

# Meet the 28<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regimental Association Board of Directors “OF THE TROOPS FOR THE TROOPS”

These were the Board Members that were elected or appointed to office by the membership in September 2018 by at the Bi-Annual Reunion in New Orleans.

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## President and Chairman of the Board

LTC (R) Tommy Houston  
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**Duties:** As the President and Chairman of the Board he is responsible for the smooth operation and Leadership of the Association.

**Background:** Tommy served in 2-28 from 1983-1986 as the Battery Commander for C Battery followed by Command of Service Battery. He continued his career in the Army serving as a Recruiting Company Commander in South Carolina, and then served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (MECH) Artillery at Fort Polk followed by a tour with Operations Group at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin. He subsequently served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division and 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry (MECH) Division at Fort Hood as part of the Army's Force XXI Effort in the 90s. This was followed by tours at Fort Sill and Fort Knox associated with the initial development of the Army's Stryker Brigade Combat Team. After retirement from the Army in 1999, he worked as an Executive in the Defense Industry with Raytheon, Information Handling Systems, EDS and Novaces.

He retired from Raytheon in 2017 and lives with his wife Barb outside Denver, Colorado. He is now semi-retired and in addition to his duties as President and Chairman of the Association, serves as on several small company boards as well as the owner of two small companies. He is a licensed rotary wing and fixed wing private pilot and a member of the El Jabel shrine's motorized cooler unit. He and wife Barb spend their time enjoying the Colorado sunshine, playing "at golf" and tending to his two very spoiled Labrador Retrievers, Hunter and Jazzie.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Vice Chairman of the Board.

Maj (R) Dr Bill Dunham PHD  
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**Duties:** As the 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dr Dunham is the Chair of the Monument Committee as well as serving as the Board Chief of Staff.

**Background:** I served as the commander of HHB, 2/28 FA from 1983-1985. Those were great years! I then moved into the S-3 shop where, at times, I was the Acting S-3, and for a brief time the FDO. I ended my tour as the S-2. Next assigned to Fort Gordon, GA, I had the daunting task of trying to teach Leadership to signal officers. At other times I taught military history. I was also fortunate to be the TAC Officer of several OBC classes. I retired in 1991 and have remained in the Augusta area.

After the Army I moved into the teaching profession. I taught at Columbia Middle School in Columbia County for 22 years. The subjects ranged from history to algebra. I coached nearly all of the available sports at one time or another. My education pursuit continued with an Education Specialist degree from Cambridge College and I culminated my education by obtaining my doctorate in Education Leadership from South Carolina State University.

I married Vicki in 2008. She is the media specialist at Columbia Middle School and earned her doctorate the same time I did. She will probably retire in 2-3 years. She is an Augusta native and has one daughter, Amanda. We both are enjoying the pleasure of being grandparents to Amanda's daughter, Caylin (4 years old). We also hope to be able to spoil Lila Ruth to the same degree.

My eldest son, Billy, is now 42 years old and lives near Atlanta. He married in November and is working with AMEX when he is not umpiring high school baseball. Steven, my youngest, is now 36 and lives west of Atlanta. He is married and he and his wife, Maleigh, just had a baby girl, Lila Ruth, in December. He works for Green Law and she is an elementary school teacher.

I am now fully retired with an occasional long term substitute job during the winter. I play golf Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday and every October I travel to Colorado to pursue the elusive elk.

It is an honor to have served with such patriots at 2/28. I always remember fondly the times we shared and value the friendships that have developed over the years. I look forward to this association achieving great things!

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

MAJ (R) Dave Mohan

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**Duties:** Duties: As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President he serves as the chair of the Scholarship Committee and as the vice-chair of the Reunion Committee.

**Background:** Dave's first duty assignment in the Army after Signal OBC was in 2-28 from 1980-1983 as the Commo Platoon Leader/HHB XO, HHB Commander, and Battalion Communications-Electronics Staff Officer. He returned to CONUS to attend the Signal Officer Advanced Course at Ft Gordon, GA, and the Telecommunications Systems Staff Officer Course at Keesler AFB in Boloxi, MS. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Ft Meade, MD, as the Chief of the Signal Assistance Tm at Readiness Group Meade. He resigned from the Regular Army in 1988 to accept an Active Guard-Reserve (AGR) assignment in the Maryland Army National Guard. Dave served the remainder of his Army career on active duty with the 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light) as a Quartermaster Corps officer. He was assigned as the Intel-Security Officer, 29<sup>th</sup> DISCOM; Bn S-2/3, 229<sup>th</sup> Supply & Transport Bn; Bn XO, 229<sup>th</sup> Main Support Bn; Adjutant, 29<sup>th</sup> DISCOM; and Deputy Inspector

General for the Maryland National Guard. He attended the US Army Command & Staff Officer Course in residence in 1994-95 and retired from active duty in 1998.

After retirement, Dave and his family moved to Stewartstown, PA. He enrolled at The Johns Hopkins University and earned a Masters degree in School Counseling & Guidance in 2002. He began working as an Elementary School Counselor in 2002 at Paradise Elementary in Thomasville, PA. In 2014 he was reassigned to Spring Grove Intermediate School in Spring Grove, PA. Dave retired from the Spring Grove Area School District in June 2020. He still resides in Stewartstown with his wife of 34 years, Lisa. They have two children: Tim, a drafting detailer for Consolidated Metals Company in York, PA, and Katie, a commercial real estate transaction manager for Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc in Pittsburgh. Dave is an avid craft beer enthusiast and homebrewer and is looking forward to spending more time in retirement reading and traveling.

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## Treasurer

**Colonel (R) Ralph Ripley**  
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**Duties:** As the Treasurer for the Association, Ralph is responsible the establishment of the organization's financial framework, processes, budgets and compliance with regulations covering the operation of non-profit organizations.

**Background:** Ralph Ripley Commanded the 2-28 FA Battalion from 1985-1987. He continued his Army career and was selected to Command the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (MECH) Artillery followed by serving as the Chief of Staff of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division. Ralph Retired from the Army in 1996 and began as second career as the Co-Founder of The Center for Business Solutions, a highly successful Business Consulting firm. He sold the company and fully retired in 2016. He now resides in North Georgia with his wife Anne where the former Artillery Commander now plays his roles as father and grandfather while continuing to expand his reputation as a master trout fisherman.

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## Secretary

**Barbara Montgomery Pollock**  
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**Duties:** As the secretary for the Association, Barbara is responsible for all official Association Communications, maintaining the membership roster and all Association records. She also serves on the Recruiting, Membership and Communications Committee and responsible for the Association Newsletter.

**Background:** Barbara is the spouse of Robert Pollock who served as a Howitzer Section Chief and Gunnery Sergeant in C Battery from 1985-1989. She has gracefully volunteered her time and skills to the Association. The Pollocks left Bleidorn in 1989 and were assigned to Fort Jackson where Robert was a Drill Sergeant. Barbara continued her Volunteer work at Fort Jackson where she was Drill Spouse Chairman, Community

Mayor and Youth Services Coach, from which she was honored with being the volunteer of the year for Fort Jackson. From there the Pollocks were assigned to Hawaii where Robert went back to the guns as Section Chief, Gunnery Sergeant and Chief of Smoke in the 25<sup>th</sup> DIVARTY. Barbara continued her work as a member of the Schofield Barracks Spouses Club, Parents Advisory Co-Chairman and was honored with the Molly Pitcher Award. From there, the Pollocks were assigned to Fort Indiantown Gap where Robert was the NCOIC for Range Control. Next, there they were assigned to the US Military Academy at West Point where Robert was a Unit Trainer. Barbara continued with her service with the Parent Advisory Committee, Member of the Big Army Team Building and was honored with being the West Point Volunteer of the Quarter. Their final assignment before retirement was to Fort Campbell where Robert was a S-2 NCOIC and Barbara continued her volunteer work being honored as Fort Campbell Volunteer of the Quarter twice. Today, the Pollocks live in Bowling Green Kentucky where Robert works for the Social Security Administration and Barbara works for the Blanchfield Army Hospital Embedded Behavioral Health Clinic.

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## Senior NCO Member of the Board at Large

**1SGT (R) Charles Moretz**  
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**Duties:** Charles Moretz is the Senior NCO at Large on the Board of Directors. In this role he acts as the Association Sergeant Major. He is responsible to represent the former NCOs of the Battalion/Regiment and serves as the Chair of the Recruiting, Membership and Communications Committee.

**Background:** 1SGT Moretz served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 28<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery from 1985-1987 as the First Sergeant of C Battery. After Bleidorn, Charles served as First Sergeant in several more Batteries. He retired from the Army in 1995 and started a Computer and Direct TV business in Lawton Ok, selling it off in 2008. Now being semi-retired he continues to work in the IT business as well as security for a local meat plant.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Enlisted Member of the Board at Large, Chief Information Officer

**George Hardin**  
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**Duties:** As one of two Enlisted Members of the Board at Large, George represents the interests of the majority of the population of the Battalion/Regiment which was composed of soldiers in the grade of E-4 and below. In this position he as well as a member of the Recruiting, Membership and Communications Committee. As the Chief Information Officer for the Association he is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Association Web site and other Information Technology tools that support the Associations communications and mission.

**Background:** George was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 28<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery during the years 1983-1985. Initially, he was a Cannoneer and Howitzer Driver in B Battery and was then selected to become the Battalion Executive Officer's Driver in Headquarters Battery. After being honorably discharged, George attended College and received a degree in business. He joined the California Highway Patrol where he was seriously injured in an accident while on duty. After recovery, George worked in information technology field doing telecommunications and network engineering. Today, George is retired and teaches woodworking, building custom furniture and serves on the Sugar Bowl Ski Patrol. He is also a licensed Private Pilot and the proud owner of a [Kitfox aircraft](#).

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Enlisted Member of the Board at

### Large

Dave Davenport

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**Duties:** As one of two Enlisted Members of the Board at Large, Dave represents the interests of the majority of the population of the Battalion/Regiment which are soldiers who were assigned to the Battalion that were in the grade of E-4 and below. In this position Dave also serves as a key member of the Recruiting, Membership and Communications Committee.

**Background:** Dave was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 28<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery during the years 1985-1987. He was assigned to C Battery as a Culinary Specialist (Cook). During his time in the Battalion he represented the best Dining Facility in Europe by performing in several US Army culinary arts competitions in Europe. After completing his tour in Europe, Dave was assigned to Fort Stewart where he was honorably discharged and returned to Toledo Ohio and started his career in the Tool and Die profession. Dave has worked mainly in the automotive industry both as a worker and in Executive Management. When he was working for Oshkosh Defense he was deployed to Kuwait and Afghanistan supporting the Marines. Currently he works for Fiat Chrysler and most recently ran for office in the Ohio State House of Representatives.

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## Special Assistant to the President

LTC (R) Dave Dehnel

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**Duties:** As Special Assistant to the President Dave assist the president in special projects as needed to support the Associations mission.

**Background:** Dave was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 28<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery during the years 1985-1987. He came to the Battalion from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division (Forward) where he Commanded a Service Battery and he took

command of C Battery in 1985. After leaving Germany he was assigned as a Leadership and Tactics instructor at the US Army Signal School at Fort Gordon. It was from her that Dave deployed to Desert Storm with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry DIVATRY. Dave continued his Army Career serving in assignments with automation and command and control including and assignment with NATO.

After Retirement from the Army in 1996, Dave and Barbie settled in Raleigh, North Carolina where Dave began a career in the Information Technology are working for EDS and AT&T. He started his own business associated with background investigations which he has subsequently passed the business on to his sons, Dorian and Sebastian.

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## Chaplain

Col (CH)(R) Danny Marksberry

Kentucky

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**Duties:** As the Association Chaplain, Danny is responsible for the spiritual well being of the Association. He also is the Chair of the Honors Committee and a member of the Scholarship Committee. In this role he is the focal point for coordinating Association assistance to bereaved families of 2-28 Veterans who have passed away.

**Background:** Danny was assigned as the Battalion Chaplain from 1983-1986. As the Battalion Chaplain he was responsible for the development of the outstanding family support groups of the unit as well as serving the Ansbach Military Community. After Bleidorn he returned to Kentucky in the US. When Danny left active duty in 1988 and went to work in the active US Army Reserves retiring as a Colonel. He also worked for the Kentucky Department of Family Serves and also preached in Kentucky. Danny and his wife Kay of 40+ years, are fully retired and live on a Kentucky Farms where Danny is an avid hunter.

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## Chief Accounting Officer

Mrs Madonna Stecher

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**Duties:** As the Chief Accounting Officer she is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the Association's financial systems. In this role she is a member of the Finance Committee and insuring compliance with federal and state laws and regulations to maintain the Association's 501C3 status as a non-profit veteran's group.

**Background:** Madonna is the spouse of LTC (R) Tom Stecher who was assigned to 2-28FA from 1983 to 1985 as the Battalion S-3 and Battalion Executive Officer. Madonna brings extensive experience to the Association with a background in working with other Non Profit groups.

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## Judge Advocate

CW3 (R) Bill Savage  
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**Duties:** As the Judge Advocate for the Association, he is responsible for all the Associations legal matters including the legal filings with the state and Federal agencies. He is also responsible to monitor Association activities to ensure the association continues to be compliant with all laws governing non-profit status.

**Background:** Bill was assigned to Service Battery 2-28 FA in 1979-1982 as the Battalion Maintenance Technician. In this role he was responsible for the technical aspects of maintaining all of the Battalions vehicles and support equipment.

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## NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Maj(R) Pat and Janet Malherek  
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**Duties:** The editor(s) of the Newsletter are responsible to gather information about the Association and the activities of its members and to publish the newsletter on a quarterly basis. The newsletter editors work closely with the other members of the board of directors to distribute information about Association Business as well as the history and legacy of the unit.

**Background:** Pat served in 2-28 FA from 1983-1987. He was the battalion fire direction officer, commander of B battery, battalion S-2, and commander of C Battery. Following his time in 2-28, Pat was an Assistant Professor of Military Science at The Ohio State University, held several staff positions in the 1st Infantry Division Artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas, and was the Professor of Military Science at Utah State University, retiring in 1996. Since 1999, Pat has been employed by Charles County Public Schools in La Plata, MD, as a JROTC instructor at Maurice J. McDonough High School.

Janet served in the 141 Signal Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Barton Barracks, from 1983- 1986. She was a platoon leader in both A and C Companies and was the battalion S-1. She is currently employed by Charles County Public Schools as the College and Career Advisor at St. Charles High School. Pat and Janet currently reside in La Plata, MD. They have four children and one grandchild. Their son Chris, who was born in Germany in 1986, lives in Corpus Christi, TX, with his wife Michelle and son Jack. He was on active duty for 10 years as a Naval Aviator and is currently a reservist in the U.S. Navy and a pilot with Delta Airlines. Their daughter Jen, born in 1988, is on active duty with the Navy and is currently assigned to the USS Ross in Rota, Spain. Her husband Randy is also in the Navy and is currently serving an assignment in Japan. Their son Andrew, born in

1996, graduated from East Carolina University and currently resides in Spring, TX. Their youngest son Michael, born in 1998, is a senior at Virginia Tech.

Historian

(Currently Vacant)

Public Affairs and US Army Liaison

(Currently Vacant)