



# OFFICERS OF THE FIRST DIVISION



## Ninety-Eighth Annual Dinner

Please join us on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for the Ninety-Eighth Annual Dinner of the Officers of the First Division at the Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City, KS. The dinner commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. General (retired) Carter Ham will be the Guest Speaker.

The dinner is an annual event for Commissioned and Warrant Officers assigned or attached to the First Infantry Division during combat operations, including KFOR and SFOR, and those officers currently serving with the Big Red One. Founded in 1919 after World War I, the dinner is held on the last Saturday in April every year with a program that remains largely unchanged – cocktails at 1800; mess call at 1900; regimental colors on display; former commanders on the dais; the band playing regimental marches; an update from the current CG; and a toast to our fallen comrades followed by taps and Auld Lang Syne. Why attend? One previous participant remarked, “The dinner was an amazing event, just being in the room with all of these professionals was awesome and humbling.”

As we approach the dinner’s 100th anniversary in 2019, the Committee is working to increase attendance. The Chairman has set a goal of 350 guests for the 100th dinner in 2019, and we can achieve that goal with your continued participation and support, especially your outreach to other veteran officers of the Division.

### ATTENDANCE AND GUEST POLICY

Each member attending the annual dinner can bring one guest who is a spouse, child, or someone with a close relationship to the division, such as former division commanders or the First Division museum curator. Surviving spouses of members are also invited. All attendees to the dinner are welcome to attend the chili luncheon on Saturday and the cocktail reception prior to the dinner and to join the veteran officers in the unit CPs throughout the weekend.

### UNIT CPs AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Danger Forward will be located in the Cottonwood and Regimental CPs will be located in suites throughout the hotel. We also intend have scheduled tours of Ft. Riley on Friday and Saturday. Times are to be determined. Please check in upon arrival for specific CP locations.

Unit CPs/Hospitality Suites	1700 hours Friday through 1000 hours Sunday
Dinner Committee Meeting	1000 hours Saturday (location TBP in the lobby and on hotel TV)
Chili Luncheon	1200 hours Saturday in Danger Forward
Cocktail Reception	1800 hours Saturday
Officers Dinner	1900 hours Saturday

***Please note that expenses for CP facilities, alcohol, snacks, etc. are paid only through member donations so look for the donation plate in the bar area of your CP and please contribute generously!***

### HOTEL ROOMS

The 2017 dinner will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City. Room rates are \$89 for a regular room and \$112 for the suites, plus tax (15.75%). The hotel will accept reservations now. Our POC at the hotel is Laura Cain, Director of Sales. She can be contacted at 785-210-2714 or [Laura.cain@jqh.com](mailto:Laura.cain@jqh.com). The link to make on line reservations: [Book your group rate for Officers of 1st Division](#). You can reserve your room now.

### THE DINNER TICKET

Tickets for the Officers’ dinner are \$65.00 per person. This barely covers the cost of the dinner, chili lunch and other hotel amenities so we continue to rely on your generous support for the costs of printing, mailing, postage, band expenses, etc. Please mail your checks, payable to Officers of the First Division, to 1637 Hiddenbrook Drive, Herndon, VA 20170-2915. You can also register, pay, and donate at

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[www.dangerforward.org/registeranddonate.php](http://www.dangerforward.org/registeranddonate.php). Unit representatives will verify dinner attendees at the dinner. No actual individual tickets will be issued. **Donations are tax deductible.**

## WHAT TO WEAR

Active duty: dress or mess blues. Veteran officers and guests: dinner jacket, cocktail dress, blazer, or dark business suit.

## MAILING LIST

We will send the dinner invitation via email to known internet users to reduce mailing and printing costs, If you received a hard copy of the invitation via the U.S. Mail and have an email address, please provide your address by registering at [www.dangerforward.org/signup.php](http://www.dangerforward.org/signup.php). If you do not have an e-mail address, please return the envelope with a note telling us to continue sending your invitation via U.S. Mail.

If you are aware of officers not receiving the announcements, please send us their name, address and/or e-mail address. For officers on active duty, we recommend you provide a permanent mailing address along with your email address. Please mail updates to the address on the return, e-mail updates to [rickorth@verizon.net](mailto:rickorth@verizon.net), or register on line at [www.dangerforward.org/signup.php](http://www.dangerforward.org/signup.php).

Note that four positions in the Dinner Committee (shown below in red) are vacant, and we need your assistance in filling them. For additional information, please contact Rick Orth at [rickorth@verizon.net](mailto:rickorth@verizon.net).

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