

AGENDA

2d Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Fort Sill Reunion

MAY 29-31

Wednesday May 29

- 2PM - 5:30 PM: Check in Holiday Inn Express. Pick up “info packets.” Ask questions, visit with each other. After check in you can take a tour around Ft Sill (Refer to your map). We will have a guided tour of the Museum on Friday.
- 6:30 PM: Ice breaker reception at Lawton Country Club (see your map for directions).
- 9:00 PM: on your own. See recommended places to have a drink/music and talk about old times.

Thursday May 30

- 8 AM: Breakfast at Hotel. Any questions? Jerry and Barb will be there to visit and answer questions.
- 8:45: AM Those going to the Field will load on the Bus and travel to the Recruit Training area on the East side of the Post.
- 9 AM - 11:30AM Meet with the XO, 1st Bn, 19th FA Training Battalion. Tour new Basic Training facilities observe trainees at work. NOT LIKE IT WAS WHEN MANY OF YOU CAME THROUGH.
- 9:30 AM Barbara will gather her group to depart on Historic Tour. Recommend you do not take all your cars on the tour, but team up and take 3 or 4 cars. Much easier to stay together. You will have lunch in town. “Dutch treat.” **Return to Hotel by 5pm.**
- 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Lunch in “new” consolidated Mess Hall. You are in for a BIG surprise.
- 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM Load on Bus. Travel to the Field Firing Point.
- **1:30PM – 3:30 PM** Briefing by Battalion CO. Observe guns in action, tour FDC’s, get briefed and look over the new Field Artillery weapons systems. The new M119A2 105 HOW, M777 155 HOW and the “Paladin” 155 SP HOW. Also the Q37 RADAR (this has a 360 degree capability), the Bradley Fire Support Vehicle which allows FO’s to keep up with the Mechanized and Armored units. EVERYTHING now computerized allowing the guns in the Battery to be in multiple locations each firing a separate fire mission and still able to mass their fires. **ASK questions**; See “your Tax Dollars at work.”

- 3:30PM - 4:45 PM Travel to Old OCS area, Robinson Barracks. Tour the OCS HALL OF FAME. Randy and Penny Dunham, the Curators of the Museum, will take you through what is the only original building left standing. OCS grads, be sure to get information on the reunion held each year. Over 300 grads were here earlier this month.
- 4:45PM - 5:00 PM Buses back to hotel.
- 5:00 PM Free Night. Dinner is on your own. Many fine restaurants in the area. Consult your “welcome bag” for information or call/ask Jerry and Barb for recommendation. We have included some “freebies” of restaurants we like.

Friday May 31

- 7:30 AM Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:15 AM **Load on Busses and depart to the Quadrangle for the Retirement Parade.** Parade begins at 9AM. We will have an area reserved for us.
- 9:00AM - 10:00 AM View the Parade. My soldiers, I am honorary member of this unit, 1st Battalion, 19th FA, will be the Battalion on line. Same unit we visited on Thursday morning.
- 10:00AM - 11:45 AM Historic tour of the Old Post area. Our escort will be a member of the Ft Sill “Story Tellers” that take you back in time to when Ft Sill was first established after the Civil War and the beginning of the Indian Wars. The Museum has restored the old barracks area as it was back then.

Today, Fort Sill remains the only active Army installation of all the forts on the Southern Plains built during the Indian Wars It is designated as a National Historic Landmark and serves as home of the United States Army Field Artillery School as well as the Marine Corps' site for Field Artillery MOS school, United States 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, the 75th Fires Brigade and the 2144 Fires Brigade. Fort Sill is also one of the five locations for Army Basic Combat Training. The site of Fort Sill was staked out on 8 January 1869, by Maj. General Phillip Sheridan, who led a campaign into Indian Territory to stop hostile tribes from raiding border settlements in Texas and Kansas.

- 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM Busses take us to the Patriot Club for Lunch. **This was not included in the Pre-Registration. You can pay at registration. Cost is \$11.00 includes a “make your own” Sub Sandwich, side, drink and dessert .**
- 1PM - 3:30PM Take the Bus to the “Battle Lab.” Tour of the new JFETS (Joint Fires and Effects Training System). This is a new Training facility which is fully computerized to plan and select

appropriate weapon system to attack the target. Officer and enlisted go through this training. Fire adjustments, including Artillery, Air Defense and TAC Air simulation Also defensive fires planning. This is incredible training aid for FO's and TAC operations, S3. Truly the sate if the art Fires training.

A BIG Play Station. Hopefully, some of you can get a shot at adjusting artillery and TAC Air. Amazing how the battlefield is now controlled.

- 3:30PM - 4:45PM Tour of Fires Center of Excellence Museum and the Artillery walk. There is everything from muzzle loaders to the Pershing 2A missile from US, German, Japanese, Russian and Arab guns. I plan to have a tour guide set up to talk to us about the Museum. This is not a required tour, but if you would like to do this, please sign up when you check in.
- 6:30PM - 9PM Banquet Dinner at the **Patriot Club**, Ft Sill.
- Be sure to let Jerry know, at check in, if you need transportation. I would recommend, if you have time, you visit our Vietnam Memorial in the Lawton 's Elmer Thomas Park. And if we have time our VVA Chapter 751 office on B Street.

Saturday June 1

Farewell . Have a safe journey home. We sincerely hope you will enjoy the fellowship with old friends, telling stories, seeing some of the new guns and equipment, old haunts, and remembering others who are no longer with us. We encourage you to attend the 35th Infantry's annual reunion Sept 26 – 29th.

Questions? Feel free to contact Jerry at 580-284-5266 or internet at redleg5@fidnet.com. And when you locate a fellow 2/9th FA buddy, be sure to get that information to Dennis, our Guru of the Website.