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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty** I hope everyone has had a good summer. Our reunion committee has devoted many hours getting ready for our upcoming union. The 2008 Biennial Reunion promises to be a great event. Friday night, 17 October at the Heritage Room in the Westfield Armory has all the potential for an outstanding time. Our reunion Committee for Friday and Saturday night has outdone itself with a program of events that will please all in attendance. The Heritage Room is an appropriate place to start our Reunion. I'm sure all who attend will have their own story and memories to share with their friends and fellow troopers. Friday night, October 17 promises to be a great start to our reunion weekend.

On Saturday night the 18<sup>th</sup> the Reunion will continue at Gibbs Hall, Fort Monmouth. Over seven decades of history will be present in one place. What a great place to look at the history of an outstanding organization. Our membership includes members of the Greatest Generation who answered our nation's call to service with the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry "the Essex Troop", the "Class of 41", those among us who were mobilized for service in WWII with the 102<sup>nd</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> and 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz). It grew with troopers who joined (or rejoined) the New Jersey National Guard in the years right after WWII. Korean War veterans joined our ranks in the early 1950's. Many of our members answered the call to service during the Cold War and the Vietnam War. It included troopers who joined the 50<sup>th</sup> Recon and later the 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. They came to serve their state and nation and served with honor when called to serve their state in times of crisis.

Our membership is diverse and represents all facets of our society. We gained experience into our ranks as returning veterans from all branches of service returned home from service overseas in places like Vietnam, Korea, Germany and the Middle East. Their service forged in war and defending freedom throughout the world helped us grow and bring a level of experience that is found in few organizations.

Today our members continue to serve. A new century has brought the challenge of the Global War on Terror and with it the largest mobilization of the New Jersey Army National Guard since World War II. The reorganization of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team has united the common heritage of the 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry with the 102<sup>nd</sup> Armor into the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry under the command of LTC Dean Spenzos; now mobilized and is now enroute to Iraq as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

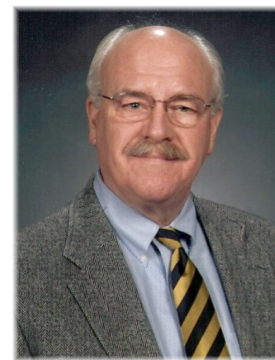
Members of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association and the units who compromise its collective heritage continue to serve in defense of our state and nation. I hope to see many of you at Fort Monmouth on 18 October, so we as an organization can continue to honor those who have served and those who continue to serve.

**Show 'em the way!**

Dennis



**From the editor Phil Notestine** In this issue we continue the series of WWII unit histories of the mechanized cavalry squadrons of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Group and the later separate 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz). We began the series with the *Special Edition 2007*, which featured the 117<sup>th</sup> with Class of '41 member Smokie Owen and the vital assistance of Association Historian Bob Lutz, who served with Smokie. After an edition which featured naval support of the Normandy and Southern France invasions, a series of 3 issues chronicled the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) with Class of '41 member 1SG (Ret.) Bill Maloney. The final series is, of course, about the 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Group, with Class of '41 member James "Jimmy" Kane, who began as an Essex Troop horse soldier in the late 1930's and was discharged in late 1945 a decorated 1SG of E Troop, 38<sup>th</sup> CAV, "The Lucky 38<sup>th</sup>". I first met Jim at a Class of '41 luncheon, and he agreed to be interviewed and help me with the series. Jim is a fine, American Patriot of "the Old School" and personifies what we think of as a member of the "Greatest Generation", as described by Tom Brokaw in his so-named book about WWII veterans and their peers. I must quickly add that this can describe all of his brothers that meet at Gibbs Hall for the quarterly luncheon and meeting. And those that cannot attend, living their lives all around our great country. I hope that *The Spur* helps to keep the connection, began so many decades ago.



In the future will be an article about two more Class of '41 members who volunteered to be transferred to the Army Air Corps while in training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Both became officers and flew with the famous 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force in B-17 *Flying Fortress* bombers [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B-17\\_Flying\\_Fortress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B-17_Flying_Fortress) from bases in England. They are CPT (Ret.) Walter Timpson of Metuchen, NJ and LTC (Ret.) Frank Wiswall of Boonton. We have planned to meet this month so that Walter and Frank can remember those times and help me do a fitting article.

I hope to see many of you at Gibbs Hall on 18 October, for our 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association reunion!

Phil

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**Association Meeting 6 June 2008** Lead by Association President COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty. The group was reminded that it was D-Day, 64 years later, and the WWII veterans were heartily thanked for their service. With regard to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, called up for service in Iraq, the several Family Readiness & Support Groups were discussed, as were the sending of packages to the troops to the APO addresses. The matter and reasoning for raising the annual dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00 was generally agreed to, but will raise the issue at the next meeting. Nominations for Distinguished Member of the Regiment (DMOR) and Honorary Member of the Regiment (HMOR) were reviewed, as was the status of submissions for the French *Legion of Honor* for several of our WWII veterans. It was suggested that the Association expand the collection of pictures, so a more comprehensive visual history is available. The search for and nominations of new Association officers was emphasized. Distribution of *The Spur* electronically to reduce the growing cost of printing and U. S. Post mailing. The meeting was well attended, but the actual list was not available at this writing.

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**Quarterly "Class of '41" luncheon at Gibbs Hall, Ft. Monmouth 9 July 2008** (as *The Spur* Editor, I am a guest), Class of '41 Member Irv Partelow of Brick, NJ was with us for the first time and spoke about his wartime experiences. Irv went through it all, from call-up in Jan '41 through the war, "retiring" as a Lieutenant, having earned a battlefield commission and transferring to the 3rd ID. While with the 102<sup>nd</sup> and 117<sup>th</sup> he was an F Company tanker and NCO, fighting the M-3 and M-5 light tanks. He was to have FIVE tanks damaged or destroyed in combat. His luck was lessened while leading his 3rd ID unit in the Vosges, *Operation Nordwind*, where he was badly wounded and eventually hospitalized in the UK. He returned to work in France with replacement officers as they went off to new assignments.

Also new to the quarterly luncheon meeting was another Class of '41 member, Walter Timpson. Walt was one of those who left the 102<sup>nd</sup> while still in the US for training and eventual commissioning as a B-17G Flying Fortress bomber pilot, flying out of England with the 8th Air Force. He flew 30 missions. He also flew during the Korean conflict. Walt lives in Metuchen. See the outstanding WWII movie, "*12 O'clock High*" starring Gregory Peck to get an idea of what our bomber forces went through over Europe in WWII. Another great movie is "*Command Decision*" starring Clark Gable. As many of you know, Class of '41 member LTC (Ret.) Frank Wiswall also left the 102<sup>nd</sup> for the USAAF and was a lead bombardier in a B-17E over Europe, flying 25 missions. Frank stayed in and flew bombardier in a B-29 *Superfortress* over Korea. He ended a long career as a reserve USAF officer. Frank lives in Boonton, NJ. SGM (Ret.) Ken Mahan spoke of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, which is the reflagged 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, as they prepared for deployment to Iraq by training at Ft. Bliss, TX. They depart in September and will do various duties for 12 months. As usual, the luncheon and all organization was done by Bob Lutz. Bob was recently ill with some heart abnormalities. He is OK now, but is unhappy with having to take a lot of meds. He looked good and all seemed OK. Especially when the lady guests gave him some hugs.

Attending were Dennis Dougherty, John Ferguson, Jimmy Kane, Bob Lutz, Ken Mahan, Barbara Malandro, Bill and Charlotte Merring, Phil Notestine, Joyce Owen and daughter Dr. Heidi Owen Ahlborn, Irv Partelow, Joe Pocoroba, Frank Prettyman, Walter Timpson, and Don Tracy.

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**Quest for information about WWII Soldier** About a year ago, I started in earnest to find out as much as possible about a person I never met, never knew much about, never knew what he physically looked like, except from a few very old pictures. His name was Thomas Hennessy, Tech 5, 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadron, KIA 5 June 1944, ROME Italy. He was my mother's oldest brother and nobody talked about him when I was growing up without becoming very emotional. Through some luck and the internet, I hooked up with (your) website and not only got a contact but found a true friend and goldmine of information in Phil (*Spur* editor). I was fascinated by the history of the unit and found out how and where he died. I was able to get his Army records - telling me what he did in civilian life, that he received a Purple Heart, got copies of my grandfather's letters to the Army regarding his burial and personal effects. The next step was visiting the Sicily-Rome cemetery in Nentudo. It was one of the most moving and dignified places I have ever experienced. Each and every one of these graves contain a hero, all of whom gave their precious lives for what we have today. I have sent a folder with all this info to my cousins to give them closure. I will remember my Uncle Tommy until the day I die and forever thank the countless heroes of that "greatest generation". The 117<sup>th</sup> was, as your Association Historian and 117<sup>th</sup> veteran Bob Lutz said, the "tip of the spear", proving itself over and over in battle. I am sure my uncle was proud to have served with them.

Ron LaVerde Vice-Chairman  
Sales Department  
Lehigh Phoenix

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102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron – Commander's Update

7 August 2008

On 20 June 2008 the first elements of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron began their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The first troop (Apache Troop) departed from McGuire Air Force Base on 20 June 2008. The remainder of the troops, attached companies, and the squadron headquarters departed on 23 June 2008. After arriving at Fort Bliss, Texas all units moved to McGregor Base Camp located approximately 30 miles north of Fort Bliss to begin their post mobilization training.

Prior to our departure the squadron headquarters received two additional companies from within the New Jersey National Guard. The 328<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company and the 50<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company were attached for command and control purposes during the pre and post-mobilization process. This increased the strength of the squadron to seven troops/companies with the personnel strength exceeding 700 Soldiers.

The mission of the troops and companies within the squadron varies. We are conducting force protection, area security, detainee guard, and sustainment operations in support of a contingency operating base (COB).

Even though we are deploying as a brigade (50<sup>th</sup> IBCT) the training at McGregor Base Camp is focused and executed at the troop/company level. Each commander and first sergeant is directly responsible for coordinating their unit's training and logistics directly with the mobilization brigade at McGregor Base Camp. Each troop or company within the squadron is usually conducting a different training event on any given day. At the conclusion of our post mobilization training, the troop commander is responsible for signing-off and validating his troop is prepared to conduct its mission.

The training plan also varies widely and is conducted in classrooms, field exercises, and live-fire ranges. The training includes; Arabic language, defeat of IED's, mounted and dismounted maneuver, and many additional Army Warrior tasks (formerly known as CTT - Common Task Training).

The mission we are conducting in Iraq is against an insurgent enemy. The battlefield is asymmetric. Therefore, a critical element included in all of our training is a constant focus on counterinsurgency operations. Regardless of rank, position, or mission every Soldier is prepared to conduct counterinsurgency operations during their deployment in Iraq. This is made clear to every Soldier throughout training. It is difficult but necessary in order to achieve our goals and transition our mission back to Iraq.

In closing, I would like to recognize the Troop Commanders and First Sergeants for their strength and loyalty as leaders. We hold in high regard the motto emblazoned on our crest - *By Fidelity and Fortitude*.

Headquarters Troop – Commander: CPT Adam Kama, First Sergeant: 1SG John Kraus  
Troop A – Commander: CPT Michael Tarricone, First Sergeant: 1SG Mark Rizzo  
Troop B - Commander: CPT Noel Lyn-Kew, First Sergeant: 1SG Robert Gerhardt  
Troop C – Commander: CPT Joseph McNamara, First Sergeant: 1SG Thomas Decker  
Company D – Commander: CPT Paul Segro, First Sergeant: 1SG Richard Marciano  
328<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company – Commander: CPT David Rios, First Sergeant: 1SG Eric Eberlin  
50<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company – Commander: CPT Thomas Fischer, First Sergeant: 1SG Wayne May

LTC Dean Spenzos  
Commander  
102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron, 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT

CSM Timothy Marvian  
Command Sergeant Major  
102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron, 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT



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HHT/102<sup>nd</sup> CAV Commander's Update:

Deployment training for Headquarters Troop of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron is more than halfway done here at Camp McGregor, New Mexico. Located 30 miles north of Fort Bliss and El Paso Texas, this barren expanse of scrubland has been the Troops home for 45 days. The purpose of positioning a camp in such a remote location is to simulate a coalition operating base environment much like the one we will soon find ourselves in Iraq in the coming weeks.

The days have been hot and strangely humid. We are currently experiencing an unnatural rainy season of a kind not usually expected in this region. It will rain for a few hours a day, usually in the evening and then abruptly stop. Fortunately, our Soldiers have all the necessary gear to deal with both the heat and the rain.

The Troop's training schedule keeps us very busy. We have spent quality time training on those skills necessary for our Soldiers success in Iraq. This includes such skills as rifle marksmanship, language and cultural training, convoy training, and first aid to name just a few. Finally, a special Army Reserve training group arrived to give HHT special classes on the very same tasks that we will be responsible for as a Rear Area Operations Cell in Iraq. This culminated in an immersive weeklong scenario in which HHT conducted operations just as it would at our future base in Iraq. The Reserve training group was extremely impressed by our ability and teamwork. This is of course because most of the members of HHT have worked with each for a number of years before this deployment.

After the duty day it cannot be said that HHT does not know how to relax. When not out training our Soldiers spend time communicating with our friends and family via internet and cell phone. Almost all Soldiers have laptops and most nights after lights out the 32 man barracks bay we stay in is aglow with computer monitors as we watch movies before falling asleep.

Finally, you can be proud of each and every one of the fine Cavalry Troopers of HHT. They have done an outstanding job no matter what is asked of them and I know that this same level of success will follow us to Iraq.

Well, that's it from Hekawi 6. I'll be keeping everyone updated before we leave for Kuwait.

Captain Adam Kama

Commander  
HHT/102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry



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### **The World War II History of the 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Group with 1SG (Ret.) James A. "Jimmy" Kane**

I had seen and heard "the 38<sup>th</sup>" mentioned in the old "Grill Room" of the Westfield Armory of the 50's and '60's, and later as an Association member. However, I was not at all sure of what "the 38<sup>th</sup>" was, until our historian Bob Lutz sent the WWII histories of the three WWII squadrons, the 117<sup>th</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup> and the mysterious "38<sup>th</sup>". Oh, I did know about the 117<sup>th</sup> and the 102<sup>nd</sup>, as I had served in both from 1957 'til 1969. After reading about the rich histories of all three and seeing names of men that I had met while a member of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association and attending the Class of '41 luncheons as a guest, I was sad that I had not learned more from some fine men that had passed on, men that stood out, like Frank Harty and Roland Beetham, who were Essex Troopers,

transferred to the 38<sup>th</sup> while in England. As was Jim Kane, whom I have to know during the Class of '41 luncheons at Ft. Monmouth. It was last year that I had asked Jim to help me do a series for *The Spur*, and here we begin!

Sadly, Jim's wife Ginny passed away last January. They met in high school, and were married before he was called up in January 1941. Jim invited me to his home on the water in Brick, NJ for our first interview, and her touches were evident. Lots of family pictures, beautiful shrubs and flowers around the property. We quickly jumped into the interview. I had brought my Model 1903-A3 rifle, a wartime model of the famous bolt-action Springfield 1903, issued to 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry troopers and my Garand M-1 which became the standard issue rifle, replacing the M1903 before they shipped out. This was to "prime the pump" for memories back some 7 decades.

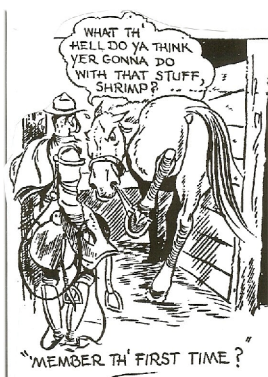
Jim was one of 9 children, born on August 10, 1916 in Piscataway Township (later South Plainfield) NJ. His parents, John Kane and Jennie McDonald Kane had moved from Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania. This was a coal mining region, near Wilkes-Barre. Both first generation Irish Americans, they moved to NJ for a better life. John Kane had been a coal miner and Jennie was a domestic. John eventually started a "Speak-Easy" which later became the legitimate Kane's Tavern, after prohibition ended. Imagine raising all those children during the Depression!

Jim graduated from high school in 1934 and landed a job at his friend's father's restaurant, the Ship's Haven Inn in Manasquan. He also crewed on the restaurant owner's motor yacht, the *Doris D*, a mahogany hulled beauty. During this time, the cruise ship *Morro Castle* caught fire and was beached near Asbury Park. In bad weather, the *Doris D* was among several boats to help retrieve bodies. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS\\_Morro\\_Castle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Morro_Castle) This was not an easy task for a young man. He never has forgotten it. However, there was some good fortune in store for Jim as he crewed sometime later. He met a Mr. J. Kerrigan, a VP with Merck & Company in Rahway. Kerrigan took a liking to him and told Jim to contact him if he wanted a job some day. A year or so later, he did...Jim was hired and in time, worked his way up into the sales department.



While at Merck, he and another friend joined the Army National Guard Cavalry outfit at Westfield, part of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Horse-Mechanized (Essex Troop). They learned to soldier and ride, developing horsemanship and riding in Gymkhanas. Jim's vacations from Merck were Guard Summer Camp at Indiantown Gap, PA and Pine Camp (now Ft. Drum) NY.

Wars had been raging globally; Jim and high school sweetheart Virginia (Ginny) Smalley decided to marry before the USA entered.



By late 1940, National Guard units nationwide were being called up. The 102<sup>nd</sup> was activated and off they went to Fort Jackson, SC. Jim was now a corporal. He had proven to be quick, tough and showed leadership qualities. He remembers some great guys...who were to become leaders of men, including William A. "Bill" Walsh, who was the outfit's "official" artist and cartoonist (these are his). Walsh, who, like Jim Kane, Bob Lutz and Smokie Owen, to name a few, became senior NCOs' and the very backbone of their Troops and Squadron.

They knew it was coming...the Regiment was called to Federal Service in January 1941. Off to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for 12 months! Ride, trooper, ride! The training was constant and ever evolving. The horse - mechanized outfit was to become more and more on wheels and tracks. Make do without the proper equipment, maneuvers, mud, dust, harden, teamwork, train, train, train. Then a date in December 1941. Japan bombs Pearl Harbor...President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declares war with Japan, and Germany declares war with the USA. So, we are now "in it" and allied with many nations, including the British Commonwealth. In time, the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Horse-Mecz grows to a two Squadron Group and is sent to England. The time is late 1942. And we will resume this series in the next edition of *The Spur*. **TO BE CONTINUED...**

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### Membership Update – SMG (ret) Ken Mahan



Trooper! Look at your address label! If the date is not Sept. 08 or later, you are **behind** in your dues. Your subscription to *The Spur* is going to run out because of non-payment of dues. A sample of label:

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METUCHEN NJ 08840-2616**

**To Members behind in their dues, you will have date circled in RED!** This is the only notice you will receive. Send information and/or dues to me at the Metuchen address shown above. **Annual dues are due in September**; regular dues are \$15 annually. Make checks payable to **117<sup>th</sup> CAV Assn.** **Note:** If you have an e-mail address, please send to me at [kmahan@aol.com](mailto:kmahan@aol.com) We are in the process of compiling an e-mail list of members and we want to include you. **Association web site:** [www.117<sup>th</sup>-cav.org/](http://www.117th-cav.org/)

### New Members and Directory

Partelow, Irv, Class of '41 (Margaret) of Brick NJ and McCann, W. Scott of Ridgewood, NJ

Note: Due to privacy concerns, we will no longer publish addresses and telephone numbers in *The Spur*. To access our electronic directory on the Association web site, use the "Members" link on the home page. You will need to get your password from our webmaster, John Crescenzi. His email address is on the site. For those who do not have internet access, you may call me at (732) 548-7991.

We did publish a new Association Directory, same format as the 2004 issue. It was recently mailed to all members. We have none left. Unfortunately, some members didn't make the issue. They are:

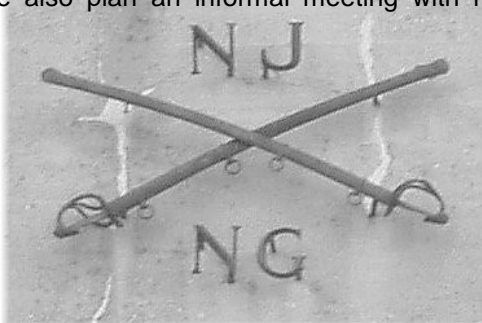
Monus, CW5 (Ret.) Richard (Karen) of Forked River, NJ and Nafus, Jack of Edison, NJ. See above for info.

Would like to thank Dave Ellis, Don Kondroski, and Walter Lawrence for helping me hang a 12' by 8' painting that was done by SPC Michael Shelton, when "C" Troop, 5/117 CAV was in Iraq in 2006. Also, thanks to Robert Apgar, Charlotte & Bill Merring, Dennis Dougherty and Don Tracy for working on *The Spur* mailing. We all missed our old comrade Bill Maloney, who was usually with us for this task.

Update: Belt Buckles of the Last Ride. The Belt Buckles are in for those that ordered them. I have four that are For Sale, if mailed, \$41.50. Let me know by phone (732)548-7991 or e-mail at [kmahan117@aol.com](mailto:kmahan117@aol.com)

102nd Cavalry Squadron, 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT - By the time you get this issue of *The Spur*, they will be in Iraq. 14 Members of the 117th CAV Assn. will be serving in Iraq.

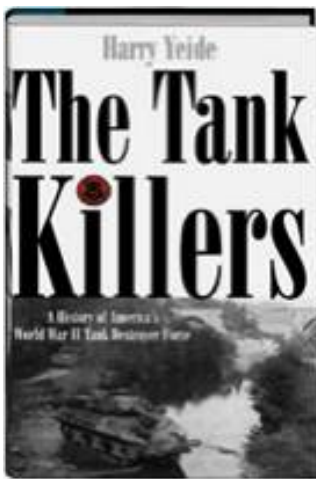
Keep Oct. 18 open for 117th CAV Assn. Reunion at Gibbs Hall, FT. Monmouth, NJ. Get your Reservations in, don't wait until the last minute. We also plan an informal meeting with refreshments on 17 October at the Westfield Armory Heritage room.





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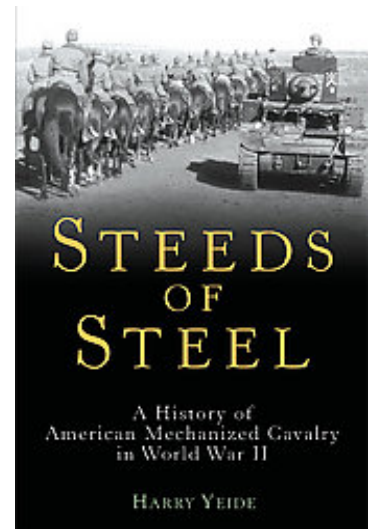
Harry Yeide the author of six works on World War II, including histories of the separate tank battalions, the WWII tank destroyer battalions – “*The Tank Killers*”, Roer River campaign, and Sixth Army Group will be the guest speaker at the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Biennial Reunion on October 18, 2006 at Gibbs Hall, Fort Monmouth.



His latest work “*Steeds of Steel*”, is the story of the mechanized cavalry in World War II in all theaters of operations.

The U.S. Army’s mechanized cavalry force served in an astounding variety of ways in World War II. Mechanized cavalrymen scouted and fought in tanks, armored cars, and jeeps; battled on and from the sea in tracked amphibians; stormed beaches from landing craft; slipped ashore in rubber rafts from submarines; climbed mountains;

battled hand-to-hand on foot like any GI; and even occasionally rode horses. The troopers learned to outwit the enemy in African desert, Italian peaks, European hedgerows, and Pacific jungles. Often, the cavalrymen worked alone, miles ahead of the nearest friendly units. “*Steeds of Steel*” is their story.



Make plans now to attend the reunion.

Show ‘em the Way!

*Dennis*

COL (Ret) Dennis J. Dougherty  
President

117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association

117<sup>TH</sup> CAVALRY ASSOCIATION  
2008 BIENNIAL REUNION

OCTOBER 18, 2008  
GIBBS HALL-FORT MONMOUTH

Honoring Those Who Have Served and Those Who  
Continue to Serve

\$50.00 per person (cash bar)  
if received before Aug15, 2008  
\$55 thereafter

Cocktail Hour: 6 – 7 PM / Dinner 7 PM

Meal Choices

Chicken Francaise/Prime Rib/Stuffed Flounder

Also on Friday, October 17 @ 7PM  
WESTFIELD ARMORY HERITAGE ROOM  
(member appreciation spouses and guests welcome)

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Reservations

Money and reservations by Sept. 15, 2008  
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Saturday October 18                      X \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

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Meal Choice: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_

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## TAPS

**Arthur Layton Funk, PhD, 93** Passed away 17 June 2007, Gainesville, FL. Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Florida, 1946-1981. US Naval officer, WWII. Served on the DE USS Farquahr in the South Atlantic, off North Africa. Retired from US Navy Reserve as CMDR. 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Member. He is a recognized expert on American-French relations in World War II, and was the author of: *Hidden Ally, The French Resistance, Special Operations, and the Landings in Southern France, 1944* (1991). *Charles De Gaulle: The Crucial years, 1943-44* (1959); *The Politics of TORCH (1974) De Yalta a' Potsdam* (1982). Wrote many articles for many publications and numerous book reviews and continued his interest in WWII especially in helping young historians from France and USA. Survived by his devoted and loving wife Elaine, sons Alex and Jim, daughter-in-law Patti and many stepdaughters, nieces, grandchildren, step grandchildren, and more.

**James F. Madigan Sr. 64** Died 28 January 2008, Brick, NJ. Proudly served his country for 27 years in the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, retiring as an SSG. Employed by Hoffman-LaRoche, Nutley NJ for 30 years. Attended St. Peter's RC Church, Point Pleasant Beach. Survived by his two sons, James F. Jr. and his wife Judy; Michael R. and his wife Danielle; a brother, William J. and his wife Kathy. Also his former spouse Diane H. Madigan; 5 grandchildren and 3 nephews.

**Frederick B. Monsell, 91** Died 29 May 2008, Brielle, NJ. Class of '41 member, 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry H-Mecz Westfield Armory. WWII vet, 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz). Enjoyed a long career in aviation, beginning with Howard Hughes in TWA. Predeceased by his wife Thelma Herring in 1972; son Paul J. Monsell in 1993; and seven brothers and sisters. Surviving are a son Rick and his wife Sue; brother Frank and his wife Marion. Also 3 granddaughters and a great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

**1SG (Ret.) William B. Maloney, 89** Died 28 June 2008, Rahway NJ. Class of '41, WWII veteran, served with the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz), Landed at Normandy, D-Day. Assault Gun PSG. Bronze Star – Valor. Post War 40 year career in the NJARNG, retiring from the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Member, Essex Troop Assn, Past President of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Assn; served many years as Sergeant-at-Arms. Predeceased by his wife of 47 Years, Janet Fleck Maloney in 1989 and his son Timothy in 2005. He found love a second time, Jane Planer, who died in February 2008. He leaves behind many friends and family, including sons William Barry Maloney Jr. and wife Barbara, Bruce Maloney and wife Betty and Kevin Maloney and his wife Gale. Also many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jane Belzer.

**Ralph Bockino, 89** Died 15 June 2008. St. James, NY. WWII veteran, survived by his wife Catherine (We have no further information and ask that anyone who knew Trooper Bockino and can supply more about him, to contact the editor).

**William J. Wynne Jr. 79** Died on 12 July 2008, Edison NJ. WWII vet, and Korean War combat veteran, Army Ranger. Later joined and served in the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry NJARNG at Westfield NJ as an SSG. Predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Joan T. Hess Wynne. Survived by five daughters and one son; 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

**Howard J. Crum, 77** Died 6 August, 2008, Denville NJ. Served with 102<sup>nd</sup> ARMOR, NJARNG. Retired from United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, Madison NJ as a carpenter, after 35 years in 1993. Survived by his wife Mildred "Millie" I. Law, married in 1962; and three daughters and one son. Also 4 granddaughters and 3 grandsons, as well as his brother John Crum and sister Dorothy Longo.



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