



Dear Friends,

Greetings from the U.S. Field Artillery Association! After an incredible 2025, USFAA has another exciting year ahead and we hope that you can join us for one or more events. Your expertise, feedback, and participation as a retired Redleg General Officer is highly coveted!

Our two annual flagship events are the Fires Symposium in April 2026 and our Hall of Fame Induction Banquet in October. Both are held in Lawton/Fort Sill and include a host of activities, to include golf, Musical Tattoos, general membership meetings and more. They are excellent opportunities to reminisce with friends, interact with today's Redlegs, have fun, and learn the latest about the King of Battle. You can find details at <https://www.fieldartillery.org/>

On a more urgent note, we are soliciting your support for the Odierno Cup awarded to the Best Redleg Teams, in honor of the late General Raymond T. Odierno. It was first held in May 2024 with teams across the Army competing in artillery skills like other branches do, such as Armor's Sullivan Cup and Infantry's "Best" Ranger, Sniper and Mortar competitions. The 2024 event was a great success, but unfortunately, the Field Artillery School had to cancel it in 2025 because of evolving DoD fiscal guidance.

USFAA is taking the lead to fill the gap and support the Best Redleg competition, and while we have healthy finances, the competition is an unprogrammed event for the Association. So, while we develop longer-term funding for perpetuity, we seek your immediate support through donations, sponsorships or other means to facilitate this year's event. A huge thanks to those of you who have already contributed simply based on word of mouth.

The 2026 General Raymond T. Odierno Best Redleg Cup will take place May 1–10 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, the home of the Fires Center of Excellence. This year's competition will host teams competing in howitzers (M119A2, M777A2, M109A6/7), fire support teams, and fire direction teams. In odd-numbered years beginning in 2027, the competition will host MLRS, HIMARS, and Firefinder Radar teams, ensuring inclusion across the Field Artillery. A U.S. Marine Corps competition is also being developed and is part of the overall initiative.

Your generous support would go directly to the care, feeding, transportation, and recognition of these great Artillery warriors and the administration of the competition. Attached are ways and instructions to support. Thank you for your consideration, and more importantly, your continued support to the King of Battle.

Respectfully yours,

John C. Thomson III  
Lieutenant General (Retired), U.S. Army  
Chairman, USFAA

*The United States Field Artillery Association was founded in 1910 and continues as a non-profit association that supports, preserves, and perpetuates the esprit, traditions and standards of the Field Artillery.*

**BEST REDLEG 2026**  
**May 1 – 10, 2026    Fort Sill, OK**

**How to Donate:**

**INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE DONATIONS BY CHECK:**

Individual tax-deductible donations can be made by sending a check to the USFAA Foundation 501(c)3.

Make check out to:    USFAA Foundation  
The memo line should include Best Redleg (BRL)

Send check to: USFAA

Attn: Rachal Smith  
PO Box 33027  
Fort Sill, OK 73503

You will receive your tax deduction letter by the end of the quarter in which the donation was received. All donors will have their names printed in the Event Program and the FA Journal Article about the event.

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS:**

We have several Sponsorship levels available:

**SCARLET SONSORS \$5000**

Logo Placement on All Event Signage, Full Page Company Ad in the Event Program, Ability to include swag or company literature in the Contestants and Judges' Swag Bags, Invitation(s) to the livefire viewing point, opening/closing ceremonies and the final night feast with contestants and Fort Sill Leadership, Logo Included on all USFAA Social Media regarding the Event, Logo on the Event T Shirts, Special FA Journal Article outlining the Company's product offerings, history and partnership.

**GOLD SPONSORS \$2500**

Logo Placement on GOLD SPONSOR Event Signage, 1/2 Page Company Ad in the Event Program, Ability to include swag or company literature in the Contestants and Judges' Swag Bags, Invitation(s) to the livefire viewing point, opening/closing ceremonies, Logo on the Event T Shirts, Logos printed in the Event Program and the FA Journal Article about the event.

**SILVER SPONSORS \$1000**

Logo Placement on SILVER SPONSOR Event Signage, Ability to include swag or company literature in the Contestants and Judges' Swag Bags, Invitation(s) to the livefire viewing point, opening/closing ceremonies, Logo on the Event T Shirts, Logos printed in the Event Program and the FA Journal Article about the event.

**IN KIND SPONSORSHIPS**

BRL competitors will need meals, snacks, beverages, transportation, competition supplies, awards, and more. If you have a business that would like to donate an in-kind item for the group or individual MOS competitors, please contact USFAA to discuss.

Email: Rachal Smith, EVP, USFAA for Invoicing – [rsmith@fieldartillery.org](mailto:rsmith@fieldartillery.org) or call 5803554677 x 1001 for more information.