



# OFFICERS OF THE FIRST DIVISION

## One Hundred and Second Annual Dinner



Please join us on Saturday, April 29, 2023, for the One Hundred and First Annual Dinner of the Officers of the First Division at the Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City, Kansas. The Guest Speaker is to be determined. Shield/Storm.

The Dinner is an annual event, except for 2020 and 2021, 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 usually held on the last Saturday in April every year, however this year it will occur on the fourth Saturday, 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.”

### ATTENDANCE AND GUEST POLICY

Each member attending the annual Dinner can bring one guest, in addition to their spouse, such as a child, or someone with a close relationship to the Division, such as former Division commanders or the First Division Museum curator. Surviving spouses of member officers, as well as spouses of deployed or TDY officers, 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 in Cottonwood A and Regimental CPs will be in suites throughout the hotel. We are asking Division support for a tour of Fort Riley facilities. We will finalize based on interest and Division support. Please check in upon arrival for specific CP locations.

**1<sup>st</sup> Division and Fort Riley Tour 0830 hours to 1530 hours Friday Note: If want to attend the Fort Riley Tour please plan on arriving on Thursday 27 April 2023.**

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 2023 Dinner will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction City, 310 Hammons Drive. Regular room rates are \$93 per night plus tax. You may register online, or by calling the hotel at 785-210-1500.

### 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 321 N. 16th Street, Manhattan, KS 66502. You can also register, pay, and donate at

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ejaa19c5d6670078&oseq=&c=&ch=>. Unit representatives will verify dinner attendees at the dinner. No actual individual tickets will be issued.

**Donations are tax deductible.**



**No Mission Too Difficult**



**No Sacrifice Too Great**



**Duty First!**



## WHAT TO WEAR

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

## MAILING LIST

We will send the dinner invitation via email (already sent) 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 <https://ofd1919.org/>. 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 [rickett@verizon.net](mailto:rickett@verizon.net), or register online at <https://ofd1919.org/>.

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We seek Unit Representatives for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment and Signals Units. Please provide names for candidates for these Vacant positions.