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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 are constantly facing the past, the present, and the future. Our past, the Heritage Room Committee has been working diligently every Wednesday. They cleaned out the Heritage Room, removed all the old paneling, installed and painted

new sheetrock, and are now reestablishing our historic displays and artifacts. Recently, Fred Rodman, brother of Walter I. Rodman, who served in F Company, 102<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron in World War II is organizing historical artifacts to contribute to the Heritage Room. 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.

Our present, we have forged a bond with our Squadron Troopers, who are currently 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. At the tip of the spear, guarding our freedom and liberty by keeping the enemy at the gates.

Our future, at the 8 June 2018 meeting, we will be recognizing awardees, 2LT Kieran Miller is being awarded the Colonel Harold J. Samsel Junior Officer of The Year Award, and SSG David Sutton is being awarded the First Sergeant William Maloney Trooper of The Year Award, for excellence in their performance and potential for the future. They will be able to prove their mettle in the upcoming deployment to Jordan and Horn of Africa. General Milley, the Army Chief of Staff, and Dr. Mark T. Esper, Secretary of The Army, have just presented a new Vision for the Army. It addresses many of the challenges the future holds in defeating a world class adversary, and will need agile, experienced, and insightful leaders. They are standing up a Futures Command, which will be comprised of eight Cross Functional Teams (CFT) to address the acquisition and modernization of the Army with its best and brightest leaders, engineers, and scientists. As I had described in my Winter 2016 article about the Russian New Generation Warfare, our Army will need to address what is expected and not what is currently practiced. The development of doctrine and equipment by our potential adversaries will be met by our updated modern Army.

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 14 September 2018; Future Meetings: 9 November 2018; 8 February 2019; 12 April 2019; 14 June 2019 (Flag Day).

Show 'em The Way!

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**Squadron Commander's Message** The Squadron recently completed our Annual Training at Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, the last annual training that will focus on our Cavalry tasks prior to our 2019 deployment. As expected the Squadron accomplished all assigned tasks and safely returned to home station. A and B Troops focused on both mounted and dismounted maneuver and successfully qualified all available crews on Table VI for the gunnery portion of the training. Our FSC (D Co) has made great strides and is leading the support elements of the BCT in gunnery qualifying their crews on both the M240 and M2A1 as well as completing Table VI for select crews. HHT managed the CP and the XO led the staff in refining SQDN SOPs and in improving our tracking processes. In addition our Medics provided around the clock support and coordinated for the incorporation of realistic CAS/MEDEVAC training during the training to include several iterations of AEROMEDEVAC with support from the 1-150th (Blackhawk). In preparation for the C Troop deployment to Somalia and to meet mission manning requirements we have attached a platoon each from A and B Troops to C Troop for their mission. At the beginning of the training period we conducted a change of command ceremony for C Troop. CPT Aaron Tomasini relinquished command and passed the guidon to 1LT London Nagai who will lead C Troop during their deployment to Somalia. London has recently returned from a deployment to the Sinai peninsula, augmenting the 1-181 IN of the 44th IBCT during their MFO rotation. He brings a wealth of recent and relevant experience to the soldiers of C Troop. Our focus in the coming months will be the reception of the approximately 50 soldiers from the 3-112th FA who will join the main body deploying to Jordan. As we continue to refine mission requirements it is imperative that we focus on our personnel readiness and retention. We need every Trooper in our formation to stay healthy and fit for deployment. To that end we are conducting another periodic health assessment (PHA) during our July IDT. This will be the second of three PHAs the Squadron will conduct prior to our deployment. Several of the SQDN staff and myself were able to conduct another site visit to Fort Bliss, TX during the AT period where we were able to observe the Mission Readiness Exercise (MRX) of the 18th CAV (the unit we will relieve when we deploy). In addition the S3 (Operations Officer) from the 1-184 IN (currently on ground in Jordan) was on site to assist with the MRX and provide lessons learned to both the 18th CAV and our team. It is a challenging and dynamic mission that will require our soldiers to work with our Jordanian partners on a daily basis. The OPTEMPO for the SQDN continues to be high as we continue to prepare for our upcoming missions. I appreciate everyone's continued support for the Squadron.

*Show 'Em the Way!*

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**From the Editor – MAJ Ryan C. Bailey** Troopers: thank you for your support of this journal as your internal communication instrument. Information Operations (IO) is defined as the integrated employment, during military operations, of information related capabilities in concert with other lines of operation to influence, disrupt, corrupt, or usurp the decision making of adversaries and potential adversaries while protecting our own (JP 3-13). Your contributions, together with other lines of operations, serves to establish the favorable condition of informational dominance under a shared operational picture within the larger civilian sphere & helps bridge the informational divide and transcend generations within the extended family of New Jersey's Cavalry Regiment, yesterday, today and forever, together continuously forging a future of greatness. [ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com](mailto:ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com)

**Mark Your Calendars:** Our Annual Spurs and Sabers Dance, Grand Summit Hotel on Friday 12 October 2018, once again co-hosted by 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron, 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard and the *New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association*. Tickets available through SSG Pedro Martinez at [117thcavmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com) or call Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102d Cavalry 732-499-5662.

**Casino Night** will be conducted by the Bonds of Courage on Saturday, 17 November 2018 at Squadron Headquarters, 500 Rahway Avenue Westfield NJ. This event will delight you & your civilians, come out and be impressed by the outpouring of support from some of our great citizens with sincere patriotism and care for our Troopers.

**New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Meeting****8JUN18**

After our Pledge of Allegiance (2000 hrs), and Moment of Silence for Troopers who went to Fiddler's Green: Vernon Peterson, LTC, USA Ret. Served 28 years 3JAN18 at 74 yrs old, Stephen S. Cup T5, WW II veteran, 15MAR17 98 years old, Emil Allgiere, SFC, USA Ret. Served 27 years, 21NOV17, 78 years old, Clement Curry, SSG, USA Ret. Served 25 years, 3SEP16, 40th Anniversary of the D Troop helicopter crash at Fort Drum, NY, CPT William R. Apblett, CWO Robert E. Goebel, SP5 Charles B. Ward, SP5 Leonard T. Vellucci died on 24 May 1978; Motion was carried to waive reading of 13 April 2018 meeting's minutes, which were accepted; Our Membership Chair, SSG Pedro Martinez reported 20 Lifetime Members (8 current, 8 paid, and 4 pending); (during deployment, past president LTC (Ret)Chris Sands will be handling membership); membership lists are complete; regular dues are \$20/year, Life Member dues are \$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older. Next, Treasurer- SFC (Ret.) Bill Gruss reported since last meeting, the starting balance \$6,054.83; Deposits \$200 (Dues) & \$10 (Boosters), and payments, leaving a balance of \$4,990.55 (Heritage Room expense so far \$6,111.11). COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, Historian/Quartermaster, reminded the membership that we are selling hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25, and Squadron Executive Officer, MAJ Mike Cruz has belt buckles with Squadron Crests \$30, with belt \$50. This was followed by the Heritage Room Reorganization Committee Co-chair CW5 (Ret.) Frank Mnich gave an update on the progress being made in the Heritage Room: i) the wiring in the ceiling is being updated to meet electrical code requirements, including 3 LED lights, waiting for state electrician, who has volunteered his time and labor; ii) large regimental crest mounted on wall in bar area ; iii) guidons have been reorganized, to display appropriately, including current organization in Staff Meeting Area; iv) Nazi flag from WW II being reframed and a citation being prepared, as 1LT Lee's Medal of Honor presentation; v) Armorer, Juan, has initiated a work request to clean outside armory windows; vi) MAJ Harty's father has submitted his estimate for floor replacement, will be discussed at next meeting; Danielle Bracco, Family Readiness Group, explained that 2 Westfield High School wrestlers undertook a fund raising project, raising \$5,000, of which \$1,000 has been pledged to our Heritage Room, members expressed desire to invite them in the future to give recognition and gratitude. Spur Editor, MAJ Ryan C. Bailey (excused) is in the process of preparing the Summer 2018 edition of The Spur, and is soliciting contributions, with an emphasis on current Squadron members sharing ongoing experiences. Next, New Business: Awards were presented: 1. COL Howard J. Samsel Outstanding Junior Officer of The Year to 2LT Kieran Miller, who enlisted in 2014 and completed training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, being assigned to D Battery/40 FA Bn., later completing Officer Candidate School, graduating as part of Class 59, and being commissioned in August, 2016, and was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, when CPT Brill reached out for him; 2. 1SG William Maloney Outstanding Trooper of The Year to SSG David Sutton, who enlisted into B Troop, 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, in 2008, completed his Spur Ride in 2010, and was assigned in 2017 to A Troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. LTC Dennis Stiles, 102<sup>nd</sup> Squadron Commander, shared a story about 2LT Miller. The Squadron was participating in a Command Post Exercise (CPX), where the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) was in a terrible position, where it could not acquire communication with other units. LTC Stiles was concerned and warned his staff that if the situation continues, then they'll have to jump the TOC. 2LT Miller became involved in the communications, and he got the team together and the TOC was jumped in about 6-8 hours. Only later, he found out that 2LT Miller hadn't even completed his basic course at the time. Additionally, LTC Stiles updated the current training for deployment. The deployment comprises two efforts: 1. Troops A, B, and HHT, will deploy to Jordan in support of Operation Spartan Shield, to train their Border Patrol (Jordan has borders with Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria and Israel), two battalions at a time with mounted Cavalry Troops, with plus up from 3-112<sup>th</sup> FA Battalion. They are starting their first Annual Training, comprising gunnery and then phased Mobilization directed tasks, and will have another Annual Training period in January; and 2. C Troop deploying Somalia, within AFRICOM, with a new commander, taking over from CPT Tomassini, who is a Ranger qualified infantry officer, and will be working for 2-113<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, LTC Karcher, which will have a great reach-back capability. Currently, the Squadron is concentrating on the DMD (Deployment Manning Document), which specifies the manning required to support their respective missions. Their Annual Training, will have C Troop 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, LTC Hrycak reminded members that elections will be conducted at the next meeting, 14 September 2018. It was determined that no vote was needed to allow the Heritage Room Committee to proceed. LTC Hrycak received a letter from Fred Rodman, from Los Angeles California. He contributed \$50.00 to receive The Spur and donate the rest as a booster, as well as he has artifacts from WWII, to donate to The Heritage Room. His brother, Walter L. Rodman, served in Co. F, 102<sup>nd</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron, during World War II. Also, that the next Spurs and Sabers Dance will be at the Grand Summit Hotel on Friday 12 October 2018, and the cost will be increased one dollar. Also, Casino Night will be conducted by the Bonds of Courage on Saturday, 17 November 2018. LTC Hrycak reminded members of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 16, Somerville, New Jersey, fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse, 1258 US Highway 22, North Plainfield, New Jersey. If you bring their flyer into the restaurant on 14 or 28 June, or 12 or 26 July 2018, then 10% bill in its entirety will be donated to the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 16. 50/50 was won by LTC (Ret.) Michael Hrycak, which was \$39.00. LTC Hrycak also introduced his brother, Orest Hrycak, who is Chief Engineer, Product Director Demilitarization, at Program Executive Office (PEO) Ammunition, Picatinny Arsenal, and has worked there since 1989. It was moved by COL (Ret.) Dougherty, seconded by CSM (Ret.) Maggs to Conclude Meeting- 2044 hours,

**Next Meeting** Friday, 14 September 2018, 2000 hrs at the Heritage Room Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Future meetings 9 November 2018; 8 February 2019; 12 April 2019; 14 June 2019.

**Attendance** James Anglim, Dennis J. Dougherty, Michael Hrycak, Frank Mnich, Chris Sands, Danielle Bracco, Arthur

Maggs, Daniel Mahon, Kevin Murphy, Angelo Panzarino, Russell Hindkeldey, Kieran E. Miller, Tyler, Jackson, David Sutton, John D. Cosel, Joe Bunke, Kevin Washington, James Lacey, Trummanne Waite, Ryan Harty, Mike Cruz, John Blake, Jennifer Silva, Paul Haskin, Even Garcia, Jiunn Wu, Joseph Toomey, Orest Hrycak, Don Kondroski, Bill Gruss, Jim Pressman, Dennis Stiles **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.

#### **New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Meeting 13APR18**

After our Pledge of Allegiance (2000 hrs), and Moment of Silence for Troopers who went to Fiddler's Green: LTC Leon F. Lapoint; MSG Henry Forstenhausier; MG Vito Morgano; MSG Benedetto Carrocetto; SFC Stephen McGoonan; 1SG John Scannell; Bill Hettrick; Anne Bradley Carnevali & CPT Santi L. Carnevali; CPT Marvin D. Cariliile; CWO4 Don Tracy; Motion was carried to waive reading of 9 February 2018 meeting's minutes, which were accepted; Our new Membership Chair, SSG Pedro Martinez was excused (called past president LTC (Ret)Chris Sands); membership lists are complete; regular dues are \$20/year, Life Member dues are \$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older. 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 MAJ Harty at 117thcavmemberships@gmail.com or call Headquarters 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry (732)499-5662) Next, Treasurer- SFC (Ret.) Bill Gruss (excused) submitted report, since last meeting, the starting balance \$6717.40; Deposits \$240 (Dues) & \$10 (Boosters), and payments totaling \$755.91; paid \$58.97 Refreshments & \$78.96 refreshments NOV meeting; \$64.98 frame for Heritage Room; \$375.00 to Watson Graphics for publication of The Spur; \$178.00 to file IRS Form 990 for 2017 & Don Tracy flowers, leaving a balance of \$6,054.82 (Heritage Room expense so far \$6,009.31) and additional dues checks to be deposited. COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, Historian/Quartermaster, reminded the membership that we are selling hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25, no sales since last meeting. COL Dougherty described, and shared photographs, of the ships that transported the Squadron to Europe during World War II. This was followed by the Heritage Room Reorganization Committee Co-chair COL Bill Morris gave an update on the progress being made in the Heritage Room: i) the wiring in the ceiling is being updated to meet electrical code requirements; ii) large regimental crest mounted on wall in bar area ; iii) guidons have been reorganized, to display appropriately; iv) Nazi flag from WW II being reframed and a citation being prepared; v) Armorer has initiated a work request to clean outside armory windows; vi) 18 month timeframe to change/arrange displays. COL Dougherty reminded members that the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D Troop helicopter crash at Fort Drum, NY, will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> (CPT William R. Applelt, CWO Robert E. Goebel, SP5 Charles B. Ward, SP5 Leonard T. Vellucci died on May 24, 1978). Spur Editor, MAJ Ryan C. Bailey (excused) had published the Spring 2018 edition of The Spur. Next, New Business: Key speaker, CPT Perfecto Sanchez, who fought in Ramadi assigned to COL Tony Deane's Task Force Conqueror (2006) was unable to attend because of conflicting last minute business travel; our second speaker, CSM (Ret) Ernie Stoukas, WWII and Korean War veteran, also had an unexpected conflict and couldn't attend. COL Bill Morris, G3 NJ Army National Guard, explained that our goal is to tie into the current, living and breathing organization, and briefed members on the future deployment of the Squadron. Troops A, B, and HHT, will deploy to Jordan in support of Operation Spartan Shield, to train their Border Patrol (Jordan has borders with Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria and Israel), two battalions at a time with mounted Cavalry Troops. C Troop deploying Somalia, within AFRICOM, a failed state with which the United States recently reestablished relations. Their mission will be augmenting their Special Forces (C Troop is dismounted 11B and Scouts). They are commanded by CPT Lacey, who started as a platoon leader in C Troop. 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 Mounted Gunnery in April, and STX (Situational Training Exercise) lanes in May, followed by Annual Training, 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, LTC Hrycak recalled major change implemented after the reorganized under Division 86, including incorporating the Army Physical Fitness Test and education requirements, and then implementation of the Total Army School System in 1996, when the 254<sup>th</sup> Regiment was stood up, allowing Reserve Component and Active Component schools to meet the same requirements and train each other, and then 2006, when the Army adjusted to its Counterinsurgency (COIN) mission in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. It was determined that no vote was needed to allow the Heritage Room Committee to proceed. Members were reminded to submit stories for The Spur to MAJ Bailey. LTC Hrycak reminded that elections were coming in September. Also, that the next Spurs and Sabers Dance will be at the Grand Summit Hotel on Friday 12 October 2018, and the cost will be increased one dollar. LTC (Ret.) John Kieslor, from the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Association – The Essex Troop, donated a print of the Essex Troop Presidential Escort for framing and displaying in the Heritage Room, and reminded members, that 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Association – The Essex Troop is having its business meeting on 28 April 2018, at 1400 hrs. at the West Orange Armory, Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ. LTC Hrycak reminded members of three upcoming activities: 1. On 28 April 2018, Retiree Appreciation Day, starting at 0800 hrs at Timmerman Theater at Fort Dix, NJ; 2. Operation Chillout 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing at Black Bear Golf Course, 138 Route 23N, Franklin, NJ 07416 at 1145 hrs; 3. Operation Chillout, Homeless Veterans Outreach, from 1 May 2018 through 30 June 2018 items of clothing can be dropped off at Access Self Storage, 750 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ (908)259-1020 Isabel or SFC Kevin Murphy (973)975-8684 (for Operation Chillout). 50/50 was won by COL Bill Morris, who donated the \$34.00 back to the Association. It was moved by COL (Ret.) Mahon, seconded by SGT (Ret.) Mormak to Conclude Meeting- 2048 hours



**Annual Training 2018, Squadron Tactical Training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey in Preparation for Upcoming Deployments**



Pictured, Scouts of C Troop, 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron conduct STX Lane Training at Ft. Dix for honing their skills in Combined Arms Attack, Special Reconnaissance and Long Range Recon and Patrolling Techniques with support from units of Squadron & 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard. Photo by NJANG 18JUN18

**Colonel Harold J. Samsel Award** At our regular meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 2LT Kieran Miller was awarded the Colonel Harold J. Samsel Junior Officer of The Year Award, and SSG David Sutton was awarded the First Sergeant William Maloney Trooper of The Year Award, for excellence, presented by our Association President LTC (Ret.) Michael Hrycak Past President COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty and Squadron Commander LTC Dennis Stiles.



*L-R: LTC Stiles, 2LT Miller, LTC Hrycak*



*SSG Sutton, LTC (Ret.) Hrycak, COL (Ret.) Dougherty*

## Russia's New Generation Warfare – Lessons Learned – Russo-Ukrainian War

Dr. Phillip A. Karber, of the Potomac Foundation, and LTC Joshua Thibeault, an operations research systems analyst and member of Training and Doctrine Command's Russian New Generation Warfare Study Team, published an interesting article that gives insight into Russia's development and implementation of a New Generation Warfare in Ukraine, in the June, 2016, issue of Army magazine, <https://www.ausa.org/articles/russia%E2%80%99s-new-generation-warfare>. It is important to study the development of Russia's new weapons and tactics to keep our Army, and our allies, as well as NATO, ready to confront this threat.

There are five component elements: 1. Political Subversion- inserting "agitprop" agents that manipulate mass media through Information Operations using ethnic-linguistic class differences, etc... 2. Proxy Sanctuary – seizing key government facilities, police stations, military depots, and airports, arming and training insurgents who destroy ingress transportation infrastructure, create phony one-party referendums, cyberattacks to compromise victim communications, thereby creating "people's republics" under Russian tutelage, 3. Intervention – deploying large scale Russian forces to engage in large scale military exercises along its border, "introduction of heavy weapons to insurgents; creation of training and logistics camps adjacent to the border; commitment of so-called volunteer combined-arms battalion tactical groups; integration of proxy troops into higher-level formations that are equipped, supported and led by Russians.", 4. Coercive Deterrence – secret strategic force alerts, with "snap checks", forward deployment and exercises of tactical and theater nuclear weapons, aggressive air patrolling in neighboring areas to discourage other state involvement, 5. Negotiated Manipulation – using and abusing Western-negotiated ceasefires to reset and rearm their forces while bleeding opposing army white and using fear of escalation to inhibit other nation involvement and assistance.

Dr. Karber had prepared an in-depth paper "Lessons Learned" from The Russo-Ukrainian War – Personal Observations' 6 July 2015 for a Historical Lessons Learned Workshop sponsored by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory and U.S. Army Capabilities Center (ARIC) based upon 15 separate trips to Ukraine from March, 2014, through June, 2015 (when he was wounded during an MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System) attack at Lebedyn's'ky and had to discontinue his trips). Unfortunately never published (I have an electronic copy to share), it urged a military dialogue to observe and understand the Russian "New Generation Warfare" as it was being implemented in eastern Ukraine, the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of the Minsk I and II Ceasefires, assess the current and future capabilities of the Ukrainian Army, most importantly to create an understanding and develop capabilities for U.S. and NATO forces to counter, neutralize, and defeat the Russian Warfare by gaining an insight and understanding into its Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTP's).

I can only share a few examples of Dr. Karber and LTC Thibeault's observations and recommendations. Electronic Warfare is the centerpiece of the Russian effort, to deny communications (there are areas in the Donbas region where no electromagnetic communications are possible), defeat Unmanned Aerial Systems (which are relied upon to a very large extent not just for reconnaissance and surveillance, but also targeting and even bombing), defeating artillery and mortars, and targeting command and control nodes. They urge our forces to go back to being proficient on analog systems, remove all unnecessary electromagnetic emitters, and "a day without radios and computers" during training missions, as well as develop organic Electronic Warfare (EW) systems. Unmanned Aerial Systems are being used in large numbers on both sides, with their limited radar cross-section and ability to appear on target with little to no warning, they have been used very effectively for immediate and mass suppression or mechanized and light units, citing one battle in July, 2014, where two Ukrainian mechanized battalions suffered mass casualties (over 30%) in minutes (together with massed artillery, rockets, top-attack munitions and thermobaric rounds). New weapons are being employed to defeat UAV's, but need to be deployed down to company and platoon level. Our forces need to emphasize cover concealment, and deception (yes, just like the Cold War), in addition to using these new UAV defeating weapons and tactics.

Of grave and immediate note: "Russia employs a combination of dual-purpose improved conventional munitions, scatterable mines, top-attack munitions and thermobaric warheads that have catastrophic consequences when used in preplanned, massed fire strikes. The U.S. has removed all of these warheads from its inventory." (Army article) This would require U.S., NATO, and allied development and intervention (including the repeal of Secretary of Defense Gates directive for U.S. forces to comply with the 2008 Ottawa Treaty) to reverse the sliding-back to the dark ages nature of Russian development of weapons and ammunition that a decade ago all major powers agreed was a relic of the Cold War and needed to be demilitarized and relegated to museums.

As a final example, in early August, 2014, Ukrainian Colonel Mikhail Zubrowski (presently LTG), a Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff College graduate, organized his 95<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Brigade, and planned and executed the "largest and longest armored raid behind military lines in recorded military history" (Dr. Karber, Lessons Learned, pg. 35), modeled after JEB Stuart's raid of the rear of McClellan's forces during the Civil War Peninsula Campaign, by employing combined-arms company teams along parallel axes of advance, penetrating the enemy's defenses, splitting the two People's Republics in half, and then clearing out 200 Kilometers of the infiltration area along the southern Donbas, including relieving the beleaguered 25<sup>th</sup> Airborne Brigade, overrunning and capturing and destroying Russian tanks and artillery, and finally returning to the starting area near Sloviansk (moving and unprecedented 450 Km, mostly behind enemy lines). This demoralized the Russian and proxy forces, but relieved several trapped Ukrainian garrisons. Unfortunately, this spurred a heavy-handed counterattack by Russian Battalion Tactical Groups toward the end of August, 2014, resulting in the Battle of Ilovaisk, and creation of a new Western Front toward Mariupol (to attempt a land bridge to Crimea). The Ukrainian forces were in a large part surrounded, and massed fires decimated two mechanized battalions in a matter of



minutes, giving Putin a chance to force Ukraine's President Poroshenko to accept the first Minsk ceasefire agreement, which included the right of safe passage, which the Russian, and proxy, forces reneged on, massing fires and killing retreating Ukrainians, and capturing and torturing Prisoners of War (POW).

Thus, we have the harbinger of Russian-developed New Generation Warfare being employed and developed in eastern Ukraine. Although the media has ignored the Russo-Ukrainian War, the military has not, and cannot. U.S. and other armies have been training and preparing Ukrainian forces to continue to fight and counter the Russian invasion. But it is up to us, both those currently serving, as well as those that are now retired as spectators, to keep our leadership sighted in to what really matters. Russia has already showed the world what it can and will do in Chechnya and Georgia, and currently Syria as well, and our country's leadership needs to study and develop our fighting forces to counter and defeat them, and all those who want to follow them. -Contributed by Our President LTC(Ret.)Michael Hrycak



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**C Troop Change of Command** Squadron Commander LTC Dennis S. Stiles passed the Cavalry Guidon from Captain Aaron Tomasini to First Lieutenant London Nagai, signifying the Change of Troop Command for Troop C, also known as Commanche Troop, 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, Hackettstown NJ. CPT Tomasini was commended upon his conclusion of an outstanding command of the Dismounted Reconnaissance Troop and 1LT Nagai was welcomed to the opportunity of a unique command; a Troop which has repeatedly demonstrated its strategic value to our State and Nation on special reconnaissance, regular and irregular warfare missions of importance to the nation's security. *Pictured L-R: CPT Aaron Tomasini, 1LT London Nagai*

### Anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, Terrorist Attacks

In the days following the attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, the New Jersey Cavalry, then the 5-117<sup>th</sup>, the Divisional Cavalry of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized), deployed on an array of missions that would mark the beginning of the emerging Global War on Terrorism. Atomic Power Plant Security, Airfield Security, Base Defense and Bridge and Tunnel Security Operations were part of the Squadron's contribution to the large domestic deployment of National Guard Forces. Relevant Photos and Memorabilia of these deployments are on record at The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey, Lawrenceville Annex 151 Eggerts Crossing Rd. Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 is co-located with HQs 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Open Tuesdays and Fridays, Free Admission, <http://www.nj.gov/military/museum/>

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**Spurs and Sabers Ball** You are cordially invited. The Scouts will once again muster, Friday, 12 October 2018, at Grand Summit Hotel, Summit, New Jersey. The event will be co-hosted by the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron, 44<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com) or call Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102d Cavalry 732-499-5662.



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

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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 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](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com)> or call the Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **117<sup>th</sup> CAV Association**. Association web site: [www.117th-cav.org/](http://www.117th-cav.org/) Read past issues of *The SPUR*, look up the WWII histories of the 38<sup>th</sup>, 102d and 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz). All WWII Veterans and members over 80 will no longer pay dues, you will see WWII over your name.

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### **“CAVALRY CROSSING A FORD”**

A LINE in long array where they wind betwixt green islands,  
They take a serpentine course, their arms flash in the sun—hark  
to the musical clank,  
Behold the silvery river, in it the splashing horses loitering stop to  
drink,  
Behold the brown-faced men, each group, each person a picture,  
the negligent rest on the saddles,  
Some emerge on the opposite bank, others are just entering the  
ford—while,  
Scarlet and blue and snowy white,  
The guidon flags flutter gayly in the wind

-Walt Whitman



*“The Eyes of The Army”* Depicted is a kneeling Indian Scout reconnoitering with a United States Cavalry Officer of the Nineteenth Century. These native scouts played a vital role in campaigns such as the hunt for Geronimo and others. The Scouts were active until 1947 when their last member retired from the Army. The statue is on the Heritage Trail of The Military Intelligence Museum, in the vicinity of the Buffalo Soldier Trail, Fort Huachuca Arizona.



## **TAPS**

**Clement M. Curry, Sr.** 84 departed this life Sat. Sept. 3, 2016 in Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in Plainfield, he was a lifelong resident. He was employed with Elizabethtown Water Co. in Plainfield retiring after 25 years and prior to that he worked 17 years at Kentile Flooring Co. in South Plainfield. He was also employed as a Plainfield Auxiliary policeman for 30 years. Clement was a former member of Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield and a life member of Mohawk Lodge #307 I.B.P.O. E. of W. and the Plainfield Senior Citizens. He was a U. S. Air Force veteran during the Korean War, and retired as a Staff Sergeant after serving for 25 years in 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, New Jersey Army National Guard. He is predeceased by his parents Mary and Lewis Curry, Sr.; 2 sisters Patricia Bailey and Geraldine Hoffman and his brother Lewis Curry, Jr. Surviving is his wife Jean B. Curry; a daughter Johnna Kim Curry and a son Clement "Butch" M. Curry, Jr. (Michelle); 3 grandchildren; a sister Margaret Dupree and nieces, nephews other relatives and friends

**Emil Allgeier**, 78 of Newfoundland, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017, at home. His wife of 45 years is Pastor Marge Allgeier. Born in Newark, New Jersey, and raised in Irvington, New Jersey, he graduated from Essex County Vocational School and was a member of the White Mills United Methodist Church, where he faithfully served. Prior to his retirement in 2001, he was employed by the former United Steel Deck, South Plainfield, New Jersey. He also was a 27-year member of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

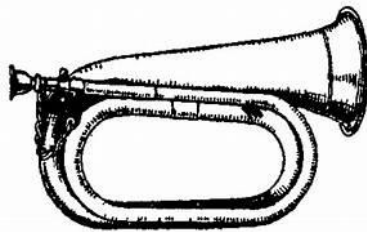
Emil was a volunteer firefighter with the North Stelton and River Road Fire Companies in Piscataway, New Jersey. He served as secretary and then president of the District 2 Fire Commissioners in Piscataway Township.

After his retirement, he relocated to Newfoundland in November 2001. He became an active community volunteer with the Newfoundland American Legion Post 859, where he served on the Honor Guard, and was a board member of the Newfoundland Area Ambulance Association

Emil was a member of the Legion of Honor of The Chapel of Four Chaplains, and the Red Ball, an organization preserving old military vehicles.

He is survived by three daughters: Virginia Beasley of Corona, California; Dr. Carrie Cardillo of Kingston; and Stephanie Phillips of Cambridge, Maryland; one brother, John Allgeier of Roseland, New Jersey; five grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clara and Emil Allgeier Sr., and a brother, Raymond. Interment was at Hollywood Memorial Park, Union, New Jersey.





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