



**23<sup>RD</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT TOMAHAWK ASSOCIATION**  
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Tomahawks,

The **23rd Infantry Regiment Tomahawk Association** is for anyone who has ever served in the Regiment, its Battalions, and any units attached or supporting the Regiment during both peace and times of war. The Association was organized at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington in September 2013. Our members have trained hard during peace time operations, and have fought ferociously during combat operations in support of World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, the Cold War, and Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, while living up to our motto, "We Serve."

The Association is established as a non-profit military service organization with a comprehensive Constitution and set of By-laws. The objectives are to promote morale and high spirit de corps among the members of the Regiment, provide opportunities and facilities uniting past and present members of the Regiment in a program dedicated to the preservation of traditions and history of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry. The Association also maintains a close liaison and relationship with our active Battalions and their Soldiers, while striving to further develop the bond between them and those that have served with the 23rd Infantry in the past.

To support those objectives the Association conducts a number of major activities. The most import being an annual ceremony held each February to remember the Regiments efforts during the Battle of Chip Yong-Ni, Korea, which is hosted by one of the Active Duty Battalions. Generally, the Ceremony has representation from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalions, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the 37<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. It is followed by a reception that allows all Soldiers of the Regiment, past and present, and the members of the Association to see each other once again and to exchange their stories.

The Association also honors the Soldier and NCO of the Year in each of the Battalions, while also providing the active units with nominees for Distinguished Members of the Regiment. These are prior soldiers of the Regiment recognized for accomplishments within the Regiment or as a distinguished member of the civilian community who formerly served in the Regiment.

The Association is self-sustaining with no financial assistance from any source other than the membership. Annual and life membership dues, together with donations from members, are the primary source of financing to support our activities.

Lastly, the Association belongs to its members. It has a webpage, Facebook page, and a LinkedIn account to communicate with and encourage dialog with each other. Each of these social media accounts continues to evolve, and as they do, we would like to hear any comments or suggestions you may have on any aspect of the Association. More importantly, we encourage your participation in the Association activities and committees.

Once again, welcome to the Brotherhood of Tomahawks – The 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment Association.

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