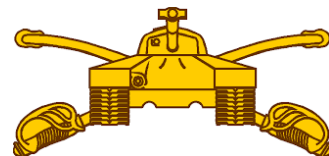




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President's Message

The Farewell Deployment Ceremony, here at the Westfield Armory was on 15 January 2024, at 1100 hours." Our brave Cavalry Men and Women are going into Harm's Way and we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. . Once again I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to a Healthy and Prosperous 2024.

Until we meet again....

SHOW EM THE WAY.

Show 'Em The Way!

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Squadron Commander's Message:

Greetings from Fort Bliss, Texas!

We are all settled into our very luxurious accommodations here at Dona Ana Range Complex in New Mexico. Morale is high and we are all anxious to complete our training and get into the fight. I have attached an update from myself and the CSM and will continue to do this at least once a month. Please feel free to publish on your respective social media accounts or newsletters. Additionally, 1LT Scott Maraldo is our Unit Public Affairs Representative and will run our Squadron Facebook Page. You should see some updates and photos here in the next week or so.

I hope all is well back home and please reach out to myself and the CSM if there is anything we can do for you. Thank you all for your unwavering support!

-Ryan

LTC Harty, Ryan
1-102nd Cavalry Squadron Commander



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Farewell Ceremony Speech.

Good Morning- General Officers, our local community elected officials, Troopers of the 1-102 CAV, and most importantly our friends and family here in the audience today.

I would like start by again thanking some of the folks and organizations that have made this great ceremony today possible:

Thank you to Union Country and the Union County Board of Commissioners. Thank you for all of the support and for providing so many of the resources that made today possible.

And to our Wonderful Family Readiness Groups- you Efforts and the amount of time you all put into this event is invaluable. We are blessed in the CAV to have such a great network of family members and volunteers who dedicate their own free time to putting together today's farewell ceremony and for being an incredible resource for our families and for Troopers of the Squadron.

The First Squadron, 102 and Cavalry Regiment stands here today trained and ready to deploy In support of Operation Inherent Resolve. After a year of difficult and arduous training, at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Johnson, Louisiana, and our pre-mobilization training at Fort Dix and I can say without reservation and with full confidence and faith- We are READY.

the Squadron is today ready and prepared to deploy to defend the free world, the dream of liberty, and most importantly, the desire for peace and tranquility that we all deserve regardless of nationality ,geography or religion. We will bring hope to a corner of the world that has only known war, strife, and hardship. While We carry that torch of hope and peace, Make no mistake, the troopers of the 1-102 CAV are ready to destroy and defeat the enemies of the United States of America and the free world.

As we get ready to deploy forward to Syria, we follow in the footsteps and traditions of citizen-Soldiers that has run unbroken since the 1600s. Just as our ancestors put down the share plows. the blacksmith's anvil and hammer, and the merchants closed their store front, to defend their communities, against tyranny and oppression -our men and women stand ready to so the same today.

Our Citizen Soldiers have left their careers and jobs to answer the call of their nation. When our great republic asked "Who shall I send?", the men and women standing here today said "Send me". We do not run away from danger but towards it. We don't avoid hardship but embrace it. This is built into our DNA as Soldiers and Cavalry Troopers.

We are all honored to be part of the illustrious history of the 1-102 CAV. The Squadron has served on the Mexican border during the punitive expedition, served on the battlefields of France during the first World War. Fought through north Africa, Italy, liberating Rome and southern France, landed on D-Day an, liberated Paris, battle through the forests of the Ardennes during the battle of the bulge, and finally liberated the free world from Hitler and fascism.

And More recently, the Squadron has fought in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Somalia.



As a squadron we are no strangers to the hardships of war and combat. Today, we start to write the next chapter of the Squadron's history. The men and women of the Squadron will author this next chapter and add to the great history of the 102 CAV, we are blessed to be a part of.

But we cannot do this alone, we do this as a Family. While we deploy forward and we do our final goodbyes, we know what we have to come back to. Looking around today, it is clear we have something special. The ranks of the Squadron are filled with husbands, wives, mothers, father, grandfathers, grandmothers, daughter, sons, sisters, brothers and friends. While in the coming year, there will be empty chairs at the dinner table, it is only temporary. We take great solace in knowing that our friends and family are waiting for us and are here to support us. And we will come home to you.

As I said before, The SQUADRON IS READY . We have the best damn unit in the United States Army and we are ready to go.

We will deploy together, we will fight together, and we will come home together

I'll see you all on the objective.

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LTC Harty,Ryan

1-102nd Cavalry Squadron Commander





Treasurers Message:

You don't have to join to get a copy of the newsletter, just send us your e mail address.

Dues are \$10 annually or \$200 for a lifetime membership for those over 55. I've attached our Zelle or you can PayPal at https://paypal.me/njcavandarmorassn?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US or a check payable to 117th Cavalry association sent to me 10 Bradway Ave, Ewing, NJ 08618.

Your Cavalry Association is greater than the strength of its individual members because their strength is magnified when combined. The same is true for the Association, 1-102nd Cavalry, the FRGs, Bonds of Courage and the local community. We are stronger together. It's our hope to contribute to the resilience of the community, the families of our units' members and even ourselves. Most of all we hope to contribute our part to the resilience and cohesiveness of effective units in the squadron so that when they're called upon to answer the needs of our state or nation, that they are ready.

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Looking forward to seeing you again soon. All my best to you & yours.

P Chavez
Editor
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Submission Deadlines for The SPUR: March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, December 1st. Provide articles from soldiers of the 117 or 102 Cavalry members, with pictures if available.

Bonds of Courage and the NJ Cavalry and Armor Association will be supporting the squadron in their new deployment , this time to Iraq and Syria. They are deploying in 2024 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), which includes a campaign in both of those countries. While Bonds of Courage’s mission has been to support all Veterans and service members serving all branches of the military, we now turn our hearts and our effort toward the 102nd Cavalry Squadron. They are our hometown heroes.

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