

Meet the 28th 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 June 2021 just prior to our Bi-Annual Reunion at Ft Sill.

President and Chairman of the Board

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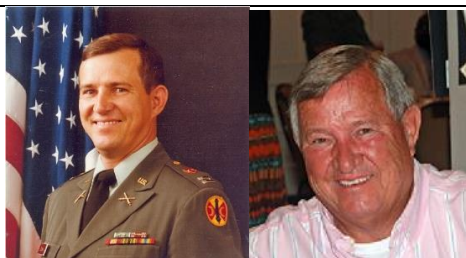
Duties: As the President and Chairman of the Board he is responsible for the smooth operation and Leadership of the Association.

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 5th 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 2nd Armored Division and 4th 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.

1st Vice President and Vice Chairman of the Board.

Maj (R) Dr Bill Dunham PHD
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Duties: As the 1st 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!

2nd Vice President

MAJ (R) Dave Mohan

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Duties: Duties: As 2nd 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 29th Infantry Division (Light) as a Quartermaster Corps officer. He was assigned as the Intel-Security Officer, 29th DISCOM; Bn S-2/3, 229th Supply & Transport Bn; Bn XO, 229th Main Support Bn; Adjutant, 29th 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.



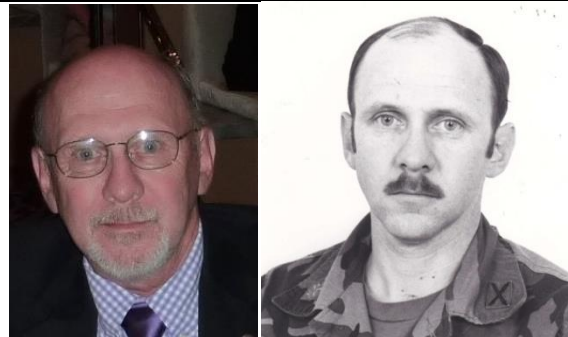
Treasurer
Colonel (R) Ralph Ripley
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Duties: As the Treasurer for the Association, Ralph is responsible the establishment of the organization's financial framework, processes, budgets and compliance with regulations covering the operation of non-profit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

Background: Ralph Ripley Commanded the 2-28 FA Battalion from 1985-1987. He continued his Army career and was selected to Command the 5th Infantry Division (MECH) Artillery followed by serving as the Chief of Staff of the 2nd 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.

Secretary

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Duties: As the secretary for the Association, this position is responsible for all official Association Communications, maintaining the membership roster and all Association records.

Background: Tom served in the 2/28th FA from July 1983 to May 1985 as the S-3/Operations Officer and then Executive Officer. After leaving 2/28, he served as a Division Chief at the United States Army Field Artillery

(Test) Board for over 3 years. After being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, he returned to Germany to serve as the Executive Officer for the 3rd Infantry Division Artillery, the 3rd Infantry Division's G-6, Community Coordinator and finally as a 5th Corps Sub-Community Commander, until he retired on 1 September 1992. For the next 17 years, he filled various retail jobs, the highest being a District Sales Manager, for Select Comfort, the Sleep Number, Air Bed Company. On 1 September 2009, he permanently retired. Since then, he and his wife, Madonna, (Since 2018, she's been the Chief Accounting Officer for the 28 FARA Association.) have set their goals to travel and appreciate this great country of ours, to visit worldly locations they've always wanted to see and to spend their children's inheritances before they die.

Senior NCO Member of the Board at

Large

CSM Keith Young

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Duties: This position 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: Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Young hails from Laurens, South Carolina. He joined the Army on January 1, 1982, and he attended basic training and is advanced individual training for Field Artillery Cannoneer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

He has held a variety of positions from Howitzer Section Chief in 2-28th FAR 85-87, Drill Sergeant, Senior Drill Sergeant, 3rd Corps Artillery Nuclear Surety Team, Gunnery Sergeant, Chief of firing Battery, Battery First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant, Brigade G3 Sergeant Major, 18th Corps Artillery G-3 SGM, 4ID Fire and Effects Coordination (FEEC) SGM, 3rd Corps G-3 Sergeant Major, and twice as a Battalion, 4th BCT CSM 4ID CSM. His previous assignments include 2- 75th (FAR), 1-321(AFAR) (Air Assault), 2- 28th FAR, 1-19 FA, 3rd Corps Artillery G-3, 2-17th FA, 1-319 AFAR, HQ 18th FA BDE, HQ 18th Artillery 41st BDE, 4th BTC and U.S. Army Operational Test Command. His operational deployments include Germany, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan.

CSM Young is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, the Sergeants Major Association and the Field Artillery Association. I am currently serving with a retirement date set for this year.

1st Enlisted Member of the Board at Large

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Duties: As one of two Enlisted Members of the Board at Large, the position 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.

Background: Ronald served 1982-1984- Ft. Stewart, Ga. A-Battery 1-13th FA FDC M577 Driver and Chart Operator, 1984-1987 Ansbach, Germany- C- Battery 2/28th FA FDC Chief, 1987-1989 Ft. Campbell, Ky. 1/320th C-Battery 1/320th FA FDC Chief, 1989-1992-Omak, WA. Recruiting Duty Station Commander. I ended my military career with a rank of SSG.

After my time serving the US Army, I worked as a finish carpenter, drywaller, and painter from 1992-2002. From 2002-2005, I completed the Diesel Program at Clark College, and utilized the new skills from 2005-2007 when I worked as a Heavy truck and Generator Technician for the local Cat dealership. In 2007, I moved on to Oregon Military Department and remained there until they shut down in 2014. Since then, I've worked at Oregon State Police Northwest Region as Fleet Maintenance Coordinator.

2nd Enlisted Member of the Board at Large

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Duties: As one of two Enlisted Members of the Board at Large, this position 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: I was in the US Army from Aug 1983-July 1987 with my final rank of Sergeant. While assigned to 2/28FA, from Feb 1984 to July 1987 I served as Canon Crewman various, Driver M548/M109, #1 Man Special Weapons Chief.

After I left the Army I completed my BS Forestry in 1992, College of Forestry, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches Texas. I put my education into practice with Private Forest Management (3 years), Texas A&M Forest Service (7 years), and US Forest Service (17 Years).

I believe the fundamentals I learned during my military service served were important in my personal and professional development in the years since my service. I believe in military history, service, and legacy and desire to keep the organization relevant and support former members.

Special Assistant to the President

LTC (R) Dave Dehnel
Raleigh NC



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 2nd Battalion 28th Field Artillery during the years 1985-1987. He came to the Battalion from the 2nd 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 1st 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.

Chaplain

Col (CH)(R) Danny Marksberry
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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

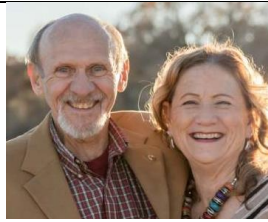
Ansbach Military Community. After Bleidorn he returned to Kentucky in the US. When Danny left active duty in 1988 and went to work in the active US Army Reserves retiring as a Colonel. He also worked for the Kentucky Department of Family Services and also preached in Kentucky. Danny and his wife Kay of 40+ years, are fully retired and live on a Kentucky Farm where Danny is an avid hunter.

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.

Judge Advocate

CW3 (R) Bill Savage

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Duties: As the Judge Advocate for the Association, he is responsible for all the Association's 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 Battalion's vehicles and support equipment.

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.

Chief Information Officer

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Duties: 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 2nd Battalion 28th 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](#).