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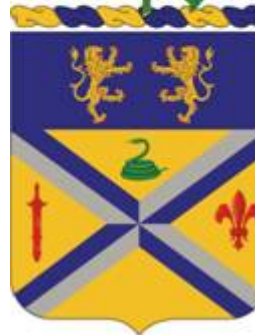
**Before**



### Eagle Scout

### Project

—Alex  
Thornton



**After**





## Operation New Dawn—WELCOME HOME!

The 201st Field Artillery Regiment served as a part of 197th Field Artillery Brigade. They conducted non-standard missions and was restructured as TF 1-201 with command and control of all Northern Security Force elements in Kuwait. Since November 2010, over 50,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines were housed, trained and de-



ployed or re-deployed from Camp Buehring, the largest such Camp in Kuwait. TF 1-201 FA was responsible for the reception, staging, onward movement, and integration for all units deploying or redeploying and executed multiple unit missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan .

In six weeks, the 201st ARCENT Detachment inputted 19,000 VINs, for vehicles that were inventoried by the Afghan National Police. The team accounted for equipment issued over seven years (no small feat).

As part of the team, each member was awarded an impact Joint Service Achievement Medal, as well as the NATO Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal for their service .



-- [5 May 2011]- *"I believe they all had a great experience, each seeing a different part of Afghanistan."* — William B. Caldwell, IV, LTG, USA, Commander, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan and CG, CSTC-A. Read about the Command at: [www.NTM-A.com](http://www.NTM-A.com)

The welcome home "**Yellow Ribbon**" activities are scheduled for **4-6 November** and **2-4 December** 2011 in Charleston, WV. If you plan to attend, go to <http://www.jointservicesupport.org/> to register. MAJ(P) Timothy Vance will assume command of the battalion. The change of command ceremony with LTC Clay Coatney is tentatively scheduled for the December Yellow Ribbon event.

The **Saint Barbara dinner and ball** is scheduled for **14 January 2012** at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown . Details will be posted on our web site at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/201st/index.html>. Association members are encouraged to attend.

An **OPERATION NEW DAWN** briefing will be presented during our Thirty-First Bi-Annual Reunion, 21-23 September 2012. The Association contributed funds for a year-book detailing the deployment.

*First West Virginia*

## 201st Display at the WV Culture Center 11 Aug - 12 Sep 11



*Whale rib from WWII Aleutian Islands Campaign signed by members of the 2-201 Infantry*

See more display items at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/201st/Display.html>

Under the leadership of Ed Luzzader, the **Publicity Committee** is consolidating contacts for publications and journals to place reunion notifications for next year. The 201<sup>st</sup> IN/FA Association is on **Facebook** at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=348293096193>

Harold Jones, chair of the **Finance Committee**, reported a balance as of xxxxx 2011 of xx,xxx.xx. So far this quarter, our expenses exceeded income by \$xxx.xx. We currently have 256 members including 44 Life members.

Contact us at: [201stAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:201stAssociation@gmail.com)  
Links: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/201st> and [Groups](#) on Army Knowledge Online (AKO/DKO) under **201st Association**.

Battalion HQ: 304 363-1010

The 201<sup>st</sup> has a website and blog at: <http://www.201fa.com/>. You may also log onto <http://www.dvidshub.net/search?q=201fa> to view released photos and stories from the 201<sup>st</sup> in Kuwait.

## 201st Memorial Eagle Scout Project

The 201<sup>st</sup> Memorial received an upgrade as part of Alex Thornton's Eagle Scout project. Alex is the son of MAJ (RET) Jimmy Thornton who served in the 201<sup>st</sup> and is a life member of the 201<sup>st</sup> Association. Alex made improvements to the 201<sup>st</sup> Memorial landscape for his Eagle Scout project. He decided to replace the picnic tables to make the picnic areas ADA accessible so disabled veterans can also enjoy the area. Alex's project included two concrete ramps and picnic pads and ADA compliant picnic tables. He filled the deep ruts along the road next to the fence with dirt and gravel, replaced light bulbs in the flag lighting, sanded and painted the hand rail, painted the 201<sup>st</sup> sign base, repaired the broken water line and hose bib, and installed some grass sod to improve the lawn around the memorial and picnic area. The 201<sup>st</sup> Association executive committee approved \$2000 for the project. Alex was able to complete the project under budget due to several discounts, and donations. The total cost of the project was \$3,300, but Alex was able to secure donations and discounts totaling \$1,578, resulting in a total cost of \$1722 for the 201<sup>st</sup> Association.



*The 201st Infantry / Field Artillery Association. [Tax ID 31-1077639] is exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(19). Also exempt from State Tax with SSTGB Form F0003 Exemption Certificate. Donations are deductible as charitable contributions (dues are not deductible)..*



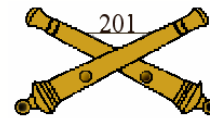
Completion of the **Fairmont Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC)** is delayed. The project includes two new building structures totaling approximately 91,000 SF.



**In Memoriam**

Don Robbins  
Keith Cook  
Marvin Teter

The **201st Regimental Room** will be located on the 2d floor. The AFRC that will be home to HQ 1-201FA , Detachment 1, 1201st FSC, HHB, 1-201FA, and the 901st MED Detachment, USAR.



**Membership Application or Renewal**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YOUR 201st Unit (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ENTERED SERVICE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE SEPARATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attached:**

**DUES:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/year) (or \$100 Life Member)  
**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (tax deductible donation)  
**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues (\$10.00) are payable in January of each year. Life membership is \$100. Dues are not deductible for tax purposes. You may contact the battalion at 304 363-1010, 304 201-3934 or email comments to: 201stassociation@gmail.com.

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