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President's Message It is the continuing objective of The SPUR to foster and preserve the Spirit of the New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association, and to promote and enhance the friendships and camaraderie of our members, who are mutually bound by service and devotion to our country.

The "friendships and camaraderie" bind us together, through our service, devotion to our country, and now by sharing the past, present, and future through our membership and participation in our Association. We represent multiple generations of service in our Squadron, or the U.S. Armed Forces, and share in the freedom that we cherish and took an oath to defend. We have forged a bond with our Squadron Troopers, who are currently preparing to deploy, again, on the front lines of freedom. Next meeting, 13 April 2018, our Troopers, and members, will be addressed by CPT Perfecto Sanchez, one of the heroes of Ramadi in 2006. As COL Tony Deane

explained in his recent book, Ramadi: Declassified, "Lesson No. 4: Talent. The organizational chart doesn't necessarily tell you who the real leaders at the front will be when the shooting starts. Team Dealer was the task force's pointy end of the spear, going from house to house searching for intelligence, arms, bad guys and friends. One of Deane's natural-born leaders was a Team Dealer Platoon Leader, 2nd Lt. Perfecto Sanchez, one of several young soldiers who "performed at a stellar level in the most dangerous city in the world," Deane writes. CPT Sanchez graduated the United States Military Academy in 2005, completed Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, and was assigned as an Infantry Platoon Leader, and deployed to Iraq, where he was attached, as part of Team Dealer, to Task Force Conqueror, commanded by LTC Tony Deane. He will share his lessons learned in training, prior and during deployment, and its impact upon mission success. A true Warrior, he is graciously taking the time to share his elements of success with us. When I explained to CPT Sanchez that our Troopers will be deploying within a year, he replied that it would be an honor to address them.

Our current Troopers are preparing for training, by echelons, in the next several months, culminating in Annual Training in August, when the Squadron will certify their Mission Essential Task List and Mobilization Tasks, and then proceed on a mobilization timeline. They will be at the tip of the spear again, and we'll be safe knowing that they are guarding our freedom and liberty by keeping the enemy at the gates.

I want to share my enthusiasm watching our Heritage Committee's work and progress. The Heritage Room is taking an entirely new format, which shares the Squadron's past and current service. When you enter into the Heritage Room you are immediately exposed to a work in progress that will take you on a tour of our Squadron's history. Those that have been working almost every Wednesday afternoon, and those that have helped in between, are untiring and have formed a strong image of what they see as the future from our unit's rich history and culture.

I want to also give our Spur editor, Phil Notestine, well deserved recognition for his legacy, eleven years bringing our quarterly newsletter to another level of unit history and culture. Phil's many articles including interviews, as well as personal stories, from our Squadron's World War II heroes, is unprecedented in its thoroughness and quality. He shared first hand history from those that fought and won Europe's freedom, in addition to present deployments. It will soon be 73 years from the end of World War II, and 77 years from mobilization of our Troopers for service overseas. Phil saw this window of opportunity and made the most of it. We will miss him, as editor, but he will be with us in our hearts forever. Simultaneously, I want to warmly welcome MAJ Ryan Bailey as our new Spur editor. MAJ Bailey has served two decades in uniform, enlisting in the 3-102nd Armor Battalion, Vineland, New Jersey, in 1998, followed by his commission, and deploying twice for overseas duty, with A Troop, 5th Squadron 117th Cavalry to Iraq, and subsequently to Afghanistan with MAT 5 Combat Advisor Team. He is now preparing to mobilize again, this time to Kosovo. We all remember his interesting and informative presentation of his Afghanistan deployment. MAJ Bailey will focus on current and future plans and operations of the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry, as well as our Association's members. We look forward to great things from our Cavalry Trooper! This is who we are, where we came from, we served together at some point and met many great Troopers and Soldiers, and this camaraderie is who we have become. May we always stay in touch, and be remembered as having served in the defense of our great nation's freedoms. Next Meeting: 2000 hrs. Heritage Room, Armory 500 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 13 April 2018.

Show 'Em The Way!

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Squadron Commander's Message The Squadron had a well-earned break in January with no scheduled drill after well over a year of high OPTEMPO training and mission support. As the BCT recovered from its hurricane relief mission in Puerto Rico, our Troopers finally wound down after several months conducting warehouse operations, receiving donations for the people of Puerto Rico, in SAD status at the West Orange Armory. In addition as the BCT staff was called away to serve in Puerto Rico the 102d was called to help backfill the BCT staff at the 42d ID Warfighter Exercise at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. With short notice and little time to prepare the Squadron Staff did an exemplary job filling in for the BCT primaries and commander who were serving the citizens of hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico. Throughout that time and since the Squadron has focused on Readiness, the Adjutant General's number one priority. In February we conducted our annual Periodic Health Assessments, SRPs and briefings that not only get Troopers required medical care and examinations, but also gives the command a good look at our deployability.

During our February IDT we also promoted Ryan Harty to Major, conducted the A Troop Change of Command between CPT Gannon (outgoing) and CPT Lacey (incoming), and presented a well-deserved, and quite frankly long overdue, Meritorious Service Medal to MAJ Omar Minott, our outgoing Squadron Executive Officer. We continue to prepare for our 2019 mobilizations in support of operations in the CENTCOM and AFRICOM areas of responsibility and recently we attended the Multi-Component Joint Assessment for our C Troopers heading to the AFRICOM AOR. Hosted by FIRST ARMY, the Joint Assessment gives the deploying unit chain of command and select squadron staff access to enablers from FORSCOM, NGB, various COCOMs and FIRST ARMY and further assists in preparing both the pre and post mobilization timelines and training plans. We are now within the twelve month window for mobilization and deployment, and our Squadron, with the help of our Association, community partners, Family Readiness Groups and the Bonds of Courage team, will be prepared for the challenge. Looking forward to seeing you all at our next event,

Show 'Em the Way!

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Cavalryman of The Year Phil Notestine, Editor Emeritus, Phil Notestine is being honored for his faithful and true service as Editor of this journal for over a decade, 2006-2018. He has continually epitomized our motto "Show 'Em The Way" in leading our historical research, interviewing WWII veterans, writing about them and the WWII exploits of such related formations as the 38th, 102d and 117th Cavalry Recon Squadrons (Mecz) from mobilization January 1941 through the European war's end – VE Day – 8 May 1945. Along his trail he has amassed numerous contacts and new partners from people searching for information about their relatives' service in these glorious cavalry squadrons who established contact via www.njcavalryandarmorassociation.org many learning for the first time about their loved ones' battlescartishenore.





From the Editor – MAJ Ryan C. Bailey Troopers, I am honored to follow in the footsteps of my friend Phil Notestine, Editor of *The SPUR* since 2006 (See feature article *Cavalryman of The Year*). I am presently working closely with him, our President and Executive Board on continuing his good work of telling Our Story; past, present, and future. As this is a time of world-wide uncertainty and deployment preparation I'm certain that the mission of New Jersey's Own 1-102nd Cavalry Squadron is as relevant as it has ever been. Pictured, your Editor deployed on Border Security Duty for *Operation Jump Start* 2006, near Las Playas New Mexico as Scout Platoon Leader, 2nd Platoon, Apache Troop, 5-117th Cavalry, Divisional Cavalry Squadron for the 42nd Infantry Division Email: ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com phone 856-213-3430.



Philip S. Notestine enlisted in Troop D, 50th Reconnaissance Battalion, 50th Armored Division at Westfield NJ in September 1957. He entered active duty for basic training on 23 February 1958 in Fort Dix, NJ. After basic he took Basic Armor Unit and M48 "Patton" medium Tank Crew training at Fort Knox, KY. Back in Westfield he crewed in M41 "Walker Bulldog" light tanks. Early in the 1960's, the 50th Recon BN was reflagged as the 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry Regiment. After several years in the Tank section, he was transferred to the Scout section, where he rose to Section Sergeant. In 1966, he was promoted to Platoon Sergeant (E7). During the July 1967 Newark Riots, he commanded a 60-troop reinforced dismounted Platoon until the new 2LT Platoon leader arrived on scene 4 days later. SFC Notestine "retired" after 10 years in September 1967. 6 months later in March 1968 he was asked to take the Operations SGM position in the "new" 102d ARMOR, West Orange, NJ. The S3 was COL (then MAJ) Larry Bryant.

A developing career was instrumental in Notestine departing the NJARNG again, this time for good. His career in AT&T and Lucent Technologies spanned 31 years in sales, sales management, technical marketing and the last ten years in International market development and management, travelling through 5 continents and 50 countries. He retired in December 1997.

During that time, he met and married Ginny, also a career AT&T/Lucent Tech. manager. They lived in Mountain Lakes NJ for 37 years. Phil joined the Mountain Lakes Vol. Fire Department. A past Chief, he served for 35 years. Chief Notestine took on the task of teaching firefighters to march smartly in annual parades. Calling cadence and march discipline was learned as an Army Guard NCO. The MLVFD won awards for their marching unit. Ginny and Phil were involved in their church, St. Peter's Episcopal, and other Mountain Lakes vol. orgs. They moved to Pinehurst, NC in March 2012.



Ginny and Phil quickly made many friends, joined several social groups and Emmanuel Episcopal in Southern Pines.

A Life-Patron member of the NRA, Phil joined a local NRA Affiliate club and shoots rifle and pistol weekly with friends, all veterans of Army or Marines.



Notestine joined the newly formed 117th Cavalry Association in 1981. 11 years ago, he volunteered to take over as Editor of *THE SPUR* from WWII veteran LTC Ken Quaas, who did faithful and excellent work for over 30 years. This was a great honor and learning experience. Notestine was able to meet and interview many WWII veterans of the 38th, 102d and 117th Cavalry Squadrons. Connections were made with French and German patriots who honored these US Army Cavalry warriors as Liberators.

And now, Phil passes the Guidon to MAJ Ryan C. Bailey.

M41 Walker Bulldog Light Battle Tank of the type 50th Reconnaissance Battalion, 50th Armored Division and 5th Squadron, 117th Cavalry Regiment, 50th Armored Division operated during Phil Notestine's service in the late Fifties and early Sixties. Built by Cadillac between 51 and 54 the tank had a 76mm main gun and was the first post-war mass produced American Tank. Dedicated to Armored Reconnaissance, the M41 Walker Bulldog was exported heavily and met with great success on the battlefields of the Twentieth Century. Named for General Walton Walker, Commander, EIGHTH ARMY, who was lost in Korea in 1950 to a Jeep accident, the tank weighed twenty-three tons and was powered by a 500hp Continental six cylinder. It had operational range of 100 miles on its 140 gallon fuel capacity and could cruise at 45 mph. The four man crew had 65 rounds for the 76mm main gun as well as 2175rds of .50 caliber M2 and 5000rds of .30 caliber.





Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 28th 2018, we will once again honor the War Dead of Our Community and Our Country with the annual Memorial Parade through Westfield and dedication of wreaths at the Great War Memorial. This year's observances will be particularly poignant as this November 11th will mark the Centennial of the armistice marking the cessation of hostilities for WWI. The iconic landmark pillar adorned with Lady Victory was erected to commemorate Westfield's own Honored Dead of WWI, and the additional memorials in the adjacent area of North Avenue and East Broad Street constitute a treasury of remembrance for us all. Memorials for The Spanish American War, The Philippine Insurrection, The China Relief Expedition, Korea, Vietnam, WWII, and a series of obelisks honoring each victim of Westfield lost in the World Trade Center on

September 11th 2001, adorn the Memorial Park. At the Fairview Cemetery is the Memorial and Gravesites from The War Between The States and at Mountain Avenue near East Broad Street is the cemetery and memorial of The American Revolution. The procession begins in the vicinity of the Lord & Taylor's Parking lot, halts for the ceremony in front of the War Memorial and proceeds to the Fairview Cemetery.

Spurs and Sabers Ball Final preparations are underway for another great time at the Grand Hotel in Summit New Jersey where we will once again be celebrating an evening to remember. The event will be co-hosted by the 1-102nd Cavalry Squadron, 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard and the *New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association*. Tickets will be available soon through SSG Pedro Martinez at 117thcavmemberships@gmail.com or call Headquarters,1st Squadron 102d Cavalry 732-499-5662.



New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Membership Life Membership \$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older. Send electronic mail to SSG Martinez and MAJ Harty at 117thcavmemberships@gmail.com or call Headquarters,1st Squadron 102d Cavalry 732-499-5662. Regimental Ballcaps, American Made, In Coyote Brown; OCP ACU Scorpion W2 or Coyote 498. The same color presently worn by our Troopers overseas on the Frontiers of Freedom in the 21st Century. COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, Hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25.



A Troop Change of Command Squadron Commander LTC Dennis S. Stiles passed the Cavalry Guidon from Captain Devon Gannon to Captain James Lacey, signifying the Change of Troop Command for Troop A, also known as Apache Troop, 1-102nd Cavalry, Dover NJ. Brigade Commander and immediate Past Squadron Commander Colonel Timothy Coakley was on hand for the ceremony conducted between CPT Gannon (outgoing) and CPT Lacey (incoming). CPT Gannon was commended upon his conclusion of a successful command and CPT Lacey was welcomed upon an opportunity of an extraordinary command as A Troop prepares to once again deploy to the very frontier of freedom. *Pictured from Left-to-Right: COL Coakley, LTC Stiles, CPT Lacey, CPT Gannon.*

New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Meeting 9 February 2018

After our Pledge of Allegiance (2003 hrs), and Moment of Silence for Troopers who went to Fiddler's Green; Motion was carried to waive reading of last meeting's minutes; Our new Membership Chair, SSG Pedro Martinez confirmed the membership lists are complete; regular dues are \$20/year, and Life Member dues are \$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older. He'd like to get a team together to call members to verify their contact information, after the last The Spur mailing, 50 were returned, past president LTC (Ret.) Chris Sands offered his assistance. Next, Treasurer-SFC (Ret.) Bill Gruss reported, that since the last meeting, the Association Deposited \$20 (Boosters), and made payments totaling \$1,763.02; paid \$58.00 refreshments; \$27.02 for Heritage Room; \$25.00 annual fee to DMAVA; \$95.00 for wreaths (Veterans Day); \$178.00 The Spur postage; \$70.00 to Tom Termyna; \$417.00 for insurance; \$115.00 to Tom Termyna, leaving a balance of \$6,717.40 (Heritage Room expense so far \$5,944.42). The members need to update their contact information and decide electronic or hard copy delivery of The Spur to reduce the printing and mailing cost (send electronic mail to SSG Martinez and CPT Harty at 117thcavmemberships@gmail.com or call Headquarters 1st Squadron 102nd

Cavalry (732)499-5662) . Next, COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, our Historian/Quartermaster, reminded the membership that we are selling hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25, and 48 more were ordered. This was followed by the Heritage Room Reorganization Committee Member COL (Ret.) Daniel Mahon explained that the Heritage Room is being organized by era, so one could walk around from 1937 to 2018. Co-chair LTC Bill Morris explained that when the Heritage Room Committee was initiated, they had a plan to implement a March Through Time – and make it in the display cases, thereby maintaining the heritage from both eras, past and present. Members were introduced to our new Spur Editor, replacing the legacy of Phil Notestine. Then, we moved onto new business. MAJ Ryan C. Bailey, the new Spur Editor, shared his military biography. He had enlisted in 3-102nd Armor Battalion in 1998, in Vineland, subsequently earning his commission. He has two deployments, the first to Iraq, with A Troop 5th Squadron 117th Cavalry, and next to Afghanistan, with MAT 5 Combat Advisor Team, and he will be deploying in the near future, with MAJ McNamara to Kosovo. As Editor, MAJ Bailey shared that he is a voracious reader, and has already contacted the 1-102nd Cavalry units for submissions for the next issue of The Spur. Next, the members were apprised by MAJ Ryan Harty (congratulations) of the Squadron timeline for the next year, which will culminate with mobilization and deployment. Troops A, B, and HHT, will deploy to Jordan in support of Operation Spartan Shield, and C Troop to AFRICOM. Currently, the Squadron is concentrating on the DMD (Deployment Manning Document), which specifies the manning required to support their respective missions. The A and B Troop platoons will be training on crew served weapons during the March IDT, followed by Mounted Gunnery in April, and STX (Situational Training Exercise) lanes in May, with Annual Training from 8 through 23 August 2018, when C Troop will have personnel cross-leveled from the Squadron, and METL (Mission Essential Task List) and Mobilization tasks will be trained and validated, and then starting in September they will be following their respective Mobilization Timelines. Next, MAJ Bailey discussed his intent to change the focus in The Spur to ongoing progress and plans for 1-102nd Cavalry Squadron. This was followed by members being addressed by the Squadron XO (Executive Officer) MAJ Michael Cruz, who has been a member since 2006 and opined that meetings should occur during IDT status to allow current Squadron members to attend, which he will have to problems supporting. And he also felt that once a quarter, on a Friday or Saturday, have the meeting at 1600 hrs. for maximum participation by drilling Troopers. Next two drills coincide with Association meetings, 13 April 2018 and 8 June 2018. COL (Ret.) Dougherty reminded the members that 24 May 2018 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Squadron losing CPT William R. Apblett, CWO Robert E. Goebel, SP5 Charles B. Ward, SP5 Leonard T. Vellucci when their gunship went down. It was moved by COL (Ret.) Mahon, seconded by SGT (Ret.) Mormak to Conclude Meeting-2105 hours,

Next meeting Friday, 13April 2018, 2000 hrs at the Heritage Room Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Future meetings 8 June 2018.

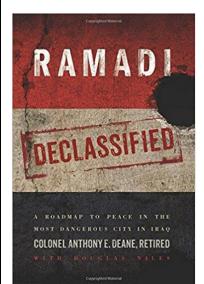
Attendance James Anglim, Dennis J. Dougherty, Michael Hrycak, Bill Gruss, Ryan C. Bailey, Dave Mormak, Chris Sands, Don Kondroski, Stephen Pruser, Danielle Bracco, Arthur Maggs, Daniel Mahon, John Kieslor, Daniel Sullivan, Michael Cruz, Bill Morris, Ryan Harty, Pedro Martinez, Jennifer Silva

New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Meeting 8 September 2017 After our Pledge of Allegiance (2007 hrs), and Moment of Silence, Troopers who went to Fiddler's Green. (SGM (Ret.) Ken Mahan, unfortunately still at a rehabilitation facility). Our new Membership Chair, SSG Pedro Martinez reminded members that regular dues are \$20/year, and Life Member dues are

\$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older. He also reported that we finally have the Address Roster under control, and he will be calling to find out if members want hard copy or electronic copy of The Spur, which had finally been mailed out before the meeting. Next, Treasurer- SFC (Ret.) Bill Gruss reported, that since the last meeting, the Association Collected \$\$1.850 (\$100 dues, \$50 Boosters, \$1,700 hat sales), and cashed in a CD \$1,423,79, for a total deposit of \$3,273.79. and made payments totaling \$2,180.16; \$74.96 for refreshments, \$45.00 for wreath, \$35.25 for unit crests, \$325.00 for mailing The Spur, \$825.00 to S&K Painting, and \$835.00 for hats, and \$39.95 for tax filing, leaving a balance of \$7,123.65 (for Heritage Room \$3,754.54). The members need to update their contact information and decide electronic or hard copy delivery of The Spur to reduce the printing and mailing cost (send electronic mail to to SSG Martinez and CPT Harty at 117thcavmemberships@gmail.com or call Headquarters 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry (732)499-5662). Next, COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, our Historian/Quartermaster, reminded the membership that we are selling hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25, and we sold all hats and ordered 48 more. This was followed by the Heritage Room Reorganization Committee Co-Chairman CW5 (Ret.) Frank Mnich; explained that the paint was donated by Westfield Sherwin Williams and a contractor painted The Heritage Room. Next, will be 1. Flooring; 2. Blinds; and 3. Hanging pictures. The blinds were estimated at \$1,700, for which the FRG (Family Readiness Group) will donate \$500, and Association will pay \$1,200 (Motion made by COL Dougherty, 2nd by COL Mahon, passed unanimously). Members were reminded again that Spur Editor Phil Notestine is looking for someone, who can attend meetings, to take over as editor of The Spur, our Association newsletter (Phil's email address and telephone number in Spur). Then, we moved onto new business. CPT Stephen Pruser explained the Squadron's accomplishments during Annual Training from 20 May 2017 to 10 June 2017, where they accomplished the Exportable Combat Training Center (XCTC) evaluation at Fort Pickett, Virginia, reminiscent of ARTEP evaluations of the 1980's and 1990's, at platoon level, culminating at troop level, which followed rail loading and transporting all Squadron equipment, about 250 pieces. The members passed a motion to sponsor 5 couples for the Spurs

& Sabers at Grand Summit Hotel, Summit, New Jersey, on 20 October 2017, for a total cost to the Association of \$500. Next, the members watched a video received by Phil Notestine from Stabs FeldWebel (1SG) Retired, Arnold Schmitt, which recalls eyewitness accounts of the 117th Reconnaissance Squadron liberating his village, Eppenbrun, German (on the Franco-German border). COL Dougherty shared Phil Notestine's accolades for the newly published "Sabers though the Reich: World War II Corps Cavalry from Normandy to The Elbe" by William Stuart Nance and Robert M Citino. Members remember that MAJ William Stuart Nance had made a presentation about the Squadron's World War II participation during a meeting. Finally, members were reminded of the Association website 117th-cav.org with member password njarngcav, maintained by SSG (Ret.) John Crescenzi, which can also be used to access The Spur as well as update your contact information. Everyone was reminded of Casino Night on 18 November 2017. Danielle Braco won the 50/50 (\$34). It was moved to Conclude Meeting- 2102 hours. Attendance Frank Mnich, James Anglim, Dennis J. Dougherty, Michael Hrycak, Bill Gruss, Pedro Martinez, Craig W. Boylan, Rochus E. Lawrence, Walter Radwanski, Kevin Murphy, Dan Sullivan, Daniel Mahon, Danielle Bracco, Bill Morris

Of note: MSG (Ret.) Thomas Bullock, my former Platoon Sergeant, who served in A Troop for two decades, is currently residing at Veteran's Haven North, 200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 Fax: 908-537-1987 Telephone: 908-537-1999 Toll Free: 877-648-0091.



Next Meeting: 13 April 2018, the speaker is going to be CPT Perfecto Sanchez. An OIF Veteran, he was a platoon leader in TF Conqueror, Veteran of the actions described in the new book, Ramadi: Declassified, by COL (Ret.) Anthony E. Deane. The work describes the protracted effort to turn Ramadi around, at the time they arrived there the most dangerous area in Irag. Ramadi: Declassified has received remarkeable reviews; "A history book that reads like a thriller -- and a must read for military leaders and diplomats that find themselves embroiled in a counterinsurgency." (General Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.)) "Tony Deane has written the best account to date of what it means to be a combat leader on today's battlefield. His account of leading a battalion in the thick of things in Ramadi takes readers right onto the city's mean streets, providing a fascinating account of how U.S. forces helped turn the tide of war in Iraq. His writing is sharp and visceral. providing a fast-paced narrative that is hard to put down." (Jim Michaels, Author of A Chance in Hell: the men who triumphed over Irag's deadliest city and turned the tide of war) "As a highly courageous combat leader and skilled military diplomat, Tony Deane was a critical player in an epic turning point of the Iraq War. The urgent insights and lessons in this book, which reads like a great thriller, must be required reading for all American military and political leaders, as well as all citizens who want to know how the United States can again lead the free world and our allies to victory in the new global era."

(William Doyle; Author- A Soldiers Dream: Captain Travis Patriquin and the Awakening of Iraq and PT 109: An American Epic of War, Survival and the Destiny of John F. Kennedy) "Col. Deane's work stays low and moves fast through the people and events who turned America's involvement in Iraq from bitter urban fighting into the Anbar Awakening, and later The Surge. A must read for policy makers and those seeking paths to peace with the peoples of the fertile crescent." (Kevin Dockery, Author, History of the US Navy SEALS 2016-04-20)

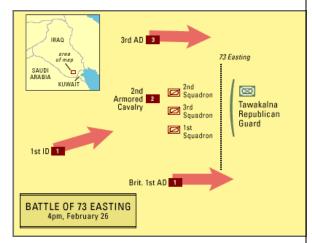


42nd Infantry Division Warfighter Exercise 2018, Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania SEP-OCT '17 The 42nd Infantry Division, also known as the Rainbow Division, NYARNG, joined its Regular Army sister Infantry Divisions the 10th Mountain and 101st Air Assault to compose the XVIIIth Corps (AIRBORNE) for Corps Warfighter Exercise Rotation 18-1. As discussed above in our Squadron Commander's Message, Brigade Headquarters, 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team was mobilized on the first day of the rotation and rapidly redeployed to home station in order to be flown in KC-135s of the 108th ARW, NJANG, to San Juan, Puerto Rico within forty-eight hours for Hurricane Maria Disaster Relief Operations. LTC Dennis Stiles called on his staff contingent at Fort Indiantown Gap to take on increased responsibility and coordinate directly with divisional level campaign planning and

Military Decision Making Process for the exercise. Together under LTC Stiles, acting as Brigade Commander, 44th IBCT, for the exercise, they executed the assault and exploitation phase of a Divisional Attack against a near peer Red Force as the Corps Main Effort. The United States Army Combined Arms Center describes the Division Warfighter Exercise in the Decisive Action Training Environment as a Mission Essential Task Focused Culminating Training event designed to

validate/ develop core warfighting competencies in conjunction with unit training objectives. This Training Environment (DATE) based upon CONPLAN 4567, The Caspian Guard Common Training Scenario, contains tailorable PMESIIPT and METT-TC, with an Operational Environment adjustable to matching current, emerging threats and conditions; 80% Simulation / 20% MSEL, Free-thinking hybrid threat (Conventional, Cyber, and IO), Austere theater of operation (Forcible entry, undeveloped logistics infrastructure and LOCs). The Operational Environment Criteria include Hybrid, peer/near-peer threat created through dynamic combinations of regular and irregular forces, criminal elements; capable of conducting conventional and unconventional operations. Threat attack combinations are physical destruction + EW + cyber network attack, Robust improvised weapons and niche technologies, EW, Cyber, C-UAS, substantial threat information gathering capabilities, SOF, UAS. The exercise is designed around preparedness for Nation State Warfare with the capability of employing WMD. Involved are populations complete with values, beliefs, norms and behaviors foreign from US culture, fragile nation state(s) requiring international response, complex physical terrain, substantial media controlling narrative issues (friendly/neutral/adversarial) within information warfare as well as Anti-access, area denial (A2AD) activities – SA-20, SA-18 affecting operations at the Brigade and above levels. Overall this training experience and the panoply of real world simulations it provided will directly benefit Squadron Readiness moving forward. Our Troopers were honored to be of service for our Division's exercise, especially under New Jersey's own Major General Steven Ferrari, Commanding General, 42nd Infantry Division, and past Commander 50th IBCT during OIF Deployment 2008-2009.

From The Annals of Armor and Cavalry History The following is new commentary from the staff of the U.S. Army Center of Military History, on the Twenty-seventh anniversary of the Battle of 73 Easting, landmark of recent history in Armor and Cavalry. Troops involved included Troop E or Eagle Troop of 2-2 ACR, Second Squadron, Second Armored Cavalry regiment, also known as Cougar Squadron of the famed 2nd ACR; Dragoon Regiment: "As a new group of main battle tanks replaced old inventory during the 1980s, neither the US nor Soviets had the opportunity to test them in combat. In what some have called it the "Last great tank battle of the 20th Century", on this day, February 26, 1991, the Battle of 73 Easting began and the new US M1A1 tank got its trial by fire, literally against the Soviet-manufactured T-72. Commanded by then Captain H.R. McMaster(currently National Security Advisor), Eagle Troop was the lead element of the US VII Corps' advance into Iraq. Eagle Troop ran into the Iraqi Republican Guard and its Tawakalna Division at what is simply the north-south coordinate line or Easting for an otherwise



featureless desert landscape. By any calculation, the two tank platoons didn't stand a chance. Eagle Troop swept down on the enemy's defensive position with every weapon firing. Iraqi vehicles exploded as 120-mm. rounds found their marks. Enemy infantry attempted to fight back with RPGs and AK-47s but were cut down by the fires of the following scouts. McMaster finally stopped his charge at the 73 Easting when he arrived at the rear of the Iraqi position. Within a mere 23 minutes, the M1A1 tanks of Eagle Troop destroyed over half of the Iraqi battalion. "Enemy tank turrets were hurled skyward as 120-mm. SABOT rounds ripped through T-55s and T-72s. The fireballs that followed hurled debris one hundred feet into the air. Secondary explosions destroyed the vehicles beyond recognition", according to "Iron" Troop, Commander CPT Dan Miller who made contact with the southern portion of the Iragi Battalion and then destroyed the remaining resistance. The battle expanded using a variety of M1 tanks, Bradley's, Artillery, and Apache helicopters to completely destroy the enemy division. Because Soviet-made tank turrets were held in place by gravity, a killing hit blew the turret completely off. As the battle wore on, the desert floor became littered with pop-tops. Also full credit must be given to the Dragoons' excellent discipline, training, and crew drill. Tank and TOW gunners were ruthlessly efficient in acquiring and destroying enemy targets. "Battle of 73 Easting," one of the best-documented accounts of an engagement with the Republican Guard. Several Army historians visited that site soon after the war and, along with participants of the battle, reviewed and analyzed it from almost every angle. The result became the base scenario for a computer simulation used in the Army's school system. Accounts of this battle have appeared in almost every publication that describes the action of the U.S. Army in the Gulf War. For more info: JAYHAWK!: The VII Corps in the Persian Gulf War. Photo-PBS,

https://history.army.mil/catalog/pubs/70/70-73.html War in the Persian Gulf: Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, August 1990-March 1991 https://history.army.mil/catalog/pubs/70/70-117.html" -source: U.S. Army Center of Military History, 27 FEB 18.



1-102nd Cavalry's World War I Campaign Streamers: Alsace-Lorraine, Meuse-Argonne

From Our Lineage & Honors; Marking the Centennial of World War One, WWI or The Great War.

As "The War to End All Wars" conflagrated Europe, The New Jersey Cavalry rode with General Pershing for the punitive expedition on the Mexican Border. Little did they know that less than a year after being discharged following the border Campaign they would again be mustered into federal service, this time with the 29th Infantry Division. National Guard regiments formed the heart of General Pershing's *Allied Expeditionary Force* which entered Theater October 1917. Over the following year, our *AEF* suffered 116,516 Killed-In-Action for a daily average of 279 KIA per day, third highest in our nation's history behind only WWII; 297 and The War Between The States; 420. Over the decisive American involvement on the side of the allies in the last year of the war, many important developments in



Camp Dix, Soldiers at Attention, ca. 1918 Courtesy of the Burlington County Library

Combined Arms and Maneuver were capitalized upon and significant battlefield victories were won enabling the war to be concluded on more favorable terms. The record of our Squadron in the Great War is recorded in our Regimental Lineage and Honors displayed in the Westfield Armory's Heritage Room:

"1st Cavalry Squadron mustered into Federal service 21 June 1916 at Sea Girt for service on the Mexican border; mustered out 21 October 1916 at Newark. Mustered into Federal service 28 July 1917 at Sea Girt; drafted into Federal service 5 August 1917.

Squadron broken up 15 September 1917 and its elements reorganized and Redesignated as follows:

Squadron (less Troops B and D) as the 104th Train Headquarters and Military Police, an element of the 29th Division. Troops B and D consolidated to form Battery F, 110th Field Artillery, an element of the 29th Division.

After 15 September 1917 the above units underwent changes as follows: 104th Train Headquarters and Military Police (less Company B) Redesignated 1 November 1918 as the 29th Military Police Company, an element of the 29th Division. Demobilized 30 May 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey.

Company B, 104th Train Headquarters and Military Police, Redesignated 29 October 1918 as Company C, First Army Military Police Battalion, and relieved from assignment to the 29th Division. Redesignated 15 March 1919 as the 216th Company, Military Police Corps. Demobilized 14 July 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Battery F, 110th Field Artillery, Redesignated 27 November 1917 as Battery F, 112th Field Artillery, an element of the 29th Division. Demobilized 31 May 1919 at Camp Dix, New Jersey."

-source: The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey, Sea Girt NJ 08750 http://www.nj.gov/military/museum/narratives/117th_cavalry_Regiment.html



The WWI Victory Medal

The front of the bronze medal features a winged Victory holding a shield and sword on the front. The back of the bronze medal features "The Great War For Civilization" in all capital letters curved along the top of the medal. Curved along the bottom of the back of the medal are six stars, three on either side of the center column of seven staffs wrapped in a cord. The top of the staff has a round ball on top and is winged on the side. The staff is on top of a shield that says "U" on the left side of the staff and "S" on the right side of the staff. In 1945, the "Victory Ribbon" was created as an award for those who served in World War II. Between 1945 and 1947, the World War I award continued to be known by its original name, the "Victory Medal", and the World War II award was known as the "Victory Ribbon". Interestingly, in 1947, the Victory Ribbon became a full-sized medal as the World War II Victory Medal, at which point the World War I Victory Medal adopted its current name. However, some military records as late as the 1950s continued to annotate the World War I decoration by its previous name, and the medal was often referred to as "Victory Medal (WWI)". –source War Department General Orders Number 58, Washington1919.

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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 are 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

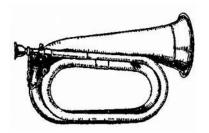


"Duty" 2003 sculpture by James Nathan Muir, The sculpture stands between the U.S. Cavalry Museum and the First Infantry Division Museum across from Patton Hall, Ft. Riley Kansas.

TAPS

VERNON PEDERSEN (1943 - 2018) Captain, Springfield Police Department Vernon A. Pedersen, 74, of Springfield, N.J., passed peacefully on Jan. 3, 2018. Vernon lived in Springfield for many years. Retiring as an LTC, he served proudly in the U.S. Army for 28 years. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Pedersen (nee McGough); children, Laurie Hogan and James Pedersen; five grandchildren, and three siblings.

STEPHEN S. CUP was born on November 2, 1919 and passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. Stephen was a resident of the small mountain town of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania at the time of passing. Stephen was married to Helen Mae. He was a miner, and loved hunting and fishing. He enlisted in the US Army, serving in combat with the 102d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz), Recon Troop A. Steve was a scout, Tech.5, wounded in action and decorated with the Purple Heart. Steve was an expert shot and would hunt deer to supplement rations for his buddies.



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