \$10.00
 Shipping: \$6.00 **



Mouse Pad: \$5.00
 Shipping: \$3.00 **

****These item shipped without charge if ordered with hats or shirts.**



Denim Long Sleeve Shirts
\$46.00 sizes Small to XL
\$50.00 sizes XXL & XXXL

Shipping \$12.00

Other colors of shirts are available. Add \$5.00 to above prices. See instructions on order form to place special orders

Royal Blue Short Sleeve Polo Shirt with pocket.
\$38.00 sizes Small to XL
\$45.00 sizes XXL & XXXL



All Hats: \$24.00 one size fits all



SHIPPING

One hat: \$6.00 Two hats or One Polo Shirt: \$6.50
One hat and one shirt or Polo shirt: \$8.00
Two Shirts: \$12.00
Denim Long Sleeve Shirt: \$12.00
One hat and one Denim shirt \$13.00
Add \$5.00 for each additional item



Monument T-Shirt: \$19.00 sizes small to XL
\$22.00 XXL & XXXL

"All prices are Suggested Donations."

Make checks payable to: 22nd Infantry Regiment Society

Send orders to: Jim May
P.O. Box 665
Norridgewock, ME 04957
Phone: 207-634-3355. E-mail: jlmay@tds.net

If I'm out of something, I'll let you know when to expect it. If you'd like something special, let me know

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail _____

Order Form

Item 1: _____ size _____ Item 2: _____ size: _____

Item 3: _____ size _____ Item 4: _____ size: _____

Other items: _____

Total Shipping Charges: _____ Total Cost: _____

22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion Registration Form
May 14-17, 2026

Sheraton Oklahoma City Down Town Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ E-Mail _____

I served with 22nd Infantry Regiment in: _____ Company, _____ Battalion, _____ Division
Dates served: _____

I served in support of the 22nd Infantry Regiment: Unit: _____ Dates served: _____

I did not serve/support the 22nd Infantry Regiment

Reunion Registration (Information for name Tags): Member or Associate member: Guest under 18, no charge
Reunion Registration

First name	Last Name	City/ State
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Book Your Hotel Online at : <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1751905765340&key=GRP&app=resvlink> into your browser or call 1-800-325-3535 and give the operator the group code: GU8 - 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion.

I plan to play golf in the 22nd Inf Regiment Golf Tournament at Lincoln Park Golf Course on 15 May 2026.

Meals

Friday 15 May 2026 Buffett: Num: _____ @ \$36.00 ea. **Total: \$ _____** Friday Evening

Saturday 16 May 2026 Banquet:

Chicken Florentine Num: _____ @ \$35.00 ea. Total \$ _____

Roasted Salmon Num: _____ @ \$37.00 ea. Total \$ _____

Herb crusted Filet Mignon Num: _____ @ \$42.00 ea. Total \$ _____

Prime Angus Ribeye Num: _____ @ \$44.00 ea. Total \$ _____

Totals: \$ _____ Saturday evening

Optional Donation to offset Reunion Cost (Hospitality Room) Total \$ _____

Optional Donation to Scholarship Fund Total \$ _____

Purchase of Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Num: _____ Total \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Registration form must be received by Lovie Moran: NLT 1 May 2026

\$ _____

Send printed PDF & Check to:
22nd Infantry Regiment Society
C/O Lovie Moran
101 Oakpark Cir
Lafayette, LA 70506

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At: lvm1114@yahoo.com
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