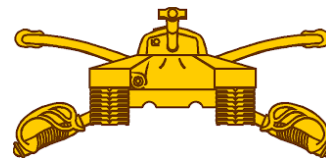




The Spur



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President's Message

Hello to all of our fellow Cavalry, Armor and Support Soldiers. WOW, can you believe that summer is over already. HOPEFULLY YOU ALL HAD A GREAT SUMMER. It must have been great since it gave all of our currently serving soldiers the opportunity to get reacquainted with families and friends after their deployment overseas. I can not say it enough WELCOME HOME to each and every one of you.

The Squadron will be undergoing normal change shortly with a new Squadron Commander and Command Sergeant Major being announced and a Heartfelt Farewell to LTC Harty and CSM Greenberg who have provided superior leadership to the men and women based out of Westfield throughout the Train Up, deployment and victorious return with everyone they left with just about a year ago. We look forward to the same cooperation with the In-Coming Leadership as we had with the Out-Going group. There is no doubt that "Show Em The Way" will be the guiding light for both groups for many years to come in their new assignments.

As many of you recognize the Leadership the Squadron has been blessed to have since when I joined in 1975 has been superior and inspirational like so many Cavalry units across the Army both Active Duty and Reserve Components. For those who are so inclined a former Commander, COL Bill Morris, has reached his well-earned Retirement and there is a planned Dinner 19 September 2025 (Reservation Form attached). Hope to see you there. Association's next meeting 12 Sep at Westfield 1930 hours Elections for Office will be held as always we look forward to seeing you and sharing stories.

Show'em the Way

COL (R) Daniel T. Mahon

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SP-26 BOB & LORRAINE APGAR
WI-26 CW5 (Ret) FRANK MNICH & JANET
WI- 27 FRANK A. WOODS, PSG - A Troop, 3rd Platoon 117th
CAV WWII
SP-29 CSM SCOTT MECHOWSKI 1-102nd CAVALRY
SU-32 ED BARRY (mem. of) BILL BARRY TROOP D (AIR)
5-117th CAV
WI-33 PETE & EDITH MARTINEZ
FA-37 JOYCE OWEN wife of 2LT HAROLD "SMOKIE" OWEN,
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WII
WI-43 FRED RODMAN, (mem. of brother) WALTER RODMAN
F Company (tanks) 102nd CAV WWII

WI- 72 JOHN FRANTZ, LT A Troop 5-117TH CAV
WI-92 MRS. ROBERT D. ROBBINS, (mem. of
ROBBIE)
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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: -----

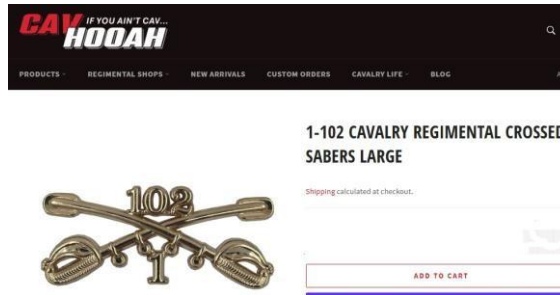
1-102 CAVALRY REGIMENTAL CROSSED SABERS LARGE FOR STETSON ,FOR SALE \$10.00 POC P CHAVEZ





From the Editor – SFC (R) Pablo Chavez 19K

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



New Jersey Cavalry - Section Française



We continue the time visit through newspaper clips. Today we clooking at the Liberation of Paris with the Plainfield Courier-News article, Plainfield, NJ, October 27, 1944's edition.

As Normandy front finally moves, allies advance on Paris. If the Americans and the English generals want to go around the capital, General de Gaulle insists that French troops take the city. Thus, the Anglo-Saxon units are stationed around the city and have to wait for General Leclerc to take over Paris.

This is the case of the 102nd Cavalry

Regiment which is stationed south of the city for the night of August 24-25 1944.

But the temptation is great, so several troopers venture into the city early in the morning... This is the case of Sergeant Frank Harty, who driving his jeep climbs the avenues of Paris to be the first Allied soldier to park... On the parvis of Notre-Dame's Cathedral! And that, even though the city is in the process of Liberation.

Just in time to be greeted by the Parisians and take a photo, he goes back to join his position. The story is widely



Only 5 Days Left-We Must Raise \$81,000 to Put Our Community War Chest Over the Top

Plainfield Courier-News
Complete Associated Press Wire News Service—A. B. C. Guaranteed Not Paid Circulation

PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1944 FINAL EDITION—24 Pages FOUR CENTS

Japs' Fleet Almost Upset Invasion Of Leyte Island, Report Discloses

Yanks Deep into Leyte 40-Mile Front In U. S. Hands

Quincy Weather's Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines
—Fast-moving American doughboys have carved out a 40-mile front line from the Leyte island and have captured the island to free an additional 15,000 American prisoners of war.

The general advance continued, despite increased Japanese resistance south of Palo, in the northern sector, and a counter-attack which was repulsed on Mount Ilog. American troops are now in the process of capturing the city of Iloilo, the second largest city in the island.

Youths Held Without Bail For Grand Jury

Bound Brook Officer Aided Famed Flyers

Polish Dispute Not Settled, Says Churchill

Planes Chase Remnants of Defeated Navy

Germany Attacking British in Holland

Jersey Skippers Said Casualties In D-Day Invasion

Six Warships Lost by U. S. In Sea Battle

unknown in France, which holds a very Franco-French view of the liberation of Paris... But the facts are there ! And if Frank Harty's name sounds familiar to you, it's probably because his grandson: Ryan is a great friend of our association, he serves today in the same unit, some of us can be saw him during the 2014's celebration in Montreuil. Ryan Harty was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Fide et Fortitudine Show'Em the Way



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NJ Cavalry and Armor Association

Our current elected officers:

President: Daniel Mahon

Vice President: Kevin Welsh

Treasury: Bill Morris

Secretary:

Sergeant at Arms: Christian Shinkowitz

Historian: James Lacey

Editor: Pablo Chavez



Attendance: Mary O'donnell FRG, Tom Pickert FRG, CSM Kern, LTC Harty, MSG Toomey, MSG Martinez Danielle Bracco, Jenifer Silva, Sharon Zambujo, SSG Zambujo, D. Dougherty, Chris Sands, Jim Pressman, Michael Hrycak, John Kieslor, Dan Sullivan, Frank Mnich, 1LT Niece, to name a few. Last meeting of the association had a presentation done by the leaders of the last deployment. There they mentioned the mission, the people and the daily activities of the members of the cavalry. An outstanding video presentation.



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Veterans and DVA Benefits Update.

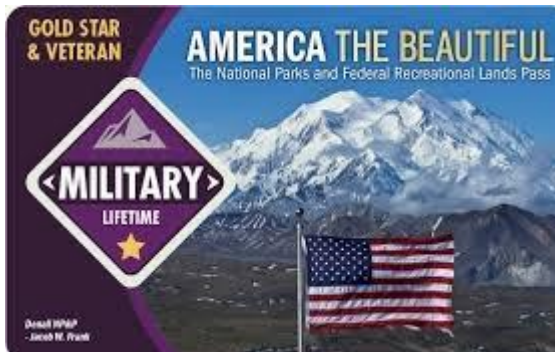
Renewing Your Uniformed Services ID Card on Line



Sponsors may request Uniformed Service ID (USID) Card renewal online, which if approved, are mailed directly to the card recipient; no in person appointments necessary. This page provides details on how to renew your USID card online. Link below for more information.

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

Free Entrance to National Parks for Current Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families



information.

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/veterans-and-gold-star-families-free-access.htm>

The National Park Service in partnership with Operation Live Well would like to thank military personnel and their families for their service and invite them to enjoy their national parks.

Current US military and dependents, Gold Star Families, and US military veterans are eligible to receive free annual or lifetime passes which cover entrance or standard amenity (day-use) fees at national parks, national wildlife refuges, national forests, and other federal recreational lands. These free passes are a way to thank US military members for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters. Link below for more

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100% Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

For Further Guidance Contact Your Local Municipal Tax Assessor

www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/lpt/aaddr.shtml

Contact Us

Email: Taxation.propadmin@treas.nj.gov

Telephone: 609-292-7974 or 609-292-7975

Fax: 609-292-9439

For Additional Information and Application go to:

\$250 Property Tax Deduction for Veterans or Surviving Spouses

www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/pdf/otherforms/lpt/vss.pdf

Full Property Tax Exemption For 100% Disabled Veterans or Surviving Spouses

www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/dvsse.pdf

Active Military Service Property Tax Deferment

www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-activemilitary.shtml

www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/amsptd.pdf



**New Jersey
Property Tax
Programs For
Veterans**

If you are an honorably discharged veteran who was 100% permanently and totally disabled during active duty service, you may qualify for an annual property tax exemption on your principal or primary residence (main home). If you are a surviving spouse or civil union/domestic partner of an honorably discharged veteran who was 100% permanently and totally disabled during active duty service, you also may qualify. Take a copy of your VA

eligibility 100 % letter, DD 214 to your city accounting office and fill an application for tax exemption. Link below for more information.

<https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-disabledvet.shtml>

Disabled Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient Placards



New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 39:4-207.10) permits exemption from payment of municipal parking meter fees, for up to 24 hours, for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients under certain, specific circumstances:

- The parked vehicle is owned by the disabled veteran or the Purple Heart recipient.
 - The disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient is the driver or a passenger in that vehicle.
 - The vehicle displays a unique placard issued by the MVC.
- A disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient placard affords the vehicle owner the same privileges as the license plates.
- An applicant for a placard must be the owner of the vehicle in which the placard is to be used, and the placard can only be used by the owner if that owner is the driver of the vehicle or a passenger in it.
- Link below for more information.



<https://www.nj.gov/mvc/vehicletopics/disvet.htm>

Westfield Armory BBQ By The NJVN/NJ VFW

The NJVN/NJ VFW got to spend some time with the NJ National Guard that recently returned home from Syria !
The NJ VFW hosted an amazing BBQ for these young heroes!
NJVN- Help us save Vets!
NJ VFW- Still Serving!



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Past – Present and Future Gathering

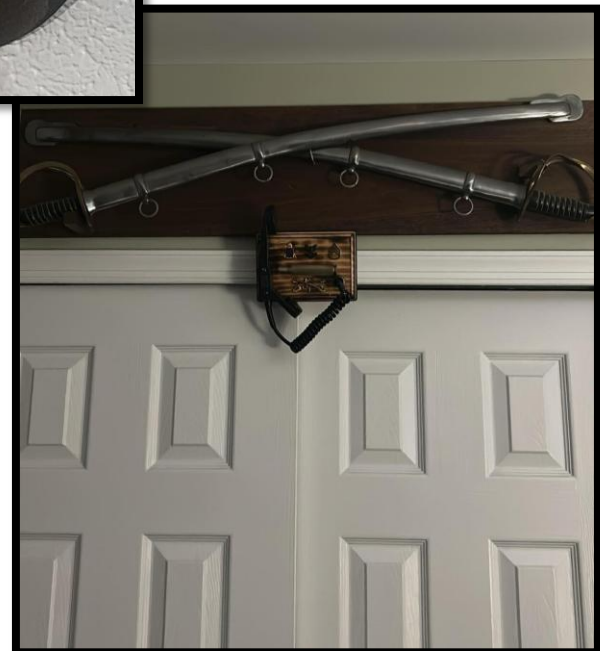
First quarterly reunion/muster in the books, really great to see everybody there and so happy to see you all connecting with one another, lest always be aware of our surroundings, see something do something. Great time to renew old friendships and make new ones; but more importantly to continue to Show'em The Way!



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Gratitude for Service

As a lost tradition in the cavalry, as a member of the troop , retires or moves to other pastures, the soldiers of the unit, got together and presented the leaving member with a token of appreciation. The mentoring and the brotherhood, left a footprint on the ones left to guide the troops. In this ocation, I was presented with a plac Nice of 5-117 Cavalry Association to honor my past service and giving me a nice award. Thank You Pablo Chavez SFC



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THE DISPATCH

102nd Cavalry Regiment Association - The Essex Troop

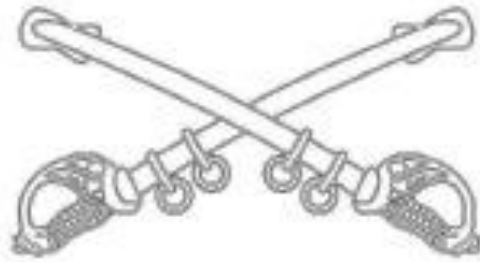


The Annual Muster of the 102nd Cavalry Regiment will be held on 18 October 2025 at 1400 hours in the West Orange Armory. All Troopers (former and current) of the 102nd Cavalry/Armor are invited to attend. This annual event is more for all Troopers to gather and reminisce, telling tall stories that we have all heard a hundred times before. Be there, mark your calendars and get ready.

CURRENT CALENDAR FOR THE ASSOCIATION

DATE	FUNCTION	WHERE	WHEN
18 October 2025	Annual Muster of the 102 nd Cavalry Regiment	West Orange Armory	1400
1 November 2025	Monthly RHI Meeting Christmas Decorations	West Orange Armory -All hands-on deck!!!	0830
6 December 2025	Monthly RHI Meeting	West Orange Armory	0830
12 December 2025	Prep for Christmas Party	West Orange Armory	1700
14 December 2025	Annual Christmas Party	West Orange Armory	1400
-NOTE: Due to scheduling conflict the Christmas party date has changed!			
10 January 2026	Monthly RHI Meeting	West Orange Armory	0830

REMINDER: The monthly RHI meetings were created to assist and maintain the property of the Association, assist in maintaining our home the West Orange Armory. Every man that shows up in one way or another helps in our quest to keep the Association moving forward. We maintain the histories of the cavalry regiment/squadrons and the five armor battalions. Every little bit counts!



THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS
REQUESTED AT THE
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
FOR

Colonel William F. Morris

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2025

1830-2230HRS

THE WESTWOOD

438 NORTH AVENUE, GARWOOD, NJ 07027

CIVILIAN ATTIRE

OPEN BAR

BUFFET DINNER

COST: \$90 PER ADULT

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, 5SEP2025

RSVP WEBSITE AND QR CODE:



[HTTPS://WWW.NJCAVALRYANDARMOR.ORG/COL-MORRIS-RETIREMENT.HTML](https://www.njcavalryandarmor.org/col-morris-retirement.html)

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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND,
OR WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE
TOWARDS A RETIREMENT GIFT,
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2 June 2025

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Event and Meeting Schedule

1. The Event and Meeting Schedule is as follows (Meetings coincide with 1-102nd Cavalry Drill Schedule):

DATE / TIME	EVENT	M U T A	LOCATION	NOTES
6 Jun 2025 / 1930 hrs	Association Meeting	AT	Westfield Armory	
19 July 2025 / 1830 hrs	Quarterly Reunion/Muster	4	Westfield Armory	Alumni Building Event. This is a "catch all" event of cavalymen, maintainers, enablers, tankers from all eras.
12 Sep 2025/ 1930 hrs	Association Annual Meeting	4	Westfield Armory	Elections held at this meeting
11 Oct 2025 / 1830 hrs	Quarterly Reunion/Muster		Westfield Armory	
14 Nov 2025/ 1930 hrs	Association Meeting	4	Westfield Armory	
9 Jan 2026/ 1930 hrs	Association Meeting	5	Westfield Armory	
21 Feb 2026 / 1830	Quarterly Reunion/Muster		Westfield Armory	
Late Winter / Spring	Spurs and Sabers		TBD	Placeholder, nothing yet scheduled
23 May 2026, 1800 Hrs	Quarterly Reunion/Muster		Westfield Armory	
25 May 2026, 1000 hrs	Memorial Day Parade		Memorial Circle, Westfield	Wreath Laying, President, members, etc. Time can vary, check week of event
5 Jun 2026 / 1930 hrs	Association Meeting	AT	Westfield Armory	
11 July 2026 / 1830 hrs	Quarterly Reunion/Muster	2	Westfield Armory	
18 Sep 2026/ 1930 hrs	Association Annual Meeting	4	Westfield Armory	

2. The POC for this correspondence is Bill Morris, via cell, email (njcavalryandarmor@gmail.com) or Facebook Messenger App (either personal or NJ Cav Assn Page, both are public).

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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:**
12 September , 14 November 2025, 9 January , 5 June, 18 September 2026

102d CAV (Mecz) 38th CAV (Mecz) 117th CAV (Mecz) 50th CAV RCN SQDN 50th RCN 5th RCN 5-117th CAV 1-102d CAVALRY