

# Meet the 28<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment 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 2023 just prior to our Bi-Annual Reunion in Washington DC.

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## President and Chairman of the Board

Patrick (Pat) Malherek  
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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.

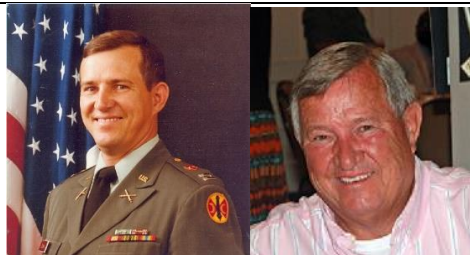
**Background:** Pat Malherek was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery in May 1979 completing ROTC at the University of Notre Dame. Upon completing the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, TX where he served in a variety of assignments. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 28th Field Artillery in Ansbach, Germany, from December 1983-May 1987 where he served as battalion FDO, B Battery Commander, Battalion S-2, and C Battery Commander. Upon leaving the 2/28, Pat served in a variety of assignments, culminating with an assignment as the Professor of Military Science at Utah State University in Logan, UT. Pat retired from active duty in 1996. For the last 24 years, Pat was a JROTC Instructor at Maurice J. McDonough High School in Pomfret, MD. He retired from this position on July 1, 2023.

Pat is married to the former Janet Tolman, who he met while assigned to the 2/28. Janet was assigned to the 141 Signal Battalion at the time. They have four children and two grandchildren. They currently reside in La Plata, MD. Pat and Janet are currently the editors of the 28 FARA newsletter.

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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

Chris Dolan

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

**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.

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Amanda's daughter, Caylin (9 years old). Vicki retired after 30 years of teaching in 2022. My eldest son, Billy, is now 46 years old and lives near Atlanta. He married in November and is working with a company that puts together golf destination trips. He travels the world visiting sites. Steven, my youngest, is now 41 and lives west of Atlanta. He is married and he and his wife, Maleigh, have two children – Lila Ruth, 4 and Elijah 20 months. 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 and the occasional mule deer.

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**Treasurer**

**David Dolan**

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

**Background:** MEMBER:

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TAX PROFESSIONALS

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS

Born in Philadelphia in August of 1965, David moved to Cherry Hill, NJ in 1980, where he graduated from C.H.H.S. East in 1983. During his senior year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army on the Delayed Entry Program. David took basic training at Fort Sill, OK, "Home of the Field Artillery" and advanced individual training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, where he earned his Adjutant General insignia for Personnel Administration. In January 1983, David was sent to HHB, 2 nd Battalion, 28 th Field Artillery, located in Ansbach, Germany, where he served in the personnel center as the battalion's SIDPERS clerk for 20 months until his ETS in August of 1985. He later left the IRR for active reserve duty in the 78 th Training Division at Fort Dix, NJ. After David returned from service, he worked in the banking industry while attending college, working his way upward, and through many departments. David Graduated from Rutgers University – School of Business with a bachelor's degree in accounting and was inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society. In 1991, David left banking, moved to New York state, and started his career in public accounting. He passed the CPA exam in a single sitting in 1993. David worked his way from a staff accountant to a senior accountant, to the managing accountant in a large local firm. David started his own business as a sole proprietor in the late 1990's and in 2003, he incorporated and purchased the practice he was managing. He merged his private practice into the firm and has consistently grown the clientele every year since. David has served as treasurer for several Non-profit organizations, including the local Chamber of Commerce, his local American Legion Post, and the county's Chapter of the American Legion Riders, the latter two being veterans' organizations that raise funds and awareness for our troops, veterans, and their families. David is divorced and has a son, Joseph Dolan (born 1997) and currently lives with his partner, Wendy Hutton, and their furry family in Tillson, in the Hudson Valley/Catskill region of New York.

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## Secretary

Scott Sumpter

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

**Background:** I served in battalion in C-Btry 1985-88, under the great leadership of SFC Trice, 1SG Moretz & CMDR's Houston, Dehnel, Malherek, and Earleywine. I also served in the S-3 for a period of 4-5 months. I was a section chief (SSG) while in Ansbach, Germany. I then was selected to attend drill sergeant school at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in 1989 where I graduated, and was assigned to 1/19th FA in A & E-Btry's, where I later achieved the rank of SFC. Upon my departure from the military in 1992, I began my life as a leader in various civilian occupations in management positions. My achievement of being leader at the highest level of the military seemed to not fit in very well with civilians. However, I worked at Goodyear Tire Plant in Lawton, Oklahoma for 5yrs. I later moved to Cincinnati to be around my family to help improve my quality of life.

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## 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, 18<sup>th</sup> Corps Artillery G-3 SGM, 4ID Fire and Effects Coordination (FEEC) SGM, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2-17<sup>th</sup> FA, 1-319 AFAR, HQ 18<sup>th</sup> FA BDE, HQ 18<sup>th</sup> Artillery 41<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Enlisted Member of the Board at

**Large Miguel Rosario**

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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:** 1SG Miguel A. Rosario (Retired) attended Technical High School in Springfield, MA, where he earned his high school diploma in May of 1985. On 3 September 1985, 1SG Rosario enlisted in the United States Army as a Field Artilleryman at Fort Sill, OK. 1SG Rosario holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources from Excelsior University in Albany, New York and a Master of Arts in Human Resources Management from Webster University in Saint Louis, MO.

1SG Rosario has held various positions as a cannoneer, to include howitzer crewman, gunner, section chief, gunnery sergeant, platoon sergeant, drill sergeant, observer controller, First Sergeant, for the HHB, 214 th Fires Brigade. 1SG Rosario is a graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, First Sergeants Course, Observer Controller Academy, Drill Sergeant School, Air Assault School, Equal Opportunity Representative Course, M109A6 (Paladin) Commanders Course and the Master Fitness Course.

1SG Rosario's awards and decorations include: The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (6 OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), Overseas Ribbon (3 rd Award), Korea Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon (# 4), Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal (# 2), South West Asia Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Assault

Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and Drivers Badge. 1SG Rosario is also a member of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. 1SG Rosario has four children Brandi, Miguel Jr., Dru, and Dana and four grandchildren Obrie, Oscar Jr, Miguel Jr, and Camila.

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

### Large

Wayne Pfeffer

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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:** Wayne Pfeffer is a professional with a diverse background in computer science, graphic communication, and software development. Wayne entered the Army at MEPS in Fargo, ND, and went to basic and AIT at Ft. Sill, OK. He became the computer operator for FDC and came in second in the battalion by 1 point during an ARTEP while out in the field in 1986. After being stationed in Germany from 1985 to 1987, Wayne ETS'd from Ft. Stewart, GA. After leaving the Army, Wayne worked in various jobs before settling down with his then girlfriend, now wife. They moved up to Moorhead Minnesota separately where she went to school for about 2 years before life threw them a curveball and they got pregnant. Wayne was going to school at the time for a double major in Computer Science and Graphic Communication but had to find a real job when their son came into their lives. That's when he got his first job in computer repair. After that, he got a job in web development and that's when his software development and database development career began. From there, Wayne moved down to the Twin Cities, bought a house in Buffalo, MN. Then 9/11 happened and the place he was working for, one of its primary investors died in one of the planes and the business couldn't find funding any longer. From there he went the independent contractor route for quite a while. While doing that, he landed at WoltersKluwer Financial Services as a contractor and stayed there for just over two years. Due to budget cuts, and the fact that he wasn't an actual FTE there, he was cut. However about 5 years later he got an FTE position at WoltersKluwer and has been there now about 2.5 years.

In 2015, Wayne was diagnosed with stage 4 Cirrhosis of the liver at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. With the help of his battalion, job, family, and friends he was able to get the transplant and make it through. After the surgery and his recovery, Wayne was told by a few of his doctors that they weren't sure he was going to make it. But with the help of his wife, family, friends, and the guys from the battalion who kept calling him and wouldn't let him forget where he came from, he made it through to transplant and beyond.

Wayne is now back at work doing very well, he was just presented with an award and a \$500 bonus from work because of his hard work and dedication. There are limitations that he must abide by due to the fact that he's immunosuppressed and have a different person's liver in him. But they're nothing that

he can't live with. Wayne is grateful for everyone who has helped him and wants to give back to the battalion and the people who have so generously given to him by being a member of the board and giving back in any way he can.

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## Special Assistant to the President

LTC (R) Dave Dehnel



**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

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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

Vacant

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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.

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## Chief Information Officer

George Hardin  
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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 grew up in a suburb of the San Francisco Bay Area. After HS graduation, he began taking college courses while working a full time job. He quit his job at 23 and started his own woodworking business building custom furniture. Desiring funds to continue his education, George enlisted in the Army in 1982 and 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 (Major Paul Lange) Driver in Headquarters Battery. After being honorably discharged, George attended college and completed his Bachelors 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 the information technology field managing various telecommunications and information technology projects. In 2000 George married Lisa Hardin and 3 years later had a son Garrett. Garrett and George were very involved with the local Boy Scout Troop 121, and Garrett attained the Eagle Rank in 2019. Garrett is currently attending California State University at Monterey Bay and is majoring in Film Production. Today, George is retired and teaches woodworking, building custom furniture and has also retired after 22 years 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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## President Emeritus in Perpetuity

LTC (R) Tommy Houston



**Duties:** As President Emeritus in Perpetuity Tommy provides guidance and advice on all Association matters and assist as needed to continue the success of the Association. He was the first President of the Association and helped to guide it from an idea to a reality.

**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.