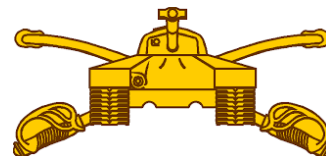




# The Spur



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## President's Message

Hello to all of our fellow Cavalry, Armor and Support Soldiers. As we enter this time period let's spend a little time thinking about calling other members of your soldiers unit here at home. Check up on them ensure they are in good spirits and have enough food during this time of high inflation and hook them up with Family Support if anyone is in need. IF IMPORTANT ENOUGH CALL ME 908-755-6842....WE MUST TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILIES AND ANY STAY BEHIND SOLDIERS.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

22 March 2025 .....SPURS and SABERS DINNER.....

**SHOW' EM THE WAY.**

*Show 'Em The Way!*

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## Squadron Commander's Message:

We cannot thank you enough for your support and patience throughout this deployment and the sacrifices you all make and endure while your loved ones were away. Soon enough, we will all be back home with our families and loved ones.

Show'em the Way

LTC Ryan M. Harty

LTC Harty, Ryan

1-102nd Cavalry Squadron Commander



### BE A BOOSTER OF THE SPUR

Shown at the left of each name is the last issue and year in which your entry will be published.

SP = Spring, SU = Summer, FA = Fall, WI = Winter

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WI-26 CHARLES ANGELLO  
SP-26 BOB & LORRAINE APGAR  
SU-32 ED BARRY (mem. of) BILL BARRY TROOP D (AIR)  
5-117<sup>th</sup> CAV  
WI- 72 JOHN FRANTZ, LT A Troop 5-117<sup>TH</sup> CAV  
WI-33 PETE & EDITH MARTINEZ  
SP-29 CSM SCOTT MECHOWSKI 1-102<sup>nd</sup> CAVALRY  
WI-26 CW5 (Ret) FRANK MNICH & JANET  
FA-37 JOYCE OWEN wife of 2LT HAROLD "SMOKIE" OWEN,  
Class of '41, 102<sup>nd</sup> & 117<sup>th</sup> CAV - B & C Troops WWII  
WI-92 MRS. ROBERT D. ROBBINS, (mem. of ROBBIE)  
WI-43 FRED RODMAN, (mem. of brother) WALTER RODMAN  
F Company (tanks) 102<sup>nd</sup> CAV WWII  
WI-97 EILEEN SCHARR mem. husband WILLIE  
WI- 27 FRANK A. WOODS, PSG - A Troop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon 117<sup>th</sup> CAV WWII  
SU- 3013 FRG HHT 1-102<sup>nd</sup> CAVALRY

### BECOME A BOOSTER – RENEW YOUR BOOSTER

To become a Booster of *The SPUR*, please send \$10.00 for a year of inclusion as a Booster in four issues of *The SPUR*. Make check payable to the NJ Cavalry and Armor Association - \$10.00 for each year of support.

Indicate how you wish to be listed: -----

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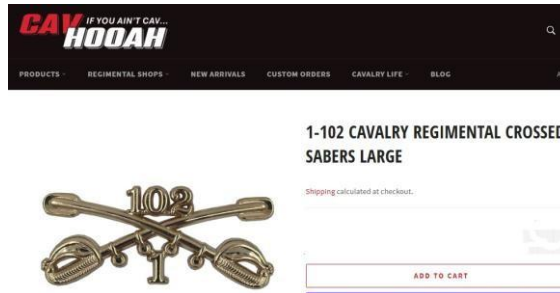
**1-102 CAVALRY REGIMENTAL CROSSED SABERS LARGE  
FOR STETSON ,FOR SALE \$10.00 POC P CHAVEZ**





### From the Editor – SFC (R) Pablo Chavez

Good news members of the 102 Cavalry from New Jersey. After years of hard and diligent work, I was able to get the CavHooah online store to sell our crossed sabers. The 1-102 CAVALRY REGIMENTAL CROSSED SABERS LARGE . Is now part of their merchandise for sale on line. So from now on , if you want to represent the 102 Cav . you can get it at Cavhooah.com



P Chavez  
Editor  
Show 'Em the Way!

Regimental Ball caps, American Made, In Coyote Brown; OCP ACU Scorpion W2 or Coyote 498. , Hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25.

**Submission Deadlines for The SPUR:** Provide articles from soldiers of the 117 or 102 Cavalry members, with pictures if available.



### Treasurers Message:

Greetings fellow cavalry troopers, retirees and friends of the Cav,

If you're a basic member consider upgrading for \$10 a year or becoming a life member for \$200. If you're already life member, we still encourage you to make a donation to the general fund, or to a special interest you may have (like sponsor a trooper for Spurs and Sabers, care packages, etc).

We appreciate all of you and look forward to many reunions later this year!

*Show 'Em The Way!*

Bill Morris  
Treasurer





## NJ Cavalry and Armor Association Meeting 20 November 2024

Our current elected officers:

President: Daniel Mahon

Vice President: Kevin Welsh

Treasurer: Bill Morris

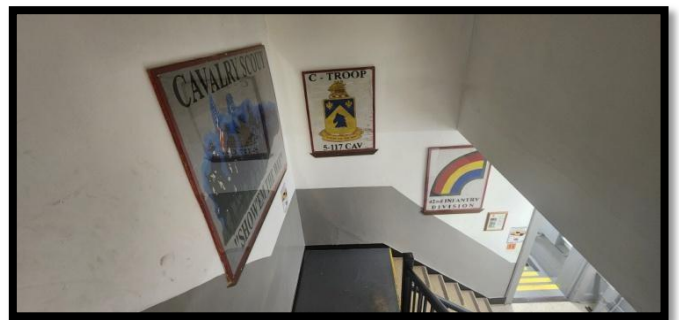
Secretary:

Sergeant at Arms: Christian Shinkowitz

Historian: James Lacey

Editor: Pablo Chavez

Attendance: *Bill Morris, Greg Lister, Keith Gibbons, Dennis Dougherty, John Blake, Pablo Chavez, to name a few.*



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

# ***Spurs and Sabers***

## ***March 22, 2025***

***6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Cocktail Hour***  
***7:30 PM - 11:30 PM - Reception and Dinner***

***Hilton Parsippany***  
***1 Hilton Court Parsippany***  
***Troy Hills, NJ 07054***

***\$ 125 per person***  
***Ticket includes dinner and 5 hour open bar***

Link for reservations <https://www.njcavalryandarmor.org>

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## New Jersey Cavalry - Section Française



We wish you a happy 2025, with all the best you can wish for! 80 years ago, Troopers from the 117th Cavalry were in the woods of Bitches when the Germans launched Operation Nordwind. They took full whips to the violent German attack, suffering heavy human and material losses.  
Show'Em the Way.  
Faith and Fortitude



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## NJ Cavalry and Armor Association

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Michael LaPoint, Assistant Adjutant General-Army, addresses Soldiers with the 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard, at the passenger terminal at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, December 2024. The more than 150 returning Soldiers are among the 1,500 44th IBCT Soldiers who deployed to Iraq, Kuwait, and Syria in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the largest New Jersey Army National Guard deployment since 2008.



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## 44th IBCT



## WELCOME HOME



# Happy Holidays 🍭

## 102D Cavalry Holiday Party



11-17-2024





# TAPS

*Last Formation Call*



## 1SG John Rowe

AUGUST 20, 1963 – DECEMBER 29, 2024  
1SG (R) John Rowe.

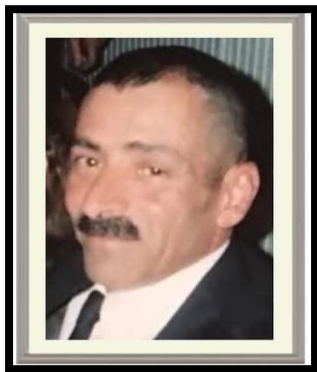
He passed away, peacefully in the company of his wife, Stephanie, his son, Jack (who serves in the squadron) and his daughter Katie.

Was absolutely old school in the best sense of the word. A reliable and funny NCO and friend he will be sorely missed.

Rest in Peace John.







### **Monte John Franco, Sr.**

JANUARY 1 , 1954 – JANUARY 8 , 2025

He passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at Lehigh Valley Hospice, Allentown, PA. Monte served in the New Jersey National Guard for more than 20 years before retiring. He was a member of American Legion, Post #9 and was an American Legion District Officer. He was also a member of the Iron Workers Union and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union.

Monte is survived by his wife of 26 years, Michelle (Sisonack) Franco; sons: Monte, Jr. and Jamie; sister: Carol Guida and grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, Kenneth Franco and a sister, Darlene Jones.



### **John F. Boyle,**

October 12, 1949 - December 9, 2024

A proud graduate of Rutgers University, John dedicated his life to public service. He served as a Trooper in the New Jersey State Police for 30 years and as a member of the New Jersey Army National Guard for 22 years. John was a devoted husband to Patricia Boyle for 50 years and a loving father to his two sons, John Boyle of Hamilton, NJ, and Patrick Boyle of Hamilton Square, NJ. He is also survived by his sister, Maureen Boyle of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and his brothers, Robert Boyle of Little Egg Harbor, NJ, and Gary Boyle of Alma, Arkansas.

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** 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. **NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS - Fridays 1930 hours:**  
**6 June, 12 September 2025**

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**102d CAV (Mecz)    38<sup>th</sup> CAV (Mecz)    117<sup>th</sup> CAV (Mecz)    50<sup>th</sup> CAV RCN SQDN    50<sup>th</sup> RCN    5<sup>th</sup> RCN    5-117<sup>th</sup> CAV 1-102d CAVALRY**

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