

Submission Deadlines for The SPUR: March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, December 1st. Call for Articles: Contributing Columnists will receive certificates of achievement via email.

Membership Update – SSG Pedro Martinez: First, please join me in extending our warm gratitude to SGM (Ret) Ken Mahan for his many years of faithful service to the organization. You have always been an outstanding supporter of the organization, will be grateful for your dedicated service. Fellow members, we will soon begin a campaign to remind you when your dues are due and extend the ability to pay electronically. *The Spur* will be soon be published electronically to all members, unless you specifically request hard copy. Please send an email to me or CPT Harty at <117thcavmemberships@gmail.com> or call the Headquarters 1st Squadron 102d Cavalry (732)499-5662 so that we have your email on file. Send your dues to the return address on this issue.

Annual regular dues of \$20.00 and Associate dues \$15.00 are due in September. Make checks Payable to **117th CAV Association.** Association web site: www.NJCavalryandArmorAssociation.org Read past issues of *The SPUR*, look up the WWII histories of the 38th, 102d and 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz). All WWII Veterans and members over 80 will no longer pay dues, you will see WWII over your name.

Decoration Day

Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest
On this Field of the Grounded Arms,
Where foes no more molest,
Nor sentry's shot alarms!

Ye have slept on the ground before,
And started to your feet
At the cannon's sudden roar,
Or the drum's redoubling beat.

But in this camp of Death
No sound your slumber breaks;
Here is no fevered breath,
No wound that bleeds and aches.

All is repose and peace,
Untrampled lies the sod;
The shouts of battle cease,
It is the Truce of God!

Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!
The thoughts of men shall be
As sentinels to keep
Your rest from danger free.

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

