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To my fellow Cavalrymen:

I am writing to extend a special invitation to join us after our return. Before I do that, though, I'd like to bring you up-to-date on our current activities. As I write, we are entering the second half our tour in Afghanistan, the Squadron's fourth deployment in eight years. After several changes to the Task Force Saber organization, I am pleased to say that the Annihilators have recently rejoined us to complete the tour.

We have some great events planned for our homecoming to Fort Campbell, and I'd like to extend a special invitation to all of the Alpha Troop Alumni to attend. We are currently in the planning phase for the construction of a Fallen Trooper memorial at Fort Campbell to all the Soldiers of the 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment who have died in service to our country. The vast majority of these Soldiers were your fellow Troopers from the Vietnam War. We are dedicating this memorial on Friday, May 13th, 2011, and I'm inviting each of you to be a part of this very distinctive occasion. Nothing could be more meaningful to the memories of these brave Troopers than the presence of the fellow Troopers with whom they served.

On Saturday, May 14th, we are hosting a Welcome Home barbecue for our returning Troopers, our 2-17 Alumni, and their Families. I hope that you and your Families will join us for this event, which promises to bring the many generations of the Squadron together to connect, reconnect and reminisce. I would especially like to invite all of our former Commanders, Command Sergeants Major, First Sergeants, Platoon Leaders and Platoon Sergeants who played such an important role in the history of this Squadron.

Finally, I'd like to assure you that the Squadron is carrying on in the fine tradition you established so many years ago. I'm looking forward to meeting each of you next year.

Out Front,

William D. Taylor
LTC, CAV
Commanding