



22nd Infantry Regiment Society

Deeds Not Words



Regulars by God



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President's Corner June 2026



Regulars,
It was a
treasure to
see so many
of you at the
Oklahoma



Reunion! Thank you for
coming out to partake in the
camaraderie and renewing
our bonds. Downtown
Oklahoma City was clean and
beautiful. Thank You **David
Allin**, as this year's sponsor
you did a singularly

outstanding job. **Bob Babcock** led our
Hemingway Turkey ceremony remotely from
his home in Georgia. I can't believe we
mastered the technical aspects of the mission



(Thanks to his son
Mark). There were a lot
of heart felt warm
thoughts on Thursday
night. **Jimmy Lally**
(Oldest) and **Lovie
Moran** (Youngest)

Regulars executed a fine carving provenance
and provided sustenance to the Reunion!

The golf tournament
had 13 in attendance,
the Lincoln Park
course was in great
shape, and **Chuck
Weidner** took top
honors (Again! LoL).



The Downtown
Oklahoma City
provided a great place
to explore on foot. We
also had a chance to
explore Bricktown and
enjoy dinner at a Brewery there.



The main Reunion tour
this year was the local
Cowboy Museum which I
heard was an excellent
venue. I want to thank
**Brandy Waller (Dirk and
Vicki Zollinger's
daughter)** for being our
transportation to and from the museum -
"You Rock"

During the Business meeting we changed out
two of our Society officers. The Newsletter
editor transitioned from **Skip Fahel** to **Jake
Lynn**, and the PX transitioned from **Jim
May** to **Ruben Nambo**. We also chose our
next reunion: Washington DC most likely in
August 2027. **Joe DiChario** and **Roger
Schultz** will be leading the effort as our
Sponsors!

The Old Goat Squad attended the Triple
Deuce Change of Command between **LTC
Chris Riley** (outgoing) and **LTC Nate
Welsh** (Incoming) Commanders. Old Goats in
attendance were **Mark Woempner, Jim
May, Chris Tuccio, Steve Doan, and Dave
Thomas**.

I hope everyone gets a chance to celebrate the
United States 250th Anniversary this July

4th. Freedom is never free! I want to thank each and everyone of you for your service to this nation ensuring our freedoms.

Cheers!

Change of Command
2nd Battalion, 22nd Inf Regiment
1st Brigade Combat Team
10th Mountain Div (LI)

As I explained in my last report, I drove thru Canada again. 7.5 hrs of driving on mostly straight highway is preferable to driving 9.5 hrs on winding mountain roads.



The purpose of the trip was to attend the Triple Deuce Change of Command. **LTC Chris Riley** was handing over Command to **LTC Nate Welsh**. This is not LTC Welsh's first assignment with Triple Deuce. LTC Welsh was LT Welsh in "D" CO., the Weapons Platoon in 2004. Good News here is that LTC Welsh is familiar with both the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society and the Vietnam Triple Deuce. He knows that he can rely on support from the 22nd Regiment Vets.

When I attempted to make a reservation at the on-post hotel, I was told that there were no rooms available. It more than appears that all the PCS that I complained about is still going on. What I take from this, is that no one with influence in the DoA is reading the 22nd Newsletters. Anyway, I checked with **Mark Woempner, HHC 1/22, 2001-2003** and found that he had also received the 'no room' message so made reservations at a motel in Alexandria Bay, A Bay. I followed Mark and made a reservation at the same motel. A Bay is north of Ft Drum so I checked in after reentering the US before proceeding to Ft Drum.

My first stop was in the parking lot of the Law Enforcement Center where **Dave**

Thomas, "C" Co., and the AT PLT, 2000-2004, had parked his car. Dave had not only helped in putting a plaque together that was to be presented to LTC Riley, but had gone to Watertown to pick it up from the shop where it was put together. Dave was working, he's a guard at the gate, the plaque was in his vehicle. With the plaque in hand, I stopped at BN and made a brief visit before going out to Remington Park where I'd been told that a gathering was taking place. Well, the 'gathering' was a Hail & Farewell event hosted by the **BDE CO COL Graham**. This event was why we were not able to take the outgoing CO and incoming CO out to dinner. In fact, in the past few years the tradition of inviting the Big Five out to dinner has not taken place. Mark had made flight reservations with the intent of presenting LTC Riley with the plaque at the afore mentioned dinner. As such, Mark was in transit during the Hail & Farewell. Well, we 'do make it happen,' and that's what I did.

In addition to presenting the plaque to LTC Riley we had intended to present **Chris Tuccio, HHC, AT PLT, 1997-2004** with his **DMOR** plaque. I was able to get LTC Riley's attention and asked if he would present Chris with the plaque and he gladly agreed. In fact, the presentation could not have been better. LTC Riley told the gathering how important Chris' efforts had been to the Battalion and how much he appreciated Chris' presence and help. Chris has made many visits to Triple Deuce and hosted **Loic Parent and Julien Woestyne, Leaders of 22nd Infantry, France** during their visit to Ft Drum.

The gathering assumed that the event was over until I said, "One More." The plaque that was being presented to LTC Riley is impressive. It measures approximately 2 feet



in length and one foot in height. The center piece is the Blazer Badge with front and rear of the Society Challenge Coin as well as 22nd Crossed Rifles

and the LTC Rank Pin flanking the Blazer

Badge. Below is a brass plate engraved with **LTC Riley's** name, dates as CO and a brief list of his accomplishments.

You all know how I like to talk, so I talked. I told the gathering from whom the plaque was being presented and why (No other Battalion in the Army has an Old Goats Squad or is supported by Battalion and Regiment Vets the way Triple Deuce is. More about support latter in this report.) Triple Deuce 10th MTN is the most accomplish Battalion not only in the 1st Brigade but in the entire 10th MTN Division. That didn't happen by chance, it took effort, relentless effort and I made it plain that it was LTC Riley's example that set the standard for Triple Deuce Soldiers. The event was over so I returned to BN to await Mark's arrival. Chris and Fee Tuccio had invited some of the Actives out to dinner so Mark and I headed for A Bay. Mark checked into the motel and then found a steak house close by where we went to dinner, we had a fine meal with Mark picking up the check.



We had to be at the parade ground at Ft Drum before 0900 hrs, so we left early providing us with plenty of time to get our three Guidons posted. Again, **LT Ric Masi, S-3 Shop** had arranged for the Guidon stands. With the Guidons in place Mark, Dave, Chris, Fee and I went over to the Triple Deuce Memorial site. The site needed a good clean-up and the granite Guidon Stand was still not in place. The holdup had to do with cutting down a tree. Apparently, it takes years to get approval to cut down a tree. I cut down many trees every year, but, apparently, operate under a different set of rules than they have at Ft Drum. Mark had the solution. There was ample room for the granite block to be placed at the edge on the right side of the Memorial. No tree cutting required. **Pete Gaworecki, "C" Co, 1/22, 1967** has been looking over the Memorial site but his illness has kept him from doing so. As such, Mark is going to get the name of the stone contractor

from Pete and make arrangements through the **BN CSM Donley** to get the granite block in place.

We went back to the parade field where the CoC was went off without any problems. LTC Riley is retiring and moving to Bethesda, MD, so Mark and I made him promise to come to the DC Reunion with his wife, **LTC Devon Riley**, MC in DC. Yes, no typo here. A husband-and-wife LTC duo. The tentative date is in August 2027.

There were a few other things that attention. LTC Welsh agrees that a room in BN HQ be dedicated to **SSG Michael Ollis, MOH**. A potential place was selected outside the S-3 Shop. More on this as it comes to happen.

Other mentionables are that 1/22 may be activated later this year. It looks like they will be assigned to the 4th ID. I have passed this info on to **Bob Babcock** and **Bill Bukovec**. The **"C" Co. 2nd PLT SGT, SFC Joseph Ciraldo** approached me and asked if I was able to provide any information on **LT Robert Mlynarski, "C" Co. 1967, KIA 11-25-1967**.

SFC Ciraldo explained that the 2nd PLT wanted to honor LT Mlynarski by naming the PLT in his honor. I provided him with a small explanation of how LT Mlynarski was KIA then gave him the VN 222 web address and suggested that he start there searching for stories that were written by VN 222 Members who were in the action where Mlynarski was KIA. I also gave him my phone number and suggested that he call with questions. I made it plain that I was not present during the action in question, but could put him in touch with Members who were.

With our visit over Mark and I headed back to A Bay where we found a pub with 1812 Ale on tap. We were joined by a Triple Deuce Vet, **Dave Pechey, 2001-2004** who served with **Chris Tuccio**. We snacked on pub food until I couldn't take another mouthful of beer and then went back to the motel. I left the motel at 0500 hrs and got home at 1330 hrs. Road

construction and traffic delays near Montreal caused the delay.

Jim May, HMOR
Prov. Co. 1968

Tough Ruck 2026

Today all the skinny people will run the Boston Marathon downtown and get a medal.

Yesterday a bunch of rugged old not skinny Warriors from the 10th Mountain Division that don't know the word quit threw a ruck on and did the same thing a little slower in Minuteman National Park, where the spirit of volunteering to defend our nation was born with the shot heard round the world.



We got a medal, too, but much more. We got the satisfaction of carrying the names of many fallen brothers and sisters who volunteered to serve you, our nation, and your communities, and ultimately sacrificed their lives.

And we got the satisfaction of coming back together again to remember OUR fallen ... the ribbons we carry on **Team Triple Deuce** are very personal. I was honored to have the



son and mother of Adam Deciccio there to hang my finisher medal over my neck at the finish line. The night before Gunnar took advantage of open mic at the hotel to sing a song in honor

of his Dad and encouraged our Jax to take a shot at it as well. And we got the satisfaction of raising donations to support the great organization the runs the **Tough Ruck** event under the leadership of **Sarah Sweeney**.

Our teammates **Matt Primrose** and **Travis Niles** finished 1 & 2 in individual fundraising and I'd like to thank my **The Mohegan Tribe** for their generous donation that

insured Team Triple Deuce was the leading fundraising team at \$92,000.00+ at an event that raised just short of \$1,500,000 for **Families of the Fallen**. For my tribe I always carry a ribbon with the name **Samuel Ashbow**, the first Native American casualty who gave his life fighting behind the picket fence at Bunker Hill.

THANK YOU to all my personal donors!

The bottom fell out of the thermometer when we were most vulnerable, it rained then sleeted a little and we froze at the finish line. Didn't matter - we are living in and for the spirit of our fallen comrades. And it was made a lot easier by the support from **Dez** and her squad at our team tent at the turnaround point(s) slinging PB&J, ibuprofen, pickle juice and Jameson! 50,000+ steps and 3700 calories later, I still weigh in today as a fat kid, but at a fighting weight of 222 lbs, carrying a pack that weighed in at 22 lbs, I'd say I was "right sized" for the day.

Deeds, Not Words!

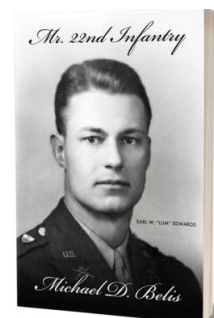
Kevin Brown

Earl W. Edwards

My latest book is the biography of a 4th Infantry Division officer from World War Two. It is entitled "Mr. 22nd Infantry" by Michael D. Belis. It is about **Earl W. "Lum" Edwards**.

Here is the official description of the book:

Of all the American Divisions that served in the European-African-Middle Eastern theatre during World War Two, the 4th Infantry Division suffered the second highest number of casualties. As part of that Division, the 22nd Infantry Regiment was involved in all of the action seen by the Division. Earl W. Edwards graduated from Mississippi State University



in 1939, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, and assigned to the 22nd Infantry. He served with the 22nd Infantry from 1939 to 1946, rising from 2nd Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel. As Commander of 2nd Battalion 22nd Infantry, he led the Battalion ashore on D-Day, and directed it in the heavy fighting of the advance toward Cherbourg, and later in the Bocage countryside of Normandy. He became the Operations Officer for the 22nd Infantry Regiment, and planned its operations in the race across France, the Battle of the Hürtgen Forest, and the penetration into Germany. This is his story, from his humble beginnings as the son of a railroad worker, to his dynamic leadership in the 22nd Infantry, his continued Army career, and his retirement from the Army as a full Colonel.

The book is 222 pages and contains 57 photos and illustrations.

It is available from Amazon.com. Note: the description on Amazon is actually the "About the Author."

Michael D. Belis, DMOR

22nd Infantry Regiment Society Historian

22nd INF France

Hello my friends. The members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment France kicked off the 2026 season! Theme: the 22nd in autumn 1944.

On the agenda: religious ceremonies, foxhole construction, patrols, S-3, etc.

We also welcomed four new members:



Nathan, Louis, Jules and Benjamin, who are discovering and experiencing the adventure of honoring the regiment.

We also took advantage of the weekend to pay tribute to **William "Bill" Schimm** (K Co), a WW2 veteran who passed away in

February 2026, as well as **Michael Ollis** (MOH).

Loic Parent, HMOR

President 22nd Infantry Regiment, France

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Walking solemnly among the monuments on the Walk of Honor at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center in Columbus, Georgia, these words would have a profound impact on my life:

Freedom has a price, the protected will never know...

Combat Infantryman's Association Memorial

I was attending my first reunion of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society in 2023 as part of my research for a book I was writing about my father's, **John Sisson**, WWII service. When I returned home, I dedicated the last section of the book to that statement. How, I wondered then and continue to ask myself today, how can we as civilians honor the price soldiers pay for our freedom if we "will never know." This summer, on July 26, 2026, my family is trying in a small part.

Nearly fifty years in the making, a special dedication is planned for the 82nd anniversary of the Allied landing at Utah Beach on D-Day. The ceremony will take place near the ruins of the Chateau de



Fontenay in the heart of Normandy, France. On that day, representatives of the *22nd Infantry Regiment in France*, members of the

22nd Infantry Regiment Society in the United States, and descendants of soldiers from

Company F of the 22nd Infantry Regiment during World War II will gather from France, Belgium, and the United States to dedicate a commemorative plaque.

Who will it honor and how did this happen?

To fully appreciate this moment, it helps to understand the circumstances surrounding the D-Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944. When the United States entered World War II after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Germany controlled much of Europe. At the same time, German forces had invaded the Soviet Union, while Axis armies in North Africa threatened to push through Egypt toward the oil-rich Middle East. By 1943, it looked like the Allies could lose the war before the United States had a chance to bring to bear its vast resources. They needed to establish a western front in Europe.

Operation Overlord was the codename for the massive effort to accomplish that strategic goal. It would become the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare. The plan called for 132,000 Allied soldiers to land at five beachheads on France's Normandy coast supported by 23,400 airborne troops landing inland using parachutes and gliders. Together they would defeat the entrenched German army and establish a foothold in Western Europe for the Allies.

The attack, launched from England, began shortly after midnight on June 6, 1944, when infantry, glider pilots and paratroopers with airborne divisions began landing to secure key inland objectives and hold them until the infantry divisions reached them in the morning. Starting at 6:30 am, infantry and special support forces began landing at the designated beaches. Utah Beach was the westernmost of the five beachheads where the troops attacked.

Of the 132,000 infantry soldiers, young men ages 18-28, who landed on D-Day, 23,000 soldiers assigned to the 4th Infantry Division dodged the mines and artillery that day at Utah Beach. The 2,700 riflemen of the 22nd Infantry Regiment were among their numbers. The 4th Infantry Division's landing was a tremendous success and was the first beachhead secured for the Allies that morning with 197 casualties.

The American landing at Omaha Beach stood in bleak contrast. The 34,000 soldiers of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions at Omaha Beach suffered 2,400 casualties on the first day. British and Canadian troops landed at Juno, Gold and Sword with just over 1,200 total casualties. The bravery and sacrifice of the men on Omaha Beach continues to this day to inspire, as it should, respect and honor from citizens of our country. But there were critical stories of the Normandy invasion that were often left untold at the other four beaches.

As **Steven Ambrose** wrote of D-Day: *It was an open question, toward the end of spring 1944, as to whether a democracy could produce young soldiers capable of fighting effectively against the best that Nazi Germany could produce. Hitler was sure the answer was no. But when the test came, when freedom had to be fought for or abandoned, they fought. They were soldiers of democracy. They were the men of D-Day and beyond and to them we owe our freedom.*

One of the untold stories, centered on the 250 soldiers of the 22nd Infantry Regiment's, Second Battalion's, Company F who were chosen to spearhead the landing of the Second Battalion at Utah Beach just before 10 am. With his commander, **Captain Harold Fulton**, Second Lieutenant John Sisson took the lead with men from his Third Platoon of Company F. They moved west toward Saint-Germain-de Varreville. (This was 4 miles north from the German artillery battery at Brécourt Manor which Easy Company took that morning, made famous in the Band of Brothers story.)

Captain Fulton was struck down in battle four days later, never to return to his new wife at home. Lt. Sisson survived and wrote about the D-Day landing to an old friend,

We hit about the tenth wave, I guess. Each bunch of crafts to beach is a wave. I negotiated the beach soaking up a ton or so of sand. Our beach was a lulu, and the Krauts had all scurried off, having seen the die cast.

We were all screwed up alright. But they were so screwed up that they kept running around in ever decreasing circles. I'll tell you one thing. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, mess with any paratroopers!

Company F would continue to advance into German occupied Normandy without casualties. Sisson described D-Day +1:

It was wide open going most of the time, with no fixed lines, snipers all around – those goddamn screaming meemies that are worse than a whole regiment until you get used to them, if ever. That was the sort of fighting it was. No one knew where anyone else was – friendly or enemy.

By the evening of June 7th, the three battalions of the 22nd Infantry Regiment would finally headquarter southeast of the great German coastal battery at Azeville and the battle to take that fortress would begin on June 8. Casualties began to mount but F Company was spared. On June 10, 1944, this all changed when the Chateau de Fontenay was attacked by the regiment's Second Battalion.

The battle at Azeville was part of the 4th Infantry Division's larger initiative to seize the port of Cherbourg. You don't often read about these confrontations during wars – there are seldom historic markers to



commemorate and honor what happened in these places and the men who fought and died there. Veterans understand these places exist in

countless locations wherever war has been fought. This is what the battle at the chateau looked like to the men of Company F as recounted by their chaplain, Lt. Boice:

At the close of the day, the remnant of Company F was regrouped in the hedgerows before the Chateau. Only a third of the company (85 out of 250 men) remained.

Casualties had been extremely heavy (which included their commander Captain Fulton) and throughout the regiment men were face to face with the fact of violent death for many of the men they trained with for three years – this was a shattering emotional experience.

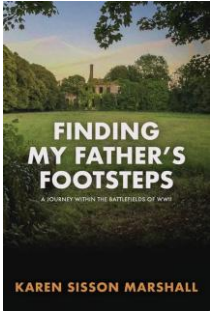
Seriously injured during the battle, John Sisson returned to this place in 1979. During the research for my book, I discovered a letter that he wrote in 1980 to his staff sergeant, **Bill Weingart**, about that visit. He described in detail all he remembered, noting the places where men in his platoon died. He closed his letter as follows:

It would be most fitting to mark the spot. A bronze plaque with their names (of the fallen) and "Co. F, 22nd Infantry" and the date is along the lines I have in mind...do you think any of the fellows in F Co. would be interested in contributing?

In any event, Bill, it was a day of nostalgia second to none in my mind, and I did want to share it with you.

The men were in touch with each other because Chaplain Boice and other unit leaders had formed the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society aboard a troop transport ship returning to the United States at the end of WWII. The organization was created to preserve their battlefield bonds, document their history and provide mutual support for what the men had experienced during their eleven months of brutal combat. Annual reunions and a newsletter kept them in regular contact. John Sisson's idea was well received by the Society but after two years of effort they were unsuccessful in their quest.

I discovered this and many more stories among my father's papers. My father, like most veterans, did not speak about the war except to tell several antidotes. None of his war records or information was known to my family until two days after his death when I discovered his files while looking for information for my mother. We discovered a secret manuscript describing his war experiences, letters, papers, medals



(including two purple hearts) and the Society newsletters. My journey to try to understand what he had experienced and why he never spoke about it with our family eventually led to my book, “Finding My Father’s Footsteps; A Journey within the Battlefields of WWII.”

It did not take me long to meet Bob Babcock, past president and historian for the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society and Mark Woempner, their current President. Both are combat veterans, Bob in Vietnam and Mark in Iraq. Today they continue the proud tradition established in 1945. The organization supports active-duty soldiers and veterans from the regiment’s first, second and third battalions. It organizes regular reunions and maintains historic records, an active website and a permanent regimental monument at the National Infantry Museum. I was welcomed into the association as a veteran’s daughter and have enjoyed two reunions. Under their guidance, I was introduced to another proud organization. The 22nd Infantry Regiment France is a group of European historians and reenactors focusing on the 22nd Infantry Regiment particularly in northern Europe during WWII. The society was formed as a result of a deeply moving encounter with a WW II veteran, Isaac Curtis Phillips who served with the 22nd Infantry regiment from June-September 1944.

Inspired by Phillips, President Loic Parent has led his organization to research numerous veterans’ stories and to commemorate their fight in Normandy. To date, they have dedicated four commemorative plaques at battle sites: Maupertus Airfield, June 26/27, 1944; Moyon, July 28-29, 1944; Mortain, August 6-10, 1944; and Guise, September 2, 1944. These are placed, “in memory of members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division who fought in these places.” The association actively participates in D-Day

recognition events and has done extensive research. They are proud to officially represent the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society in Europe. Their extensive knowledge greatly assisted me while I was researching my book.

As a result of their dedication to remembering the men of the 22nd, Loic and his vice president Julien Woestyn have worked closely with my family to develop a program that will finally honor the Second Battalion of the 22nd Infantry’s Utah Beach landing and their first major combat at the Chateau de Fontenay on June 10, 1944. On July 25-26, direct and extended members of my family will gather to follow the battalion’s footsteps, particularly F Company’s, from Utah Beach to Azeville with Loic and his men. We will be present when the 22nd Infantry Regiment France dedicates their fifth memorial plaque, a plaque that we have all have worked closely together on to create:

In memory of:

The members of the *22nd Infantry Regiment*
of the *4th Infantry Division*
who fought for the capture of Château de
Fontenay on June 10, 1944.

And so, an unlikely coalition will finish the work of the men who knew the price that freedom sometimes demands all too well. My family will place flowers at Captain Fulton’s grave and witness the unveiling of the memorial at the Chateau de Fontenay in honor of the men who fought and died there – 45 years after John Sisson wrote to Chaplain Boice and proposed the marker on his return from Azeville in 1979. I am so proud it will be our “deeds not words,” the official motto of the 22nd Infantry Regiment, that honor them.

As someone who has never served in the military, I wish everyone could begin a journey to meet the men and women in their family who knew all too well the price that freedom can demand. I am confident they would provide a life-changing example as Company F has done for my family. Three

generations will attend the program created by the 22nd Infantry Regiment France – ages 1 year to 76. My daughter's husband was inspired to learn about his grandfather's service in the war, with only the insignia on his uniform as a clue. My daughter-in-law will honor her grandfather who landed at Omaha Beach on D+3. Phillip Curtis' daughter and granddaughter will join us. In the words of Laurence Binyon's famous 1914 poem "For the Fallen" which honored the terrible early casualties of WWI but which speaks for anyone, anywhere who has experienced war:

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.*

*They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Karen Sisson Marshall

Associate Member

22nd Infantry Regiment Society

2/22 INF 1st Place Winner

My son won 1st place again for the third year in a row with this beauty. His name for his car is "Triple Deuce", after the greatest military unit in the world, 2-22 Infantry. Deeds not Words!



Duke Silver

2026 Awbrey G. Norris Scholarship

Xaiya K. Baran-Primacio, of Captain



Cook, HI., granddaughter of **Francisco Baran, Jr.**, C/2-22 Vietnam. She will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa,

majoring in Entrepreneurship and Dance. Xaiya would like to open her own business after graduation.

2027 Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for the 2027 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 (3) years of current active membership. Deceased must have had five (3) of active membership.

Applications should be received by **May 31, 2027.**

If you would like a scholarship application or have questions, please contact Skip Fahel at eqf2215@gmail.com

Taps

Garrett [Gary] B. Zandstra, of Fremont, IN, passed away on January 6, 2026. Gary served with A & D Companies, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th and 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam 1967.

Donald Bruce Gass, of Arthur, IL passed away on March 6, 2026. Bruce served with D Company, 1st Battalion 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division in 1967-68.

**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