



**SOMETHING  
IS MISSING**

## **FELLOW TOMAHAWK**

The 23rd Infantry Regiment, your regiment, has fought in every American conflict around the globe from 1812 and we have never stopped since. 'We Serve' means something deeply real to you and me. Our record is a unique, monumental achievement...

## **YET SOMETHING IS MISSING**

There is NO lasting national monument to this monumental achievement. Nowhere. None.

## **BUT YOU AND I CAN PUT THAT RIGHT**

Join me in contributing generously to the erection of an inspiring granite monument at Fort Benning, Georgia commemorating your selfless service and that of every soldier of the Tomahawk Regiment through the ages.

## **LET'S HAVE A MONUMENTAL RESPONSE TO HONOR A MONUMENTAL EFFORT**



### **Where will our Monument be?**

Carved in Georgian granite, our monument will occupy pride of place on a pathway with other distinguished infantry units on the 'Walk of Honor' at the National Infantry Center and Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia.

### **Why Fort Benning?**

Not only have we all trained there but the 23rd's famed World War I regimental commander, Colonel Paul Malone, DSC, was seminal in 'standing up' the School of Infantry in the 1920s. He designed the distinctive FOLLOW ME insignia and badge. The Infantry Museum and the Walk of Honor have become one of Georgia's most popular attractions for visitors and veterans alike.

### **How much will we need to raise?**

We are advised to budget \$50,000. Please help us raise it quickly. It is now up to you; after all, the 23rd is an indelible part of your life and it is wholly appropriate that we all bind together to erect a fitting memorial to honor your sacrifice and that of your colleagues.

*The name of the highly suspicious Tommy on the cover eludes us. This photo appeared in the 27 February 2007 edition of The Times of London. If you recognize our vigilant comrade, email 23infantrybuckle@gmail.com so we can give him the credit he deserves.*

### **How much will you ask for donations?**

This appeal is aimed at former Tomahawks, veterans, families, friends and all who wish to play an active part in making known the 23rd's role in our nation's history. We ask for any amount that you can give to help build the monument.

### **How will you acknowledge my gift?**

All donations will be acknowledged promptly

- In addition to a heartfelt thank you from Colonel Drew, you will receive an online lifetime subscription to We Serve the Regimental Journal.
- You will be invited to the Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony at Fort Benning in late summer 2026. It will be quite an occasion!
- Contributing \$1000 or more? You will receive one of the new limited edition brass regimental belt buckles.

### **Who is overseeing this project?**

A Project Team of distinguished Tomahawks led by Colonel Drew including retirees Col Mike Kendall, former commander of the Second Battalion and currently Secretary and guiding light of the Regiment Tomahawk Association; our current Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major Dennis Zavodsky; Col Chuck Hodges, former CO of the First; LTC William Beaver, former S2 of the Fourth along with another Vietnam Vet Staff Sergeant Neil Andrews, the Regimental Historian and Colonel Teddy Kleisner, recently CO of the First Battalion and still on active duty.

### **Who is designing and making our monument?**

The Project Team is working with the long standing family-run Columbus Monument Company now internationally recognized as a leading monument and memorial creator.

### **When will construction begin?**

When we have your donation, so please send in your gift today.

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Fred Drew, Infantry  
Honorary Regimental Colonel  
23rd United States Infantry Regiment



*The Great Regimental Run of 2013. All three battalions together at JBLM at one time!  
See Sgt Michael Nielsen's article in the 2023 Summer issue of We Serve.*



## REMEMBER

Your service and that of your fellow Tommies was an achievement worthy of a fitting monument which, until now, has gone largely unrecognized by those who owe their freedom to you.

**LET'S MAKE THIS RIGHT. RIGHT NOW.**



The 23rd Inf Regt Tomahawk Association and its activities are wholly 501(c)(19) compliant for this purpose, which is to say your donation is wholly tax free.

Make out a generous check to:  
**23rd Inf Regt Tomahawk Association**

and send it to:  
**23rd Regt Monument Fund**  
c/o Fred Drew  
PO Box 10115  
Bakersfield, California  
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*This is the limited edition solid brass regimental belt buckle for donations of \$1000 or more.*