

The Thoroughbred



**ASSOCIATION REUNION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
JULY 28-31, 2005**

**REGIMENT AWARDED PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
(ARMY)**

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

2ND CAVALRY REGIMENT LIVES AGAIN

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE IN THIS ISSUE

THE NATION'S FIRST and OLDEST UNIT-RELATED VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION



2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2005



DEAR FELLOW DRAGOONS:

Much has happened since our last edition of *The Thoroughbred*. Our glorious Regiment has returned from Iraq with the award of the Presidential Unit Citation; it has relocated from Ft. Polk to Ft. Lewis; and it has welcomed the 73d Colonel of the Regiment, Jon Lehr. These are just the highlights of an amazing series of events at an equally amazing pace. I am in awe of today's dragoons and hope to meet Colonel Lehr and some of the troopers at the up-coming reunion.

That is a smooth transition to the next item on my agenda, and the main thrust of this issue of *The Thoroughbred*-- the biennial reunion in July. In this issue you will find all the information necessary to register for this great event. Reunion Chairman, Bill Bewley, has put together a magnificent package complete with business meetings, hospitality events, and several optional excursions to the monuments of the Nation's Capitol and the new Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian. General Peter J. Schoomaker, the Chief of Staff of the Army and a two tour veteran of our Regiment, has promised to attend at least one event. LTG(P) William "Scott" Wallace, who served as the XO in 2d Squadron, the RS-3, RXO, and Commander of 3d Squadron, has promised to give a talk on the march to Baghdad from his perspective as Commander of the V (US) Corps during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Scott's talk alone would be worth the trip!!

I don't think anyone can beat the great rates we have negotiated with the hotel and the various tours. Bill Bewley and I are counting on you to call the hotel and make a reservation soon. We also ask that each member contact at least one other 2d Cavalry veteran and ask him or her to join us. This event should be attractive to every segment and age group across our widely diverse membership population. I hope you will plan to attend to share some stories, enjoy the camaraderie, greet old buddies, and show support for our glorious Regiment and its wonderful troopers.

Toujours Pret,

Tom Molino
President and
Chief Operating Officer

THE SECOND CAVALRY ASSOCIATION WANTS YOU IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JULY 28-31 2005

As president Molino wrote, there have been significant changes to the active Regiment and the Association since the last issue of the Thoroughbred was published. The Regiment completed its rotation in Iraq and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in that combat zone. Upon return to Fort Polk, Louisiana, they began the process of closing down activities there and starting to rebuild the Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington. This issue of the Thoroughbred will cover many of those events but will begin with the agenda for the DC Reunion to be held July 28-31, 2005. It took a significant effort by Tom Molino and Bill Bewley to get the program and dates established, guest speakers invited, and the many other activities planned that will make this a memorable event that you don't want to miss. You should have already received an e-mail or postcard announcing the basic information. If you have not already made your plans, please do so now!

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REUNION – 2005

Location: Tyson's Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102, phone 703-734-2800

Dates: July 28-31, 2005

AGENDA

Thursday July 28

1400-1900 Arrival and registration at the hotel
1700-1830 Ice Breaker welcome – Hospitality Suite at the hotel

Friday July 29

0800- 0930 Breakfast for attendees and welcome by Tom Molino
0900-1000 Board of Directors meeting at the hotel, specific location TBD
1000-1800 Washington DC trolley tour & lunch downtown
1800-1900 Free time
1900-2000 Cocktails and social at the hotel prior to dinner
2000-2200 Dinner and guest speaker (dress is “coat and tie”)

Saturday July 30

0800-0900 Breakfast for attendees
0900-1000 General membership meeting
1000-1800 Air and Space Museum tour & lunch – new facility near Dulles Airport
1800 onward Free time for time with old friends

Sunday July 31

0800-1200 Breakfast, checkout and farewells

- Notes:**
1. All attendees will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations.
 2. Fees for the event expenses, optional trips and dinner will be collected at registration.
 3. All meals will be pay as you go except for dinner on the 29th.
 4. There will be a hospitality suite at the hotel where we can all meet as desired and do what comes natural for old CAV soldiers.
 5. A detail agenda including trip activities will be provided to all members upon registration. Dress for all activities is casual, except for the dinner on Friday evening, which is business casual (coat and tie).
 6. Transportation to optional events will be provided so we can all travel together and we can make sure the group stays as a group.
 7. For those of you who are intending to come early or stay late and need assistance, please let us know.
 8. If you want or need help on any topic, contact call Bill Bewley at 703-472- 703502. This number will be our “virtual help desk” for trip planning and for coordination requirements during the event.

LETTER FROM THE 72ND COMMANDER OF THE REGIMENT

First of all, on behalf of the entire Regiment, I want to thank the Association for its continued support to our beloved Regiment, particularly during this period of unprecedented change. Secondly, I want to take a moment to tell you how proud I am of our troopers' performance in Iraq. Through fifteen months of combat against insurgents, criminals, and terrorists, our troopers never failed to accomplish the mission, despite the challenges and harsh conditions. The recent successful Iraqi election is a testament to all the troopers who have played a crucial role in bringing democracy to Iraq. Words cannot express the pride I feel because of our troopers' contribution to Iraq's freedom and the Global War On Terrorism. Their sacrifice, along with their families, has been extraordinary.

Following our re-deployment from Iraq, we have been decisively engaged in moving the Regiment to Fort Lewis, transforming it to a Stryker Brigade, and also facilitating the activation of 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Polk. We provided over 2000 troopers and virtually all of our equipment that didn't remain in Iraq to the newly formed 4th Brigade that was activated on the 19th of January.

Regarding our transformation and movement to Fort Lewis, we continue to make tremendous progress toward an April Edate. Training plans, fielding schedules, personnel flow, funding and cost analysis, and occupation of our new footprint are just a few of the major muscle movements we are working on as part of this enormous undertaking.

Exciting times are ahead for this proud Regiment as we continue to embrace change. Speaking of change, we will conduct the Change of Command ceremony on the 24th of February 2005 at Fort Polk. The ceremony will begin with a monument dedication to the Regiment by the Commanding General of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk in honor of the Regiment's service while at Fort Polk (1993-2005). The change of command follows the monument dedication and I will pass the Regimental Colors to the 73rd Colonel, Colonel Jon Lehr. Colonel Lehr; the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Major General (Ret) Wagner; and the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, CSM John Troxell, will then case the Colors for movement to Fort Lewis. The ceremony will mark the end of our official command relationship with XVIII Airborne Corps. Furthermore, it symbolizes the next chapter in the Regiment's history at Fort Lewis as we return to our original mission as Dragoons---mounted infantry.

Again, we appreciate the support of the Association as it continues to play a critical role in preserving our history and lineage. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our Honorary Colonel, Major General (R) Wagner, for his support over the years. It truly has been an honor and a privilege serving as the 72nd Colonel of the Regiment. Bidding farewell is difficult, but it is comforting to know that the Regiment is in the caring and capable hands of Colonel Jon Lehr.
May God bless.

Toujours Pret,

Bradley W. May
72nd Colonel

The Presidential Unit Citation



BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I HAVE TODAY AWARDED

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

TO THE

2D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

1ST ARMORED DIVISION

THE 2D ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT AND ATTACHED UNITS DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES DURING THE PERIOD 6 APRIL 2003 TO 15 JUNE 2004 BY EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM, VALOR, AND GALLANTRY DURING COMBAT, STABILITY, AND SECURITY OPERATIONS IN THE LIBERATION OF IRAQ. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE REGIMENT PERFORMED NUMEROUS COMBAT, STABILITY, AND SECURITY OPERATIONS, WHICH ULTIMATELY ENABLED THE RETURN OF CONTROL OF IRAQ BACK TO THE CITIZENS. ALTHOUGH THE REGIMENT WAS OPPOSED DAILY BY UNCONVENTIONAL GUERILLA-TYPE ATTACKS FROM FORMER REGIME LOYALISTS, INSURGENTS, AND TERRORISTS, THE REGIMENT FOUGHT WITH STEADFAST COURAGE AND AN UNWAVERING SENSE OF DUTY. THE ESPRIT DE CORPS AND HEROISM OF THE REGIMENT'S SOLDIERS AND THE UNITS IN SUPPORT OF THEM EXEMPLIFIED THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON THE 2D DRAGOON REGIMENT, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2d Armored Cavalry Regiment

Historical Narrative

Operation Iraqi Freedom

The 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment and attached units served with distinction in the Global War on Terrorism in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM from 30 March 2003 until re-deployment on 15 July 2004. The Regiment had elements OPCON to the 3rd Infantry Division and the 82nd Airborne Division during Major Combat Operations (30 March – 15 May 03) against Saddam's Regime and the destruction of the Iraqi Army and then OPCON to 1st Armored Division (16 May 2003 -15 July 2004), distinguishing themselves by extraordinary heroism and gallantry during combat, stability and security operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Resolute Sword (90 day combat extension). Regardless of the mission or task at hand, each Squadron and separate company played a vital role in returning Iraq to the control of the Iraqi people and in improving the quality of life for the citizens of eastern Baghdad and southern Iraq. Throughout the deployment, all assigned and attached units performed their missions while under constant threat from guerilla style attacks by former regime loyalists, insurgents, and foreign terrorist networks. This narrative highlights some of the Regiment's greatest accomplishments, but cannot hope to give due recognition to all the remarkable accomplishments of the Troopers of the Regiment. It is simply an overview of the major events that contributed to the success of the Regiment during its fifteen months in the Iraqi theater.

Major Combat Operations 30 Mar – 1 May

The 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment was alerted on 26 March 03 and tasked to send a Ground Cavalry Squadron (+) to Iraq to secure the lines of communication for V Corps during the initial phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom. 96 hours later the Regiment (2/2 ACR and Outlaw Troop (OH-58D) from 4/2 ACR) landed in Southwest Asia. On 5 April 2003 these elements of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment crossed the Kuwait-Iraq border to conduct offensive operations against Saddam's Regime and the Iraqi Army. 2d Squadron and the Regimental TAC led by the 71st Colonel of the Regiment, COL Terry Wolff, moved to secure the rear area of V Corps and prevent guerilla attacks by Fedayeen Saddam forces on the lines of communications as the Corps, led by the 3rd Infantry Division, moved north to destroy the Iraqi Army and end the Ba'ath Party Regime under Saddam Hussein.

Working with elements of the 82d Airborne Division from 6 April 2003 to 9 April 2003, the Regiment operated in and around As Samawah to find, fix, and destroy Fedayeen Saddam irregular forces operating in the area, curtail the flow of weapons and militant forces traveling along Highway 9, and reopen an alternate line of supply from Kuwait to Baghdad. Utilizing a mix of lethal and non-lethal fires, checkpoint operations, force-oriented zone reconnaissance, and overwhelming firepower over the three-day period, clearing and securing the three major metropolitan areas along ASR MIAMI (HWY 9) between As Samawah and An Najaf. (Continued on next page)

On 10 April 2003, 2d Squadron moved north to An Najaf, establishing a Forward Operating Base in an abandoned Fedayeen training camp in the eastern half of the city. From there, they conducted combat operations that spanned nearly one hundred miles in every direction. The Regiment found, seized, and destroyed numerous cached air defense weapon systems and countless mortar rounds and assault rifles. In addition, they found and raided the Ba'ath Party Headquarters building in Diwaniyah, yielding vast amounts of intelligence documentation, including the membership rolls of the entire Ba'ath Party in and around Diwaniyah. The Regiment also conducted route clearance and convoy escort missions along the primary and alternate supply routes of southern Iraq during this critical phase of the war.

The Regiment's unequivocal success in their mission, a ten-day combat operation stretching 750km from Kuwait to Baghdad, resulted from their courage, tactical expertise, and unwavering dedication, and ensured the uninterrupted flow of critically needed supplies to the V Corps main effort in Baghdad, and allowed freedom of movement for the 4th Infantry Division, 3rd ACR, and other follow-on units to move through to northern and western Iraq and complete the destruction of Saddam Hussein's regime. For their heroic efforts, the Regimental TAC, 2nd Squadron, and attached Dragoons were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation as a subordinate element of 3rd Infantry Division.

Baghdad Area of Operations

17 April 2003 – 1 April 2004

The Regiment's Area of Operations (AO) from April 03 – April 04 was the east side of Baghdad, a population of 3-4 million people, predominately Shi'a with a relatively large Christian sector, inter-mixed Sunni population, and an Palestinian refugee camp. This AO included the predominantly Shi'a neighborhood of 9 Nissian and the Shi'a slum of Sadr City (formerly Saddam City). Sadr City was the Regiment's main effort during this phase. During this phase of the operation, 2-37 AR of 1AD was attached to the Regiment and 3rd Squadron was detached to 2nd BCT/1AD where it performed convoy security missions for the Coalition Provisional Authority through Iraq.

MISSION: 2ACR conducts full-spectrum operations to restore order to the Baghdad area of operations IOT enable the establishment of a self-sufficient, representative government in Iraq. On order, transition responsibility to an appropriate civil or military authority, enabling the Regiment to redeploy.

Daily Operations in Baghdad:

- Reconnaissance patrols and offensive operations focused on former regime loyalists, foreign terrorists and religious leaders actively opposing Coalition efforts
 - Fixed site security focused on critical infrastructure, police stations, and hospitals
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- Assisting in the repair of infrastructure to improve the Iraqi quality of life
- Supporting creation of Iraqi institutions to reinforce a safe and secure environment
- Supporting the creation of a local government
- Approximately 700 soldiers conducting 100 mounted and dismounted patrols daily
- 3-5 aerial recon patrols conducted covering 12-15 hours daily focused along major routes, fixed sites, and public works
- Platoon-sized ground Quick Reaction Force (QRF) at each FOB
- 1 Scout Weapons Team (SWT=2xOH-58D Scout helos) and 1 UH-60 QRF available 24/7
- Recruited and trained an Iraqi Light Infantry Brigade

Operation Dragoon Sabre: An Najaf, Kufa, Ad-Diwaniyah, Al-Kut

10 APRIL 04 – 30 JUNE 04

SITUATION in April 2004: The 2ACR had completed its 12 month tour in Iraq and was conducting the final phase of a battle-handover of its Area of Operation in Baghdad to 1st BCT, 1st Cavalry Division set for 10 April 2004. 2nd Squadron had re-deployed to Fort Polk on 1 April and the Regiment's Advance Parties had moved down to Kuwait to begin port activities. The Regiment's entire air power in 4th Squadron had flown down to Kuwait to begin loading onto ships for redeployment. The remainder of the Regiment was preparing to road march south to Kuwait for re-deployment.

Early on the 4th of April 2004, Muqtada Al-Sadr's Mahdi Militia participated in a large demonstration at the Coalition Provisional Authority HQ in An Najaf, south of Baghdad. Two days later hundreds of Al-Sadr's supporters attacked and seized key locations in An Najaf, Ad-Diwaniyah, and Al-Kut essentially giving them control of South Central Iraq. In the days to follow 3rd Squadron of 2ACR, OPCON to 2BCT/1AD participated in an attack against the militia in Al-Kut to defeat the militia stronghold there. The April 2004 Sadr Uprising was in full force, a change in the operational situation that was not expected. 1st Armored Division and 2nd ACR would be extended for 90 days in combat to put down this uprising and defeat Sadr's illegal militia.

Operation Dragoon Sabre began the first week of April and the Regiment's main body relieved 2BCT to take control of Al-Kut. The Regiment was then given the task to relieve elements of 1ID which had been positioned near An Najaf after the militia offensive had

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occurred in that town. 1st Squadron remained in Al-Kut along with the Regimental Support Squadron. 4th Squadron repositioned from Kuwait up to Al-Kut to begin conducting aerial support from forward operating base. On 20 April 2004, the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, with attached Task Force 2d Battalion, 37th Armor, of 1st Armored Division, assumed mission from 3d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, in the Holy City of An Najaf, Iraq. 3rd Squadron returned to Regimental control at this time. The enemy, known as Muqtada's militia, controlled An Najaf and neighboring Al Kufa. The mission statement: destroy the militia and restore order to An Najaf and Al Kufa to allow transition of authority to a legitimate Iraqi government; and, on order, transfer security responsibilities to Iraqi security forces. The 2d ACR and attachments battled non-stop for six weeks and broke the enemy's will to fight. They destroyed over 600 militia and wounded countless others, capturing and destroying weapons, successfully detaining two top aides to Muqtada al Sadr, and seizing weapons caches in the holy cemetery and Sahla Mosque, which ultimately led to the defeat of Sadr's militia in Najaf and Kufa.

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

As was pointed out by President Molino, there have been a number of changes that have occurred since the last issue of The Thoroughbred. The 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment returned from Iraq and covered us all with the glory of their performance. Upon their return to Fort Polk, LA, their home since 1993, they began the transition process of moving back to Fort Lewis, WA, changing the organizational name back to what was the longest, the Second Cavalry Regiment, and once again changing primary mounts, from HUMVEE vehicles to the Stryker. In February, a Monument was dedicated to the Regiment at Fort Polk and a Regimental Change of Command was held. The 72nd Colonel of the Regiment, COL Brad May, relinquished command to the 73rd Colonel, COL Jon Lehr. As the Regiment became established at Fort Lewis, a Return to Fort Lewis Ceremony was conducted on April 14, 2005. Merritt Powell was available to add his piping music to the ceremony. As a following article will describe, the Cavalry traditions of esprit de corps and panache live on.

The Reed Museum has also moved, but its new building at Fort Lewis needs significant improvements before our historical relics can be properly displayed again. The Regiment is aiming for a June or July opening with some items displayed, and the remainder will stay in storage until the refurbishment of the facility is complete.

Another aspect of the move to Fort Lewis is the closing of the Regimental Store at Fort Polk. A new store is being planned to be physically located with the Museum, but it will take a few months before it is completely operational. Please be patient if you are looking for memorabilia; I will let you know as soon as the store reopens.

I continue to solicit your recollections of your service in the Regiment and any monetary contributions you might make to the Association. Our goal is to ultimately provide all members with colored version of The Thoroughbred like the version those of you with e-mail get.

Toujours Pret. I'll see you at the **REUNION!**

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COL Jon S. Lehr
73rd Colonel of the Regiment

COL Jon S. Lehr was born in Dover, Pennsylvania in 1958. Upon graduation from high school he worked and attended college until enlisting in the Army National Guard in 1978. Upon completion of Special Forces training he was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (ABN) as a light/heavy weapons specialist on an Operational Detachment, A Team.

In December 1982, COL Lehr was commissioned in the Infantry from the Gettysburg ROTC program. Following the Officer Basic Course he was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, Republic of Korea. Upon return from 2nd Infantry Division he was assigned to 3d Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment from 1984-1987 as a Weapons Platoon Leader, Rifle Platoon Leader and Assistant S3. In 1988 he was assigned to 2nd Infantry Division, Korea for a second tour. His jobs included S4, Commander, Company B, 1-503d Infantry and Commander, HHC, 2nd Infantry Brigade. In October 1990, COL Lehr was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as the S4 and C Company Commander.

Following graduation from Command & General Staff Officer's Course in 1995, he was assigned to 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) where he served as a Battalion and Brigade S3. From July 1997 to June 1999 COL Lehr was assigned to Operations Group Bravo, Battle Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth Kansas, as a Brigade Observer/Controller. From 1999-2001, he commanded the 3-327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Following command, he was assigned to the Marine Corps University as a Small Group Instructor in the Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Quantico Virginia. In March of 2003, a Temporary Change of Station (TCS) took place, reassigning COL Lehr as the DCO of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following attendance to the Marine Corps War College, COL Lehr was assigned as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Forces Korea, from June 2004 to January 2005.

COL Lehr holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from York College of Pennsylvania, a Masters of Science in General Administration from Central Michigan University and a Masters of Science in Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps War College. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (6th award), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist, Pathfinder, Air Assault Badges, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab. COL Lehr is married to the former Stacey L. Winship, the daughter of a U.S. Air Force career NCO. She was born in Newfoundland, Canada.

TAPS

MG Richard G. Ciccolella, 47th Colonel of the Regiment: December 31, 2004.

Eugene E. Duffy: August 10, 2004.

Edwin F. Randall: February 6, 2005

Charles W. Zipp: December 6, 2004.*

* Obituary available on request.

They ride steel steeds now

MICHAEL GILBERT; The News Tribune

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Over the last 30 years, the Army has had units it called "cavalry" travel to the fight by helicopter, tank, Humvee, armored personnel carrier and even parachute.

So what's the big deal now that they're putting The Cav in Strykers?

No problem at all, said retired Maj. Gen. Robert Wagner.

"I am a cavalryman. I served as a platoon leader on up to regimental commander," he told the assembled ranks of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment on Thursday, as they were formally welcomed to Fort Lewis.

"I want everyone to understand. ... You are still cavalrymen!"

The regiment brought out Wagner – the 60th commander in its 169-year history – and all its other horse-soldier trappings to stake its place again at Fort Lewis.

After 47 years in Germany, the regiment was here briefly in the early 1990s, before moving to Fort Polk, La. It traded in the tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles it used to lethal effect in Operation Desert Storm for the Humvees its troops rode in Haiti and Bosnia.

Now the Army is moving the regiment back up to Fort Lewis, where by December 2006, it is scheduled to complete a makeover to become the service's fourth Stryker brigade combat team.

About 2,000 of the regiment's soldiers are here. The remaining 1,900 will arrive by December, said the current – and 73rd – commander, Col. Jon Lehr.

They will be working to fit in at a post that for the past several years has become the infantry's turf.

Sometimes the culture clashes among the Army's branches are overblown, but there's definitely a Cav way of doing things.



BRUCE KELLMAN/THE NEWS TRIBUNE
Craig Pete bears roses for Col. Jon Lehr's wife, Stacey, on Thursday at Fort Lewis. Pete was among the Civil War re-enactors who represented the early history of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. It now calls Washington state home. Tradition tinged the welcoming ceremony, which included a rendition of "The Yellow Rose of Texas."



BRUCE KELLMAN/THE NEWS TRIBUNE
Pfc. Mathew Laforest salutes with his saber Thursday during a ceremony to mark the return to Fort Lewis of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. The regiment comes from Fort Polk, La., but was here in the early 1990s.

The 2d Cavalry Association, Inc., is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation chartered in Florida.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: Second Cavalry Association of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment

Please fill ALL blanks applicable to you; print carefully and make no abbreviations. If previous active duty, please attach a copy of your DD214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) if available; if currently serving, attach a copy of both sides of your ID card. If no DD214 or ID card is available or your service was only reserves, attach any published order, document or certificate evidencing that you are what you claim to be. Our records will now be permanent and available on request to your survivors and descendants should yours not be available to them for any reason.

A. REGIMENTAL BACKGROUND (in the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment or its forbears):

[] I served in the regiment from _____ to _____ Unit: _____ Grade: _____
(Year/Month/Day) (Year/Month/Day)

[] Other periods served in the regiment: _____ to _____
(Year/Month/Day) (Year/Month/Day)

2d CAV Units served in: _____

B. TOTAL MILITARY SERVICE:

[] Past extended active duty in US Armed Forces: Service: _____; From _____ to _____; Grade: _____
[] Present extended active duty SVC in US Forces: Service: _____; From (BPED): _____; Grade: _____
[] Service in Reserves, National Guard: Service: _____; From: _____; To: _____; Grade: _____

Active US service anywhere during one or more war periods listed overleaf qualifying you for the NDSM or an 'I was there' ribbon; explain:

C. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP (Your membership year runs 365 days from the date your application was accepted):

[] Two year membership @ \$25 [] Life membership@ \$150
[] Three year membership @ \$35 [] Life membership by installments; three (3) yearly installments @ \$51 each.
[] Five year membership @ \$50 [] Special category memberships (i.e., Colonels of the Regiment - See other side)

[] Family life membership @ \$75; Check one: my late () father () husband was a Second Cavalryman:

(His Name) (His service number) (His Service Dates, if known)

[] My latest 2d Cavalry Regimental service was prior to 7 December 1941, so I am eligible for a free two (2) year membership or renewal.
Dates of such service: _____; my 2d CAV Unit: _____

D. DONATIONS: I also enclose \$ _____ as a tax deductible contribution earmarked for:

[] Reunion Fund (Costs for next biennial membership meeting);
[] General Fund (Unencumbered fund for normal operating expenses)
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[] Other

_____ (Specify)

E. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

(Date of Application) (Printed Full Name) (Jr/Sr/MD -etc) (Signature)
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Present Street or PO Box: _____ City: _____ State: _____; ZIP _____ -

Occupation _____ Spouse's Name _____

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I declare that my statements contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that if admitted to membership in the Association, I will abide by the association's Constitution and By-Laws and those of any association Chapter I may join..

Make checks payable to 2d Cavalry Association and mail with supporting documents to:

Second Cavalry Association, Inc., c/o Tom Wilson, Acting Treasurer
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DATE MEMBERSHIP BEGINS: _____ MEMBER NUMBER ASSIGNED: _____

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN YOU RECEIVE THIS ISSUE OF THE *THOROUGHbred*:

Make reservations for the Washington, D.C. Reunion and contact at least one other 2nd Cavalry veteran and ask him or her to join us.

Send Tom Molino suggestions on where the next reunion should be held.

Make a copy of this *Thoroughbred* and give to a fellow dragoon who is not yet a member of the Association and encourage him/her to apply for membership.

Send the Editor your memories or anecdotes about your service in the Regiment.

Contact the Association President, Tom Molino, to volunteer your Time, Talent, or Treasure.



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