



**President's  
Corner  
April 2023  
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31 August 2023, calling on all “Old Goats” for attendance! Unfortunately, the Triple Deuce is in the middle of EIB, EFMB and travel for the Bn HQ (+) to Finland the week and weekend surrounding our Reunion therefore Bn Leadership will not be available.



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Speaking of the 22nd Infantry Society Reunion, it is scheduled for 18-21 May 2023, so send in your reunion forms and reserve your room ASAP! *Martin must commit to NIM our Saturday night dinner guest numbers NLT 12 May!* This Reunion marks the 20th anniversary of the deployments of 1st Battalion into Iraq and 2nd Battalion into Afghanistan in 2003. We look forward to a large contingent of our Global War on Terror members attending the Reunion. Here are the details: We will be staying at the DoubleTree at 5351 Sidney Simons Blvd, Columbus, GA 31904. To make reservations online, go to - <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/csgdtdt-irs-a41765cf-c9ac-475f-8037-a51b256723bc/> Or you can call the hotel at 706-327-6868 to make reservations. Make sure you identify yourself as attending the 22nd Infantry Regiment Reunion so that you will receive our block rate. Our group code is IRS22 for guests wanting to call the hotel and make their reservation. Also, we will post the URL to make your reservation digitally on the Society website.



Greetings Regular's and Families. Wow, the last 3 months blew by in a blink! We are in the final coordination phase of this year's reunion: Thank You **Bob, Skip, Martin, and Lon!** As I am really looking forward to seeing many of you at the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society Reunion in Columbus, Georgia 18-21 May 2023.

I was on the phone this morning with our Active Duty Battalion Commander, LTC **Matt VanPutte**. We are looking forward to some of our upcoming triple deuce events! The 2/22nd Infantry will be conducting a formal military ball on 21 July 2023. **CSM (RET) Robert Fortenberry** should be the guest speaker. I hope that the society will be well represented with several of our members attending, send me a note if you are interested – the Ball will take place in the Ft Drum, NY vicinity. You will have an outstanding evening with our active-duty troops – I know I did at the last Triple Deuce Ball! The next event on their calendar is the Triple Deuce Organization Day scheduled for

The Reunion Registration Form was sent out last month and is also enclosed in this newsletter. Complete the form and submit to **Martin Oelklaus** at: [moelklaus@aol.com](mailto:moelklaus@aol.com) along with your payment (see instructions on the registration form).



I will ensure we have two standard Double Queen Rooms on 18-20 May for those single folks that need a room to participate in the main reunion events with the understanding that you will be sharing your room with other folks. Send me

a note at [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) to ensure your get one of the beds...

The room rate is:

Standard King Room - \$124/night

Standard Double Queen Room - \$134/night

Taxes and Fees: Room rates quoted are subject to 9% local sales tax, 8% occupancy tax and \$5 hotel/motel fee per room per night. That rate will include:

- Rate includes two (2) complimentary hot breakfast per room per night (\$25 value)
- Reunion rates will be available three days before and three days after reunion
- Complimentary Internet in all guestrooms
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary Indoor Swimming Pool
- Complimentary Business Center

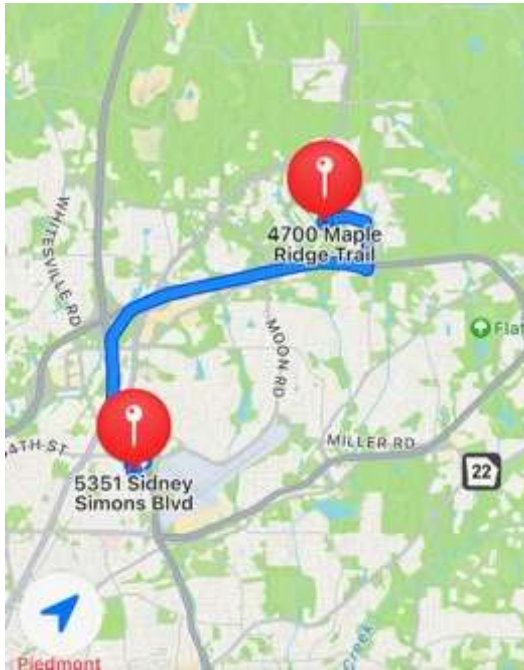
Here is the Itinerary for the Reunion:

Date 2023	Start Time	End Time	Function	Room	
16-May-23	_0900	1700	Set-up and Hotel Coordination	Conference Foyer	
17-May-23	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer	
18-May-23	_0900	1700	Registration	Conference Foyer	
	_0700	_0730	Golf Preparation	Conference Foyer (depart 0730)	
	_0900	1400	Golf	Maple Ridge GC	
	_0900	1800	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	(Non-Golfers) See Listing	
	1900	2000	Hemingway Turkey	Azalea Ballroom	
19-May-23	_0900	1800	Registration	Conference Foyer	
	_0830	_0900	Bus Tour of Ft Benning meet in Foyer	Conference Foyer	
	_0900	_0930	Bus Tour to Ft Benning 197th Bde	Enroute	
	_0930	1200	Visit with B 2/47th IN- 197th BDE	197th Bde Area	
	1230	1330	Lunch at 197th DFAC	197th Bde Area	
	1200	1230	Bus Tour to National Infantry Museum	Enroute	
	1330	1630	Self guided tour National Infantry Museum	NIM	
	1630	1650	Move to 22nd Infantry Monument	Enroute	
	1700	1730	Reading of fallen 22nd Infantry Iraq/Afghan	Walk of Honor	
	1730	1800	Bus Tour to Doubletree Hotel	Enroute	
		1900	2300	Buffet Dinner (ORA/DMOR/HMOR Presentation/Raffle)	Azalea Ballroom
				22nd Society then 2-22nd Society Business Meetings	Azalea Ballroom
20-May-23	_0900	1100	Lady's Breakfast (Coffe, juice and pastries)	75 person room	
	_0900	1500	FREE TIME - Tours in the area	See Listing	
	1700	1800	Bus to NIM Dinner	Enroute	
	1900	2300	Dinner, NIM viewing	NIM	
21-May-23	_0800	1200	Memorial Service & Prepare for Departure	Azalea Ballroom then Foyer	
17-21 May 2023	1200	2400	Hospitality Room	Azalea Ballroom	

We have coordinated for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry golfers to have fun at Maple Ridge premier golf course on 18 May 2023. This year's tournament will be held at the Maple Ridge Golf Course located at 4700 Maple Trail, Columbus GA 31909. We should have a great day of fun in the sun! Rare opportunity on a premium course! Price to play in the tournament is Free! Woempner is donating to the cause to get you on a premium course at no cost – but we need 14 golfers to join Carrie and I. We have a sleeve of cool 22nd Infantry Titleist PV1x logo balls for you to play with! It will be a shotgun start at 9:00AM EST. Arrival at the golf course needed by 8:00 AM EST so folks can get warmed up and settled into their carts. Throw me an email at [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) if you are interested in playing in the tournament and I'll put you on the list. We still have 6 players to enroll, and they will enjoy a hell of a great game of golf!

We will meet in the Doubletree Foyer at 0745 to convoy golfers to the Maple Ridge golf course on time (should be a 10-minute commute). Map for Drivers below:





No	Golfer
1	Mark Woempner
2	Carrie BruceWoempner
3	Lovie Moran
4	Ruben Nambo
5	JW Jacobs
6	Gerard Marceaux
7	Jerry Rudisill
8	Dwayne Rice
9	Chuck Weidner
10	Dirk Zollinger
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Our French 22nd Infantry Society President and Vice President: **Loic Parent** and **Julien Woestyn**. We are planning a visit to Normandy, France the first week of August 2023 (for a week or so) and our European Brethren will take us through the battlefields we fought from Utah Beach where the 22nd Infantry Regiment landed to the Beachhead Breakout. The tour will last from 3 – 5 August. I have If you are interested in joining the party send me an email or give me a call! I'd like to have 2 more couples join us, I can



pick you up 0800 on 03 August at 0900 in Frankfurt, DE as it's a 9-hour drive to Normandy. Our French 22nd Infantry Society will be presenting a commemorative plaque at the Cherbourg Airport in tribute to the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Here's a note from Loic, our 22nd Infantry France President: *"With Julien we have started to prepare 2023. We said that ideally for you will be to arrive on Thursday, August 3, 2023, on the Normandy at your accommodation (I'm staying at the **Chateau de Flottemanville**). On August 3,4 and 5 you will be with us where we will present the liberation of the Val de Saire (region in the northeast of the department of the sleeve) up to the capture and liberation of Cherbourg airport and the inauguration of a plaque in homage to the 22nd (still used today by the US Army during the festivities of June 6). Of course, a trip to Utah will be planned for a rose deposit where you will be presented with the typical outfit used during June 6 but also the battery of Crisbecq where we have already established a commemorative plaque on the site. Here is a preview. When we will have confirmation of your coming, we will make a group on Facebook to show you the evolution and the preparation of the stay."*

We received several donations from members and endowments from former members to the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society this quarter, Thank You. Several have been to the Awb Norris Scholarship fund as well as the general fund that sponsors Reunion activities. Donations to the Society are tax deductible and the Awb Norris scholarship fund provides scholarships for society member's family to attend higher education.



**Martin Oelklaus** will provide you a receipt for your tax-deductible charitable donation as we are a non-profit veterans organization.

I'm still looking for a volunteer for our future Treasurer – Martin will spend a year or so training you before you take over, please send me an email at: [mark.woempner@gmail.com](mailto:mark.woempner@gmail.com) to begin the conversation. Skills include MS Excel, Math, handling several checking accounts and Certificates of Deposit. Significant interactions with the executive leadership of the Society. BTW, that means our current 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society address remains: 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society; Attn: Martin Oelklaus; PO Box 3258; Independence, MO 64055-8258.

We have found a volunteer for our new Registrar! I'm sure that our database will be in better hands than mine now that the transition is complete to the new E-Life membership. I will make an announcement at the business meeting on 20 May 2023.

As always, I am so proud of our organization and thankful that I am a member of the freedom fighters...I'm also thankful to our Vietnam Vets - you are my heroes! I do know that freedom is not free, and I am thankful to all of you within this society for your service to this great nation.

Cheers!

Woempner

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society, Inc.**

**Saturday, 20 May 2023 09:00 – 11:00**

**DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel**

5351 Sidney Simons Blvd, Columbus, GA  
31904 Azalea Ballroom

All Regular Members and Associate/Active Duty Members of the Society are cordially invited to attend, vote and submit questions at the national reunion meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Infantry Regiment Society, Inc. The meeting will be held commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023 in the Azalea Ballroom of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 5351 Sidney Simons Boulevard, Columbus Georgia.

## **Proposed Agenda**

1. Call Meeting to order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Secretary calls the roll of officers and committee chairmen, and obtains names of all Members present
5. Approval of minutes of September 2, 2021 business meeting in Dallas  
(copies posted and available for review prior to meeting)
6. Presentation of financial report (Treasurer)  
(copies of auditor's and financial reports posted and available for review prior to meeting)
7. Reports of Officers
  - 7.1 President
  - 7.2 Others (TBD)
8. Unfinished business:
  - 8.1 approval of Amended and Restated Constitution and By-Laws  
(copies posted and available for review prior to meeting)
  - 8.2 Other
9. New business:
  - 9.1 Awb Norris Scholarship report for CY 2022 and 2023 YTD
  - 9.2 Discussion and selection of 2025 reunion site
  - 9.3 Other
10. Nominations and election of officers of the Society for 2023 – 2025
11. Benediction
12. Adjournment of meeting

Conclusion: President's request for member evaluation of meeting

## Presentation of Regimental Colors

The 22nd Infantry France is proud and honored to present their new acquisition. Our Regimental flag. We thank our friends from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society who helped us to make this acquisition.

**Loic Parent and Julien Woestyn**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, made the first presentation of the Regiment Colors at the grave site of **Issac Curtis Phillips**. Dog Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, WW II. Issac Curt



is Phillips, simply known as Curtis to his friends, was the Veteran who inspired Loic and Julien to not only seek out the history of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment during its trek from the D Day landing on Utah Beach across France and Belgium but to form the re-



enactment group that honors all the brave Americans who fought and died in service with the Regiment during WW II.

Loic made a promise to Curtis' widow [**Arlette**]they would honor the memory of Curtis and is keeping the promise.

**Loic Parent, HMOR**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, France

**A 22nd Infantry 1st Sergeant killed in action in WW2.**

**William Louis Kenyon** was born in Binghamton, Broome County, New York on January 7, 1912, the son of William and Florence Kenyon. By 1940 he was married to his wife Mary and working at the Endicott Johnson Shoe Company factory in Johnson City, New York.



Kenyon was drafted into the Army on February 27, 1941, at Albany, New York. At the time of induction, he had completed one year of college, and listed his civilian occupation as Semi-skilled occupations in manufacture of boots and shoes. He stood six feet tall, had blue eyes, brown hair, and weighed 195 pounds.

Kenyon landed on Utah Beach on D-Day June 6, 1944, as the 1st Sergeant of Company G 2nd Battalion 22nd Infantry 4th Infantry Division. He took part with his Company in the battle for Cherbourg and then in the hedgerow fighting of Normandy.

For Operation Cobra he and his Regiment were temporarily attached to Combat Command A under **Brigadier General Maurice Rose**, to help spearhead the breakout from Normandy. During the

Operation Kenyon's Battalion rode on tanks of 2nd Battalion 66th Armored Regiment 2nd Armored Division, from July 25 – August 2, 1944. When they met opposition, Kenyon and his Company would dismount the tanks and fight on foot.

On August 1, Company G met stiff German resistance in a series of hedgerows, and several men lay wounded and exposed on the battlefield, including the Company Commander, **1st Lieutenant Lawson Magruder**. Kenyon was awarded the Silver Star for his actions that day. His citation read in part:

"The rifle company of which Sergeant Kenyon was first sergeant, with its company commander seriously wounded in a mortar barrage and all of its platoon leaders either seriously wounded or killed in action, had dropped back two hedgerows in disorderly manner. Voluntarily assuming command, Sergeant Kenyon, at great personal risk, speedily whipped his remaining men into an effective unit as an enemy counterattack was developing. Knowing that a number of his wounded men still lay in front of his lines, Sergeant Kenyon moved forward approximately 150 yards, in the face of withering enemy fire, and evacuated four wounded men to places of comparative safety. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant Kenyon reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Kenyon saved the life of his Company Commander that day, carrying the seriously wounded Magruder from danger. The next day, August 2, 1944, Kenyon himself was wounded, and had to be evacuated to a medical facility for a period of recovery. He returned to duty with his Company on September 21, 1944.

Kenyon was wounded a second time, this time in the Hürtgen Forest in Germany, on December 2, 1944, when shrapnel cut into his left cheek. He was treated by a Combat Medic and remained with his Company. He was

wounded a third time, in Luxembourg during the Battle of the Bulge, on December 26, 1944. Again, he was hit by shrapnel to the face, and again he remained with his Company instead of being evacuated.

In the battle for the city of Prüm, Germany, on February 8, 1945, his Battalion was attacking from the west of the city, when an enemy counterattack by tanks and Infantry near Obermehlen stopped the advance, causing numerous casualties among the Americans. Kenyon was one of five enlisted men in Company G killed during the fight that day.

1st Sergeant William L. Kenyon was buried in the temporary American Military Cemetery, Foy Cemetery, at Bastogne, Belgium. In the 1947-1949 timeframe, when the temporary cemeteries were shut down, he was moved to his final resting place in Block G Row 8 Grave 55 in Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial, Henri-Chapelle, Arrondissement de Verviers, Liège, Belgium.

In 1990, the Commander of 2nd Battalion 22nd Infantry at Fort Drum, New York secured permission to officially name several buildings in his Battalion area after notables from the Battalion's history.

The Headquarters Building for 2nd Battalion 22nd Infantry was named and dedicated as Kenyon Hall, in honor of 1st Sergeant William L. Kenyon.

The illustration shows the dedication ceremony of Kenyon Hall at Fort Drum in July 1990. At the podium is retired Colonel Lawson Magruder, the Company Commander





whose life was saved by 1st Sergeant Kenyon during his Silver Star action of August 1, 1944.

Photo of the dedication ceremony of Kenyon Hall courtesy of **LTC Byrne N. Sherwood (Ret.)**, Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion and Infantry 10th Mountain Division 1988-1990.

It is because of his appreciation for history, and the pride in his unit taken by LTC Sherwood, that the buildings at Fort Drum were named after 2nd Battalion 22nd Infantry soldiers. He successfully convinced the Army leadership it was a proper thing to do. LTC Sherwood said:

“For me, a regiment is like a family with a past as well as a present. We don’t choose our families, nor do we choose our regiment, but once part of it, its history becomes one’s own history, its former members become one’s military ancestors.”

**By Michael Belis DMOR C 1/22 Infantry 1970-71**

### **2023 Scholarships**

We are now accepting applications for the 2023 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 **July 31, 2023**

**Skip Fahel, DMOR**

### **Limited Number of Section 22A Pavers**

The National Infantry Museum has confirmed there are only 25 paver spaces still available in our own Section 22A along Heritage Walkway. As of today, our Regiment has over 125 pavers in the ground. If you have an interest, you can still get one in BY



**REUNION TIME.**

Please see the attached form we used for our 2021 Veterans Day Dedication Ceremony to put in your request. Cost is \$200 (tax deductible) which includes a personal “mini” replica of your paver. Pay no attention to any dates on old form.

**TO GET PAVER IN GROUND  
APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT  
NIM NLT APRIL 24, 2023.**

Please send form, your check/credit card/money order payable to the National



Infantry Museum Foundation at below address:

**National Infantry Museum Heritage  
Walk Paver Program 1775 Legacy Way  
Suite 220  
ATTN: Karen Hoffmann (PAVERS AND  
DEDICATIONS) Columbus, GA 31903**

Also, if you will email me ([Ldo82288@icloud.com](mailto:Ldo82288@icloud.com)) with copy of your form I will add you to our 22A list and we will do our best to help track your paver placement.

**PLACE NOW...ONLY 25 SPACES LEFT  
IN SECTION 22A.**

**Lon Oakley Jr, DMOR**

**Friday Reunion Tour Update**

Here are the latest proposed details for the Reunion Friday 5/19 tours. Remember we will have bus transportation and the tour bus transportation is FREE!

Plan on joining us after breakfast as we travel out to Ft Benning's 198th Infantry Training Brigade who will serve as host to us for a visit. **NOTE: We want to leave hotel NLT 0830hrs**

The 198th Infantry Training Brigade motto "WE BUILD THE INFANTRY" explains their current mission to train and prepare new Army soldiers to become the Infantrymen of the future to assume the combat mission out on "Freedom's Doorstep."

Scheduled at this time is a morning visit with 197th IN BDE's Bravo Company 2-47th Infantry who will be at Eagle Tower Sand Hill. An EST (Engagement Skills Trainer) will be on site to treat us to a handicap friendly event that involves observing training and participating in a hands-on experience for all. (NOTE: **Bob Babcock** reminds us that the 47th Infantry was assigned to 4th ID in WWI)

After our morning with the heroes of the 197th, we will bus out to the National Infantry Museum for an "on your own lunch" at either the snack bar (first floor) or NIM's Fife & Drum Restaurant (second floor.), followed by "self-guided" tours of the museum and grounds.

Our schedule at NIM ensures everyone will have plenty of time to tour exhibits inside the museum and of course highlights of the outside displays tied to the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Those outside displays include Heritage Walkway Section 22A where over 125 pavers are dedicated solely to heroes of the 22nd Infantry Regiment. Also of interest is the "Sacred Ground" on Inouye Parade Field, where soil from every major US war is on display. You can visit the WALK OF HONOR where our 22nd Infantry Regiment Memorial Monument sits.

There are at least 30 other monuments (to include 4ID and 25ID) of other Army units along the walkway. We are hoping to have WWII Company Street available for inside viewing which is located just down from



Inouye Field. (NOTE: Thanks to **Karen Harrison** of NIM, who will have a couple of carts to travel up to monument area as needed)

Finally at end of the day (1700hrs) we gather at our Memorial Monument for an observance of the 20th year anniversary of deployments of 1/22 to Iraq and 2/22 to Afghan at Retreat Call. Former 22nd Infantry Battalion leadership, from that era, will be in front of the monument to deliver some brief comments. After that we will observe moments of silence as the honor and call the names of the fallen of the 22nd Infantry from Iraq and Afghanistan. Those names are listed on Panel Four of the monument.

Retreat will then conclude our visit.

After Retreat is observed we will have a few minutes for any last-minute photos before we board buses back to hotel.

Again, if you haven't already done it please indicate you will be joining us for the Friday tour(s) so we can get good head count for buses.

### **Lon Oakley, Jr, DMOR All**

#### **Travel to and from 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society Reunion at Columbus, GA, May 2023**

Traveling to Columbus, GA is a costly and difficult undertaking. Flights are limited. My advice is to travel to the Atlanta, GA, Airport and then on to Columbus and the hotel via **Groome Transportation**.

Groome Transportation is a well-established company with schedules that will meet practically every need. Book your Groome travel by going to the Groome web site at [groometransportation.com](http://groometransportation.com). Once you are at the site you will see **BOOK A SHUTTLE**. Click on that space. Then select Columbus, GA as your destination. Click on that and proceed to book your travel. Once you enter the date of your arrival you will see that

there are shuttles leaving every hour. You can book your return by going back to the site. And booking your return to the Atlanta Airport from the Columbus location. Groome has shuttles leaving Columbus starting at 2:30 AM and every hour thereafter. The cost of the one-way fare is \$47 per person when booked on-line. The cost is \$57 per person if you book at the pick-up point. And you may not be able to get on the shuttle if it is booked up. Be sure to leave plenty of time for your return to the Atlanta Airport. Travel time is 1 hour and 20 minutes. Again, plan on getting back to the Atlanta Airport well in advance of your flight departure time.

Here are some details on how to find the Groome Shuttle once you have arrived and picked up your baggage. You must go to the "Delta" or the "South" side of the airport and go through Gate S-6. Once outside, cross the walkway and look for the Ground Transportation signage and go to that site. Groome Shuttles are large vans that are well marked. The driver will have your name on a list of booked passengers. Your luggage will be placed in the van and all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the ride.

Getting from the Groome lot to the hotel will be taken care of by the hotel or Groome. The hotel's shuttle is under contract and may be taking pilots and crew either to or from the Columbus Airport. This only happens three times a day. The good people at Groome have told me that we need not worry because they will get us to the hotel and pick us up as becomes necessary. If there is a question about Groome bringing you to the hotel, your contact at Groome is **Mike Hansen**.

The phone number for the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel is 706-327-6868

The phone number for Groome Transportation in Columbus, GA is 706-324-3939.

**Jim May, HMOR**

All,

First, I want to thank everyone for the continuing great newsletters being sent out to the membership. But in the most recent edition, I didn't see any recent searches for fellow Vets. I have been asking, online, for anyone who served with me in B Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, from Feb 70-August 70, to contact me.

I was the E6 (transferred in from the 1<sup>st</sup> Div when they went home) Acting Platoon Leader for that period. But to my story. I was in Cu Chi on 21 days light duty, after being blown off the CO's APC after we hit a land mine. This took place about a month before the Cambodian Operation. During that time, (the story I got) one of the missions my platoon had assigned to them, was a sweep of the perimeter of the Cu Chi base camp. During that sweep, some of the guys dismounted the tracks. One of these guys stepped on a land mine and was immediately rushed into the Base Hospital ER. I, along with **Doc Richie Byers**, waited in the hospital to see this guy, after his long ordeal in the ER.

When we finally got to see him, he was pretty dopey from all the anesthetic and pain meds. In fact, at that point he didn't even realize he had lost both legs. Naturally, he was ultimately medevac'd to the States.

When I DEROSSED out back home to the States, I was told by the Company Clerk that the latest they had on him was he has recovering well and would soon be fitted with his prosthetic legs. I could go on in greater detail, but my long-time wish, has been to find this guy and reunite with him, even if it is only by phone or email.

I have no recollection of his name at all. All I remember was he was new to the Platoon, and he was VERY young. Anyway, with my recent Agent Orange related medical issues, I could use some help in finding this guy before I receive orders for "The Bix PX in The Sky". I'm not dying, but I've had my issues. I tried

to locate Doc Byers to check his memory on this story, only to learn he has since passed away. Learning that, I am asking for additional help. Thanks for listening to my story, as I remember it, what with the memory of a 74-year-old. Just Let me know what you think. Thanks

**Ben Barrett**

Hamilton, NY 13346 315-824-307

**Team,**

I am reaching out to you for anyone located in the Tampa, Florida area. Triple Deuce was notified that **SGT(Ret) Michael Craig Chisler**, a medic, passed away 17 OCT 2022 and is now being buried on 31 MAR 2023 in St. Petersburg, FL but has no living relatives. He was apparently assigned to 2-22 IN and received 2x Bronze Star Medals - V device with the unit for his actions in Vietnam. They attempted to fund Triple Deuce personnel to travel to do the funeral honors but were denied by Legal due to the mission being assigned to the Fort Stewart CAC.

**We are family**

Skip, unfortunately I was only able to talk with one and get his name because I had to leave as soon as the ceremony was over to get to an appointment. His name is **Charles Paree**. I counted 5 from Triple Deuce including myself and one other veteran from the Navy. I have several pictures of them but



unfortunately most of them are from behind. I have attached them in case you can identify them. Sorry!

**Jim Langston**

## **TAPS**

**William E. Stiefvater**, of Manitowoc, WI, passed away on June 7, 2021. William served HHC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1970.

**Harvey R. Holter**, of Columbus GA, passed away on July 17, 2021. Harvey served with A Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1968.

**John L. Lewis**, of Saint Charles, IA, passed away on March 18, 2023. Joh served with C Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions, 1967-68.

**SGT [RET] Michael Craig Chisler**, of St Petersburg, Fl, passed away on October 17, 2022. Michael served with B Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in 1969.

## **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 national 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**





# NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM PAVER PROGRAM



## 22D INFANTRY REGIMENT SOCIETY

The Museum has set aside a section of commemorative pavers for past and present members of the 22nd Infantry Regiment Society in Section 22A on Heritage Walk. As a special incentive, the National Infantry Museum is offering the Society a special discounted price of \$200 (\$50 savings). With each paver purchased, you will receive a 2" x 4" miniature replica for your desktop. Any extra funds submitted will be used to help support the National Infantry Museum Foundation. Pavers will be dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, if purchased by September 15, 2020.

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_ 4" x 8" engraved granite paver(s) at **\$200** each, which includes 1 complimentary miniature replica. Additional replicas can be purchased for \$25 each. Certificates are available for \$10 each.

Enclosed is my payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Print clearly and double-check your spelling. Maximum three lines, 20 characters per line, including spaces. Please provide documentation for any awards listed.**


\_\_\_\_\_  
Additional replicas: \$25 ea.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Certificates: \$10 ea.

Visa     MasterCard     American Express     Money Order     Check  
*(Payable to National Infantry Museum Fdn.)*

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and payment to:  
National Infantry Museum Heritage Walk Paver Program  
1775 Legacy Way Suite 220  
Columbus, GA 31903

Sample  
**SP4 DENNIS LUIZ  
"PALOOKA" 1968-69  
A CO. 2/22D INF-RVN**

Sample  
**DAVID R. CROCKER JR.  
CAPT A CO. 2/22D INF  
KIA MAY 1969 VIETNAM**

If you have any questions, please contact Ilene B. Kent at 706.685.5813, or email [ikent@nationalinfantryfoundation.org](mailto:ikent@nationalinfantryfoundation.org)

**[www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org/pavers](http://www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org/pavers)**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society 2023 Reunion Registration Form

Hilton Garden Inn, Columbus, GA

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I served with 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment in: \_\_\_\_\_ Company, \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion, \_\_\_\_\_ Division

Dates served: \_\_\_\_\_

I served in support of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment: Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates served: \_\_\_\_\_

I did not serve/support the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Transportation [Reservations for tours must in received by May 1, 2023]**

Do you need handicap bus? : Yes / No (Circle one)

Friday Bus to Fort Benning Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ No charge

Ladies Activity Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ No Charge

Guest Registration Fee Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10 ea. (No Charge for members)

**Meals**

Friday Buffett. Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 ea. **Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_** Friday Evening

Busses to National Infantry Museum provided: Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ No Charge

Saturday Banquet

Chicken Florentine Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 ea. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scottish Salmon Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$43.00 ea. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Short Ribs Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 ea. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Num: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 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 Martin Oelkaus: NLT 1 May 2023

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send PDF & Check to:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society  
C/O Martin Oelkaus  
Post Office Box 3258  
Independence, MO. 64055-8258

**Send PayPal Payment to:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society  
At: moelkaus@aol.com  
Upon completion, please email your 2023  
Reunion Registration PDF to: moelkaus@aol.com

**Send Zelle Payment to:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society  
At: 816-805-0845  
Upon completion, please email your 2023  
Reunion Registration PDF to: moelkaus@aol.com



Bumper sticker \$3.00



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One coin: \$14.00. Shipping included  
 Five Coins: \$11.00 each + \$5.00 Shipping  
 10 Coins: \$10.00 each + \$7.00 shipping  
 15 coins: \$9.00 each + \$10.00 Shipping  
 20 Coins: \$8.00 each + \$10.00 shipping



Divisional Pins  
 Small \$5.00  
 Large qw\$7.00  
 Shipping is \$3.00 per pin\*\*



Coasters: \$5.00 each. Shipping for 2, \$3.00 \*\*



Mini Flag: \$5.00  
 Shipping: \$3.00\*\*



CIB/DUI: \$12.00  
 Shipping : \$3.00 \*\*

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22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Crossed Rifles: \$14.00 per set  
 Shipping: \$3.00\*\*



Mini CIB: \$5.00. Midi CIB: \$7.00  
 Shipping: \$3.00 \*\*



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



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 Shipping: \$3.00 \*\*

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





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Shipping \$12.00

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**SHIPPING**

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One hat and one shirt or Polo shirt: \$10.00  
Two Shirts: \$12.00  
Denim Long Sleeve Shirt: \$12.00  
One hat and one Denim shirt \$13.00



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

**"All prices are Suggested Donations."**

**Make checks payable to: 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Society**

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_