

2017 Beginning of year message:

I hope all Gimlet Brothers enjoyed a warm and happy Christmas with family and friends, and then rang in the New Year with optimism. I look forward to leading the Gimlet Association and representing all Gimlets in a positive manner over the coming months.

I want to thank Gimlets who assisted the association along with those who have sent in their new applications and dues in a timely manner. Remember, even if you are exempt from dues I ask you complete the new application so the association may update your information. Please, take a few moments to legibly complete the new application that can be found on the Gimlet website, and then send it along with applicable dues or donation in care of R. "Mitch" Mitchell at: 2251 North Rampart Blvd. #168, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128.

Special thanks to Gen Warner (USA RET) 21st Infantry Platoon Leader, Korea, Max Lewhew Platoon Leader 21st Infantry Korea and MG (USA RET) Rocco Negriz the 3-21 IN BC and Task Force Gimlet Commander when the Gimlets stood down in Vietnam for their donations in 2016.

I want to offer my heartfelt condolence to all Gimlets we lost this past year. You will be missed and remembered by all Gimlet Brothers in our prayers.

Within the next few months the association will incur more expenses to complete the transformation to nonprofit status as well as ongoing monthly expenses. With the beginning of 2017 it's been six months since the rebirth of the Gimlet Association 21st Infantry. Since the new beginnings in 2016 I have spent more out of pocket money to put the wheels of the association in motion than I have received. Gimlet Brothers it takes money to maintain and operate the Gimlet Association and I cannot continue to do so without your help.

Sometime within the next six months major decisions must be made as well as major changes to leadership. During the past six months I've received many inquiries about the direction of the association as well as suggestions about how best to grow the association; however, all Gimlets making suggestions chose not to step forward and help implement suggested changes to build the association. I find that somewhat disheartening, but am hopeful that new members will step forward in 2017 to help bring the association to the forefront.

Older members as well as new members question the need to fill out a new application/enrollment form, and question the need for dues? All associations require dues. Many state that because they already belong to the association by way of Regiment Gimlet on Facebook there is no need to complete a new application or pay dues.

The new application will update your personal information such as mailing address, e-mail address and phone number(s). You would not believe the USPS mailing and e-mails I send out only to have them returned non deliverable.

Many Gimlets are of the opinion that because they make regular post to the “Regiment Gimlet” site on Facebook that they are automatically members of the Gimlet Association (Gimlet Nation). Regiment Gimlet is simply another communication venue tied to the association along with Twitter and Yahoo.

The 21st Infantry Regiment Gimlet Association belongs to all of us Gimlets. Show ownership in our Gimlet Association by paying dues and voicing your opinion as how best to maintain and operate the association. If you don’t care to become a dues paying member at least make a donation to keep our regimental association alive.

Sadly, I must report that the Regimental convention/reunion in the planning phase for Las Vegas summer 2017 is now history. The event planner notified me that the date has come and gone to put together a convention/reunion for summer 2017 in Las Vegas; however, there is ample time to put together a Regimental reunion/convention for 2018. Give the association some input on location and time.

I promised I would stay at the helm of the association through June 2017; however, my leadership past that date at this time is questionable. It is just simply time for new leadership. I am hopeful that within the next six months qualified Gimlet candidates will step forward to assume leadership roles. The association must acquire younger Gimlets to provide leadership for the future: Gimlets who are in touch with wants and needs for younger and future Gimlets.

I implore any Gimlet interested in serving as president of the association or other elected or appointed position(s) within the association please contact me for more information at: gimletnation21@gmail.com As of 1 January this is the primary e-mail address the association will be using. Yahoo is no longer a stable server and has been subject to numerous hacks. The same is true for Facebook. I will remain active as long as needed to assist and insure a smooth transition for new leadership if asked.

Bore Brother Bore!

R. “Mitch” Mitchell, President
Gimlet Association 21st Infantry