

Hello Gimlet Brothers.

I hope you all enjoy a fantastic Labor Day. The beginning of June this year I promised to give a year of my time to the process regenerating interest in the Gimlet Association as its president. Almost three months into the rebirthing some major changes take effect 1 September 2016. There will be more to follow in coming months.

The first major change: an updated application/enrollment form which was modified slightly from the old and commencement of dues. Second, the association has new e-mail addresses. For membership use: gimletmembership21@gmail.com Main e-mail address is: gimletnation21@gmail.com The old e-mails are still operational and will continue for a while. In recent months there has been much SPAM and other nuisance e-mails therefore the need for new e-mail addresses. There is a new USPS mailing address: **GimletNation, Gimlet Association 21st Infantry, 2251 North Rampart Blvd., #168, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128.**

Another revelation, after many discussions a 21st Infantry Regimental convention/reunion has been proposed and is in the planning stages for sometime during the summer of 2017. A regimental reunion includes all battalions/units under the 21st Infantry Regimental banner, past and present. The association is aware that there are independent Gimlet companies, battalions, brigades as well as division associations doing reunions during the summer of 2017. A GimletNation convention/reunion is a must to elect new officers and conduct official business and then have fun.

As with all military organizations a convention/reunion is a time and place to promote brotherhood, elect new officers and conduct official association business in person or by proxy as well as enjoying the company and friendship of Brother Gimlets. Las Vegas has been chosen as the site for the first convention/reunion for GimletNation, Gimlet Association 21st Infantry Regiment.

Las Vegas is a profound location that provides a fantastic opportunity for an awesome convention/reunion where GimletNation can proudly promote Gimlet Brotherhood and conduct official business while enjoying the culture and adventure of the City of Lights and surrounding areas. McCarran International Airport is an economical and easy hub to fly in an out as well as using Uber and Lyft for ground transportation. The association is in the process of researching locations in Las Vegas for a reunion as well as outside entertainment event venues.

Sin City, the entertainment capital of the world, is an amazing place for Gimlets, past and present, to gather. Las Vegas offers more than gambling. There are many churches of different faiths around the city for Gimlet Brothers and their families. My sources are seeking out clean and economical venues receptive to veteran reunions.

Whether Gimlet Brothers and their families are looking for fine dining or a quick White Castle Las Vegas is the place to grab a bite to eat. There is an abundance of watering holes and entertainment for all; therefore, my sources are researching cultural event

venues, entertainment venues such as live concerts/shows, golf locations and other adventure locations. Reply with your comments as to dates and your interests.

Experience Vegas on the edge; for those who enjoy cultural events there is the spectacular jaw-dropping Cirque Du Soleil, City Center Fine Art Collection, museums and of course the Fremont Street Experience. Current Cirque Du Soleil shows: The Beatles Love, Michael Jackson Love, Ka and more. Each of the hotel casinos in Las Vegas is unique offering unusual entertainment. Enjoy the Bellagio's World Famous Aquatic Masterpiece or dine beneath the Eiffel Tower. Swim with the sharks in the Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay. Don't forget your camera.

Las Vegas is surrounded by events that beckon adventuresome Gimlets. In the city you can take part in the insanity of the rides atop the Stratosphere, including the big leap. The outlying areas provide exciting and unusual experiences such as Top Gun air combat experience, kayaking the Colorado River, rappelling the Valley of Fire, racing dune buggies, mountain biking, hot air ballooning, helicopter tour of Grand Canyon, zipline over Bootleg Canyon, hiking Mount Charleston, rent motorcycles for a ride, horseback riding and rookie driving experience at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, to mention a few.

Shooting ranges can be found all over Las Vegas: indoor and outdoor ranges. Check these out online: Battlefield Vegas, Las Vegas Outdoor Range, The Range 702 are just a few. There is also sky diving to the south as well as a visit to the Hoover Dam. There is a huge DVA Hospital with 24/7 ER facility, Air Force hospital as well as civilian hospitals to treat any ailments that might overcome Gimlets during their stay.

As for golf, I have played a few courses in Las Vegas, but a couple of my favorites are Bear's Best and Las Prados Golf and Country Club. Descriptions of these courses and reviews are online. I'm going to try to get group rates for a Gimlet golf tournament and other entertainment. Let me hear from Gimlet golfers. Did I mention great shopping and sightseeing for those who do not play golf?

Las Vegas is a great place to visit, gamble, shop, and in general enjoy a good time; therefore, I believe Las Vegas to be a fantastic place to hold the first GimletNation regimental reunion. GimletNation, Gimlet Association 21st Infantry is a true regimental reunion encompassing all battalions and units attached thereto. The association invites all Gimlets, past and present, to attend, especially Artic Gimlets. GimletNation extends a special invitation to 3-21 IN Gimlets in Alaska to come down from the frigid chill to warm up in Las Vegas.

I am hopeful to find a film crew to capture the reunion as well as some of the entertainment events. A Gimlet reunion is a time to promote brotherhood and bolster Gimlet history and traditions; therefore, I would also like to see current and former Gimlet Warriors take a few minutes to help chronicle Gimlet history, thereby giving interviews about their experience as Gimlet Warriors. Bring your Gimlet Sticks and any memorabilia you may want to share.

Take the GimletNation challenge, become an active member of the association, and then

meet in Las Vegas for the summer 2017 reunion. The association needs members with special talent in the following areas:

Accounting/CPA, Business Law, Business Communication, Economics, Federal Tax Procedures, Nonprofit 501(c), Fundraising/Grant Writing, Journalism, Marketing, Program and Event Planning, Hospitality, Information Technology, Graphic Design, Photography, Publishing, Software Development, Editing. The association also needs Gimlets who might share their special software to help advance the mission of the association.

Once becoming a member of the association we hope some Gimlets will choose to give of their time, serving in elected office, appointed position(s) or on a committee. To serve in one of more of these positions the association asks you to furnish a copy of your DD-214/215 and/or orders assigning you to a Gimlet Battalion or unit attached thereto (make sure you redact the first five numbers of your SSN/Service Number), also, a photograph.

I am truly excited about the upcoming convention/reunion and hope to see many Gimlet Brothers in attendance, thereby making the convention/reunion a huge success. I would enjoy feedback from all Gimlets regarding planning the upcoming convention/reunion, new application and dues, as well as other goals set forth in previous communication. If you are interested in attending a reunion for summer 2017, and possibly working as one of the planners, please reply. I need to get an approximate count for hotel casinos and entertainment marketing representatives. Also, let me hear from you if you want to play golf or take part in some special event.

Remember, GimletNation **Does Not** conduct official business online by way of Social Media; rather, the association uses privacy of e-mail and/or USPS for official business. Social media sites are for inane chitchat entertainment. This is why it is so important to maintain good contact info.

If you are a Gimlet Warrior, past or present, I ask that you become active in the association, donate a few hours of your leisure time and skill sets supporting GimletNation and/or contribute a modest monetary amount to make GimletNation, Gimlet Association 21st Infantry Regiment a viable association.

Bore Brother Bore!

R. Mitch Mitchell, President
Gimlet Association 21st Infantry