



# Gathering of Eagles

A historical moment for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Cav

As the Squadron prepares for the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 “Casing of Colors”, we are taking this opportunity to bring together the aircraft that proudly served the Unit since it became an “Air” Cav Squadron in 1968.

In cooperation with various flying museums and private owners, we are planning to have these aircraft participate in the “Casing of Colors” ceremony at Fort Campbell, KY. The aircraft we are planning to include are the OH-6 Cayuse, OH-58 Kiowa, UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) and AH-1 Cobra. All of these are veterans and some actually served with the 101<sup>st</sup> as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. With any luck, we also plan to have an M151A1 “jeep” that symbolizes our initial “boots on the ground” in Vietnam, prior to going “Air” Cav. The active Unit will attempt to supply a UH-60 Blackhawk and AH-64 Apache. This represents our “walk through history”. We are also expecting a mobile military museum & food trucks.

During the weekend following the ceremony, the Huey & Cobra are intending to offer rides (for a fee) to active duty, veterans and the public alike. For some, a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience what we had the honor of flying and maintaining. For others, a trip down memory lane.

This, of course, will take some considerable funding.

Heading up this effort, in cooperation with the Squadron Command, is the “Alpha Troop Association” (non-profit 501c19) and we need your financial help to make this happen. Please consider making a corporate or personal donation supporting this historic event. Major sponsors are encouraged to participate, but every little bit helps. Depending on your circumstances, it should be tax deductible. Check with your tax preparer.

To make donations, please make a check out to Alpha Troop Association and mail to 209 Ruger Street, Tuscola, TX 79562 or make an electronic donation through Zelle (phone/acct no. 325 518 2927).

Please place “Gathering of Eagles” in the check memo line of the Zelle “what for” box. You can also go on PayPal (if you have an account), search for “Alpha Troop Association” and make a donation directly through PayPal or use a credit card.

We will provide updates on the official 2-17 Cavalry Squadron “Out Front” and Alpha Troop Association Facebook pages (as well as the [www.AlphaTroopAlumni.com](http://www.AlphaTroopAlumni.com) website). If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Alpha Troop Association President, Glen Veno at 810 599 9999, send an email [GVeno36@comcast.net](mailto:GVeno36@comcast.net), or submit a Facebook message on the Association’s Facebook page.



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