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World War II Members and Others, May 2010. Front row: Bill Bewely, Association President, Henry Carmona (now deceased)-Indiana, William Slayton-Georgia, Chris Golden, Executive Director. Back row: James Smith – Virginia, Vernon Schmidt – California, Unknown, Russ Luppó – Michigan, Unknown, Colonel (Ret) Reid Wallace, 55th Colonel of the Regiment.

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



2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 2010
DEAR FELLOW DRAGOONS:



Hello to you all and let me begin by saying thanks to everyone who was able to attend our reunion in KY last May. We had a great time and were able to participate in the final Armor Conference at Fort Knox as a bonus for the event. Over 100 of our members attended. I want to again thank Mike Davis and Tom Wilson for making the activities so much fun for everyone. **The next reunion will be in Washington DC, 10-13 November 2011.** Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this event. I promise you this will be a very special gathering of Dragoons!

Since May we have been primarily focused on the Regiment's deployment to Afghanistan and supporting the needs of the wounded and families of those we have lost. This mission was assigned to us by COL Jim Blackburn, 75th Colonel of the Regiment. Needless to say we take this mission very seriously. The fight in Afghanistan is a tough one and one that the Regiment is well prepared for, but as with all combat missions, losses and injuries to our Dragoons have and will likely continue. Since arriving in Afghanistan in late June through this writing we have had 5 KIA and 44 Purple Heart recipients, all of whom are awarded Life Memberships in our Association.

COL Blackburn has told me that the fighting has been intense, and our Dragoons have performed magnificently. We have every right to feel a great sense of pride for the way our Regiment represents our nation in this very tough fight. We should all feel a great sense of personal loss for the men killed and the impact of these losses on their families. I urge your prayers for these brave Dragoons lost, their families, for the wounded and their families, and all the Dragoons and their leadership who remain in harm's way for the remainder of this tour.

Currently we have 3 Dragoons at Walter Reed - SPC Derrick Miller, PFC Vital Boisset, and PFC Joshua Endicott. Sam Palmer has led our effort to spend time with them, and I have had the privilege to join him when time permits. These Dragoons are amazing! Although severely wounded their attitudes are good, and they miss their buddies in Afghanistan. I've not met SPC Miller personally yet but hope to soon. Below is a picture of Boisset and his wife Karman, Endicott, Sam and Bill. During this visit on 9/11 we participated in Vital's 23rd birthday party along with visiting families. It was a great event, and I was honored to spend time with them that day!

I NEED YOUR HELP! It is now time to begin the next Memorial Fund raising project and I need all of you to write a check to the Association for this effort. The money is for the Association support to our Wounded Warrior program and to continue our support to our memorial in Vilseck. We already have 5 names to add to the memorial, and it is likely we will have more. This all takes money, and we also require funds for other memorial related activities after the Regiment redeploys next summer. PLEASE dig deep and send what your heart moves you to contribute and do it quickly. This is personal for us now! We are working with the

Dragoons in person and getting to know their families as our own. If you wait you may forget and this is far too important for you to forget. It is our collective responsibility to support



Left to right: Bill Bewley, Joshua Endicott, Vital Boisset, Karman Boisset, Sam Palmer -- Vital and Karman were married June 2010. Picture was taken at Walter Reed September 11, 2010, Vital Boisset's 23rd birthday.



Our memorial park in Vilseck with the new trees planted. It is "hallowed ground" for our Dragoons. You can all feel great about the role you played in making this possible for our Dragoons killed in action.

our Dragoons and their families. Please do your part and do it soon. The memorial park honoring our dead is show in the picture below. We are responsible for the funding needed to modify and when necessary to help properly maintain this facility. Please take this seriously! Mail your tax deductible donation to:

2d Cavalry Association
c/o Frank Hurd
1626 Comanche Road
Arnold, MD 21012

or donate on line at:

<http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaaid=162395>

My best to you all as always!
"Dragoon for Life"
Bill Bewely, Association President
703-472-5023

PS: Call me anytime to discuss any concerns you may have or suggestions that may help us support our regiment better.

Editor's Notes

First of all, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Mine began with a trip east to the Association gathering, then another three weeks traveling in fifteen states and adding over 4000 miles to my rent-a-car visiting family, friends and attending the Society for Military History annual meeting. One of my highlights was having lunch in the White House Mess with the 70th Colonel, now retired Lieutenant General Doug Lute (there is more on him a bit later in this article). I want to address a couple of topics where I need some help from the membership, especially the World War II veterans.

Help Please!

As many of you know, Lou Holz, a man who kept the Association going for a number of years, passed away on May 15th. I am asking long time members for memories of Lou and his efforts to keep this, the oldest existing Veterans organization, going during some challenging times. Fortunately, I still have a number of old *TheThoroughbred* newsletters that Lou wrote, but I think Lou deserves more than some words from this editor (or my predecessor Tom Stewart)...I want to hear from you. Please email me at neddevereaux@comcast.net or write me at my home address 5002 SW Vacuna Street, Portland OR. 97219-7382. In a pinch, if you want to talk directly to me, call me on my cellular phone at 503-702-2174. Lou's contributions are too important not to be remembered and reported to the Association. (continued on Page 12)

2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment
Public Affairs Office
Zabul, Afghanistan



Press releases

July, 9, 2010

Release #. 100709-01

Story by Sgt. Jerry Wilson

Photos by Spc. Audrey Glynn

Zabul, Afghanistan – The Sabers of 4th Squadron of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment became the first Squadron in the Regiment to assume responsibility of an area of operation in southern Afghanistan. During a transfer of authority ceremony held June 28 the Sabers replaced 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment as the commanding unit at Forward Operating Base Spin Boldak, Afghanistan, near the Pakistan border. The transfer of authority from Task Force Saint to the Saber Squadron was marked with the Cavalry tradition of passing the command saber from the outgoing commander to the incoming.

“With the passing of the command saber,” said Lt. Col Andrew Green, the 4th Squadron, 2SCR commander, “comes the responsibility of sharing the pledge to work alongside our Afghan partners for all the people of the region.”

“I promise you today,” he continued, “that the Saber Squadron will continue the successful practices of Task Force Saint, and endeavor to find new areas in which to increase the capacity and effectiveness of our ANSF and GIROA partners within this district.”

“Saber Soldiers are on the ground and ready to write the next chapter of our operations here.”

The Sabers are deployed to Afghanistan for 12-months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During their deployment, they will continue to provide security and stability for the people of Afghanistan.



Strong Bonds: Lt. Col. Andrew Green, Commander of 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment unfurls the squadron colors during a transfer of authority ceremony held recently at Forward Operating Base Spin Boldak in southern Afghanistan.



Sabers Are Here: LTC Green CDR of 4/2 SCR receives the command Saber from LTC Clark 8/1Commander during a transfer of authority ceremony held at FOB Spin Boldak in southern Afghanistan

Release #. 100923-01

Story by: Sgt. Jerry Wilson

Dragoons Establish In-Country Care for Injured Warriors

Zabul, Afghanistan- Sometimes, for a true warrior, the biggest defeat they can suffer is being removed from the fight by a minor injury. Recognizing the psychological need for Soldiers to remain connected to their comrades and the mission, the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment has developed the Dragoon Case Management Program. The DCMP is an in-country patient treatment program located at Kandahar Air Field. It is designed to provide Soldiers with minor injuries or behavioral health issues the treatment and physical care they need without sending them home.

“Keeping Soldiers in theater when they are hurt makes them feel like they are still a part of the team,” Cpt. Bryan Cahill, the 2SCR Regimental Nurse, said, “A part of 2SCR; they are still a part of the family.”

It is all about the right treatment at the right place at the right time. We treat Soldiers as far forward as possible to take care of their needs. Cahill explained that they used the case management name to avoid any confusion with the Wounded Warrior concept or the Warrior Transition Unit back in Vilseck.

“We went with Dragoon Case Management because Wounded Warrior sounds too much like WTU,” Cahill said. “Some Soldiers think ‘A WTU oh man, that means I am out of my unit. I’m done!’”

Cahill went on to explain that a WTU is a separate unit. Soldiers are no longer in their chain of command even though, as Dragoons, we still reach out to them.

“We went with the DCMP to eliminate confusion for the Soldier or anyone back home,” he said.

When Soldiers arrive at KAF, they are provided barracks rooms stocked with all the necessities to make them feel at home. Bunks, linen, PT belts and personal hygiene items are available for Soldiers.

“We have everything there to make them feel at home,” Cahill remarked. “It isn’t like we tell them to go hang out in a tent and come to physical therapy when they can.”

In fact, life in the DCMP is very structured to insure the best quality care. The program is overseen by Staff Sgt. Sean Riley and Sgt. Jennifer Kendrick. These two NCOs run the day-to-day operations at DCMP. They check on each Soldier several times a day and make sure all normal military standards are upheld.

According to Cahill none of the Soldiers are allowed to just sit in their room and feel sorry for themselves. Each patient, in between the required medical appointments, works with the Squadron liaison on KAF, helping in a variety of positions.

Since the beginning of the deployment, 2SCR has admitted 46 Soldiers into the program, and 23 have returned to their units. Only 13 Soldiers needed to be evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center for further treatment. There are currently 12 Soldiers from across the Regiment enrolled in the DCMP.

Further Treatment

When a Dragoon is seriously injured and must be evacuated to the U.S. for further treatment, the 2d Cavalry Association has been designated by the Regimental Commander as the

the official representative of the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment at Walter Reed Army Hospital or any other military hospitals to which they might be sent.

A representative of the Association meets with each Soldier as they arrive at the hospital. The Association keeps track of the patient's progress the entire time they are hospitalized and helps coordinate any arrangements with the Wounded Warrior Program in the hospital.

The Association provides a weekly report to the Regiment, unit commanders and the rear detachment on each visit with the Soldiers. The Association also keeps track of units working directly with the Regiment such as the 1st Battalion 4th Infantry Regiment from Hohenfels, Germany. Dragoons have long prided themselves on being more than a Regiment. They are a family. The long standing motto is "Dragoons for Life." So whether it is in the deserts of Kandahar or stateside at Walter Reed, if a Trooper is hurt, you can be sure there will be a Dragoon there to watch over them.



Listening: Col. James Blackburn, the 2SCR Commander (left) and Regimental Command Sgt. Major Mark Morris (right) listen to one Soldier's story at the DCMP during a recent visit to Kandahar Air Field. (Courtesy photo)

July, 4, 2010

Release #. 1000704-01

Dragoons ring in Independence Day with uncasing of Colors

Story and Photos by Sgt. Jerry Wilson

Zabul, Afghanistan – The Dragoons of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment celebrated this Fourth of July with the official uncasing of the Regimental colors at FOB Lagman in

Zabul Afghanistan. This historic event marks the 2SCR's official assumption of command of Task Force Dragoons and Combined Team Zabul.

In a stirring speech that would rival the immortal words of Patton himself, Col. James Blackburn, the 75th Regimental Commander put an inspirational perspective on the unit's mission as he addressed the Troops.

"The questions, if not us then who? If not now then when? Have been asked for a very long time," he said. "Well I will tell you as we stand here on the Fourth of July, our forefathers already have answered those questions for us."

"It is you and it is now!" Blackburn continued. "There is no question this war will be won this year, and this war will be won by Soldiers of this Regiment for the Afghan people."

"It will be won right here in southern Afghanistan where it started," he said. "The Taliban's cradle will become it's grave, here in southern Afghanistan, as the Soldiers of this fantastic Regiment write the next chapter of our history."

Blackburn stressed the magnitude of the role each Soldier will play in the Dragoon's mission in Afghanistan.

"You are part of something much larger than yourself," he said. "We are all part of something much larger than just this Regiment, but this Regiment will be pivotal in the victory here."

The Colonel closed by urging each Soldier to remain dedicated and focused and not lose sight of the Regiment's ultimate goal, providing for the security of the Afghan people.

"There is no time to stop and wait for somebody to build a better bunk," he said, "to wait for somebody to create the best FOB."

"There is a very, very narrow window of opportunity we will exploit in short order."

"Thank all of you for what you've done to this point and thank you more importantly for what you are about to do in the future."



Col. James Blackburn, the 75th Commander of 2SCR, thanks his Troopers for their commitment and dedication to the mission during an uncasing of the colors ceremony held on the Independence Day at FOB Lagman.

We are not just Dragoons for a three year term PCS tour. We are Dragoons for life! The colors are the symbol of the unit. Un-casing the colors mean that 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, the oldest continuously serving regiment in the United States Army, are here and ready for operations in Afghanistan. Toujours Pret.



Col. James Blackburn, ,right, and Regimental Command Sgt. Major Mark Morris, left, unfurl the Regimental colors during a ceremony held July 4th at FOB Lagman Afghanistan.

July, 2, 2010

Release # 1000702-01

Dragoons Hit the Ground Running

Zabul, Afghanistan – Greetings from Forward Operating Base Lagman here in the city of Qalat of the Zabul Province in Afghanistan. As the 2SCR Regimental Command Sergeant Major, it's my pleasure to tell you about the amazing job your Troopers are doing here.

The Regiment's area of operations is wide spread and encompasses a large portion of southern Afghanistan. The Sabers of 4/2 is partnered with the Afghan National Army and Border Police working in Spin Boldak. The Wolf pack of 3/2 is working alongside the ANA and ANP providing freedom of movement in the Maiwan District of the Arghandab River Valley. The War Eagles of 1/2 have nested in the north as part of Combined Team Urzgan partnering with the Australians. Fires and the Cougars of 2/2 are conducting freedom of movement and partnership operations here in Zabul. The 2SCR headquarters is partnering with the Romanians to command Combined Team Zabul.

Currently 50 percent of the Regiment has completed transferring of authority from the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. The other 50 percent of the unit is in the process of completing their transition with what we call a right seat-left seat ride.. Our Dragoons have performed magnificently throughout the course of this initial setup phase with a degree of professionalism that is second to none. Even in temperatures that have remained in the 100s, these dedicated men and women are working diligently and never complain. They remain committed to the mission at hand, just like the Association does in supporting us and all who have served.

In conclusion, On behalf of Colonel Blackburn and me we would like to thank the friends of the Regiment and the families back home as well. It is your love and continued support that makes it possible for us to do what needs to be done. I want to urge each and every one of you to continue to pray for the health and safety of our Soldiers as we in return do for you. Now that as the summer months begin, I want to urge everyone back home to continue to be safe, remain healthy and happy. Anyone wishing to send care packages to a Soldier can send them to the Chaplains offices at the following addresses:

**Rank and Name (or Any Trooper)
Troop and Squadron (or Any Troop)
2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment**

APO AE 09355 (for Kandahar, FOB Spin Boldak or FOB Frontenac)

APO AE 09383 (for FOB Lagman/Qalat or FOB Apache)

APO AE 09313 (for FOB Ramrod)

APO AE 09380 (for FOB Holland/Tarin Kowt

"Dragoons for Life"

Dragoon 7

CSM Morris, Mark
Regimental Command Sergeant Major
2D Stryker Cavalry Regiment
FOB Lagman, Afghanistan

EDITOR'S NOTES

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The second area where I need help is in identifying the World War II veterans who attended the biannual meeting in Elizabethtown. I was so busy taking notes on what was said I failed to get all the names of the Regiment's WW II Veterans when the photo was taken (see page 1). In the next edition, I will run the photograph again with correct names attached to the right person. Many thanks go to the World War II/Constabulary Veterans who attended. It was great meeting so many of you. Here is who I have identified in the picture on page 1:

James Smith (Tank Driver) from Virginia; Vernon N. Schmidt (Later WWII and also Constabulary Regiment) Fresno, California; Unknown; Russ Luppo (PC Driver) Jackson, Michigan; Unknown; Henry Carmona in wheelchair (Cook) West Lafayette, Indiana; William Slayton standing with walker Waverly Hall, Georgia and on the far left kneeling, Bill Bewley, Association President.

Editor's Thanks

Thanks, also, to Glen Back for taking so many photos and sending them on a CD to me. I hope to be able to announce in the next edition that I have a new computer and am able to finally have my own Association website for photos and electronic back editions of *The Thoroughbred* to make it easy on our members to access past information.

I also want to thank my son Ed, a Desert Storm Veteran of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, for taking a lot of photos during the biennial WW II Veterans meeting in Elizabethtown. To obtain a separate electronic copy of the World War II Association veteran's photo, go to www.devereauxprints.com.

A special appreciation goes to newly promoted Regimental Public Affairs Sergeant Jerry Wilson for his work in keeping everyone informed of Regimental activities. Please see "2SCR Begins Afghanistan mission with Partnership and Professionalism" for the first of several articles from Sergeant Wilson.

I was reminded by Chris Golden this week of the importance of our relationship with the active Regiment. Under the 75th Colonel Jim Blackburn, RCSM Mark Morris, and the officers, noncommissioned officers and troopers of the Regiment have been performing exceptionally well. We much appreciate their efforts to keep us both informed and for taking an active role in our support of the Regiment.

Personally, I am very grateful for the efforts of the 75th Colonel to keep in touch with a number of noncommissioned officers from his time as a Lieutenant. A wise former V Corps CSM once said about the noncommissioned officer relationship with young Lieutenants: "Train them well as Lieutenants so we can show them off in command of companies as Captains." These profound words truly apply to an immensely talented Doug Lute when he was a young Lieutenant. Those who served with him are glad he has never forgotten from whence he came. We admire his remarkable success and

have pride that some of us rode with him throughout his rise through the ranks to positions of ever greater responsibility. We got to "show him off" at levels far beyond Company/Troop level Command. We wish him well in retirement.

RCSM Curtis C. Patton

For many Cold War veterans who served in the Regiment with retired Regimental CSM Curtis C. Patton and have been following his serious health situation, he continues to battle hard every day to overcome his multiple challenges. From a fellow 2d Dragoon, comes this report: "CSM Patton is recovering slowly from his most recent surgery. He remains a very tough Soldier who keeps getting up after each knockdown. His determination and exceptional care by his wife, Blanca, have improved his chances of being ready for recall to "active duty," with the Regiment!" Our thoughts and prayers are with the RCSM and Blanca.

The 72d Colonel Brad May

On April 13, 2010 the Chief of Staff of the Army announced that Brig. Gen. Bradley W. May, commanding general, U.S. Army Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence and Fort Jackson, Fort Jackson, S.C., would become director, Iraq Training and Advisory Team, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq. We wish the 72d Colonel of the Regiment best wishes on his new assignment.

Recent Books of Possible Interest

Obama's War by Bob Woodward

As many of you know, a highlight of my Army career was serving as C Troop 1SG under 1LT (P) and later Captain Douglas E. Lute. We worked well as a team and have remained friends now for over thirty-one years. My wife (who loves Doug like a son) and I are always interested when something is written about Doug and the work he has done for the Army. Bob Woodward's book is full of information on the inter-play between Doug and the President, the Vice President, his then immediate supervisor, retired USMC General James Jones, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, among others. Those who served in the Regiment under 1LT, Captain, Major or Colonel Lute, might be very pleased with what Woodward writes. I hope one of my unseen and unidentified book reviewers can come up with a better review for our membership.

Search and Destroy by Keith William Nolan

Vietnam War historian Keith William Nolan was able to finish his last Vietnam history before cancer took his life in 2009. His last book, *Search and Destroy*, is the story of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, 1st Armored Division as it deployed to Vietnam and the first year in-country. I mention this book because of one the A Troop platoon leaders was 2d Lieutenant George R. Wallace III. During the 1970's, George served in 3d Squadron as an Assistant S3, L Troop Commander, Assistant Regimental S3 under Dean Stanley before moving to Bindlach as the 1st Squadron S3. I met George in Germany when he and then Major Stanley helped my 3rd Brigade 1st Armored Division

with a complete range package so we could fire our TOW missiles. Some years later, I served as his Operations Sergeant Major in the 194th Armored Brigade (Separate), albeit briefly as he had been selected for promotion and battalion command. If anyone in the audience reads this book and would like to send in a "book report," I would be very much interested in seeing it published.

A Last Thought or Two

As usual, I also appreciate the help of so many of the Association in my quest to produce a newsletter. Bill Bewley, Chris Golden, "Tacoma" Dave Gettman, and of course, my predecessor Tom Stewart are a wealth of help as are others in the audience. I hope the next edition can focus on what is being done at the Reed Museum and 2nd Regiment of Dragoons Heritage Center Museum in Vilseck by its Curator Ryan Meyer. I hope those of you who knew Lou Holz and want to share memories will email or snail mail me, and of course, having the right names with the right WWII veterans would help out our professionalism as a newsletter.

Dragoon For Life, Ned

Fiddler's Green

William H. Tredglown, from Gibson, ID. We were notified on April 3, 2010 by Chris Golden. If someone has more information please let me know so I can include the information in the next edition.

John E. Pearce served in C Troop 2d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 2d Cavalry Group (Mechanized) in World War II. He passed away June 26, 2010, at the age of 88.

Erwin Edward "Whitey" Klomparens, born April 1, 1924 in Jackson, MI and former member of Troop B, 2d Cavalry Squadron, 2d Cavalry Group during WW II, passed away July 3, 2010 in Leslie, MI. Among his awards are five campaign stars attached to the ribbon on the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, representing the 5 campaigns the 2d Cavalry Gp participated in during WW II (Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe). It should actually be one silver campaign star (represents five campaigns) to be correct.

Henry G. Carmona, at age 97, West Lafayette, Indiana, formerly of Michigan City, IN passed away Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 5:22 p.m. in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born May 23, 1913 in Mexico City, Mexico to the late Gonzalo and Maria (Gutierrez) Carmona. On October 9, 1947 in South Bend, IN he married Martha Barrios who preceded him in death on April 21, 1992. He was a US Army veteran of World War II serving in Headquarters and Supply Troop, 2d Cavalry Squadron, 2d Cavalry Group, Third Army, ETO.



Henry Carmona (right) and Cpt. Todd Clark, L Troop 2ACR, the oldest and youngest at the 2003 2CA reunion.

Howard Smith, from H Troop 1966-67 informed us on July 16th that "Henry was a cook in a restaurant in Michigan City, Indiana. The Chicago Bears and Notre Dame Football teams used to stop in--they liked his cooking! The original Mayor Daley of Chicago used to call ahead and request Henry's beef stew. The Daley Family still has their home on Lake Michigan in Grand Beach, Michigan--just over the state line from Indiana. They all gave him large tips! Please note, we have talked with Henry's daughter (Anita) and son-in-law (Warren) a few times since the Reunion. His family felt going to the Stable Call would be too exhausting for Henry to attend because he had a full day. During dinner that night at The Lonestar Steak House, he choked on a piece of ground beef and had to be taken to the hospital in Elizabethtown. He was there for quite some time and then moved to a rehab hospital in Indianapolis...Henry was 99 on May 23! He enjoyed himself at the reunion!"

Major General (Retired) John W. Hudachek passed away on September 16, 2010. A veteran of the Vietnam War, MG Hudachek was the 58th Colonel of the Regiment. He retired in 1985 after 31 years of service as an Armor officer. He was 80 years old at the time of his death. In the early 1980's he commanded the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson. During the latter part of his career, he served as Chief of Staff, United States Forces Korea/Eighth United States Army and later as Director of Resources and Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, United States Army, Washington, DC. MG Hudachek is survived by his children, Brig Gen Teresa Djuric (USAF), Susan M. Hudachek, Mary R. Hudachek-Buswell, and Michael G. Hudachek. Funeral will take place at Fort Myers on December 29, 2010 at 1245.

Lou Holz, who spent well over fifty years of his life devoted to the 2d Cavalry Association, passed away on May 15, 2010 at the age of 85. That the day was our Armed Forces Day adds a bit of irony to his passing. Starting with a mission from World War II Regimental Commander Charles H. Reed in 1947, Lou did everything for the Association including, for many years, the editor and chief writer of *The Thoroughbred* newsletter. He was born in Philadelphia, and after a private service, was buried in Philadelphia.

Afghanistan Fiddler's Green Operation Enduring Freedom

1st Lt. Robert N. Bennedsen, 25, of Vashon, Wash., died July 18 at Qalat, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Pfc. Paul O. Cuzzupe, 23, of Plant City, Fla., died Aug. 8 in Akhtar-Mohammad-Khan, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Pfc. John E. Andrade, 19, of San Antonio, Texas, died Aug. 7 at DE Khak Chupan Turah, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Pfc. Justin B. Shoecraft, 28, of Elkhart, Ind., died Aug. 24 at Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device at Kakarak, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Maj. Paul D. Carron, 33, of Mo. died Sept. 18 at Qalat, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Pfc. Cody A. Board, 19, of McKinney, Texas, died Oct. 4 at Mirwais, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Spc. Joseph T. Prentler, 20, of Fenwick, Mich., died Oct. 4 in Mama Kariz, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his military vehicle using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

"O Father of all, we pray to thee for those we love, but now no longer see. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will..." From a memorial prayer given in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam 2003 by a team of Sons and Daughters In Touch members and travel guides.

Board of Governor Minutes

May 16, 2010

Elizabethtown Kentucky

Meeting was called to order at 0735 hours by Association President Bill Bewley. Members present were Tom Molino, Frank Hurd, Tom Stewart, Bill Heidner, and Mike Davis. Additionally Chris Golden, Merritt Powell, Ned Devereaux, and Rick Simmons (Fort Hood Chapter) were also present.

Board Administrative Actions

The Board and visitors were welcomed and told the focus of the Board meeting would be on the Board elections. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by voice vote. The Treasurer reported that the end balance was \$35,884 with an additional \$35,382.40 in the Scholarship Fund for a funds total of \$71,266.40.

Bill Heidner reported that the Sutter's Store had \$3,185.34 and approximately \$7,500 in inventory. A specific topic of discussion was the Regimental Wall Plaques (RWP). Those donated to the active Regiment for the Trooper/NCO of the Quarter would be sponsored at cost by those donating the RWP. The same would apply to engraving costs.

Annual Scholarship Update (Tom Molino): Tom Molino reported he had been in contact with the Vilseck High School Principal about the scholarship and the eligibility. Additionally May 31, 2010 was the suspense for submission of "blind" essays to the Scholarship Committee. Depending on the number submitted and quality, he anticipated one or two scholarships would be granted.

Board of Governors Slate

GEN (Ret) John Tilelli, Board Chairman
Bill Bewley, Association President
Frank Hurd, Treasurer
Chris Golden, Executive Director
Tom Stewart, Member
MG (Ret) Robert Mixon, Member
Bill Heidner, Member
Mike Davis, Member
Tom Molino, Member
Jim Van Patten, Member (and Vilseck Liaison)

Other Appointments

Sam Palmer to Chair the **Wounded Warrior** project. The Wounded Warrior project is direct support to families supporting their Walter Reed Medical Center family member. The Association has been appointed by the 75th Colonel Jim Blackburn, to be his

Regiment's Representative at Walter Reed while the Regiment is downrange.

Vacant Appointments

Membership: Ideally this requires someone who can focus almost all of his/her time on renewals, answering membership questions, "selling" the association at local chapter meetings, and developing membership "sales" materials, in addition to maintaining a computerized membership roster.

Chris Golden Reports

Vilseck Memorial

With the pending deployment of the Regiment to Afghanistan, and anticipating fatalities, Chris reported that to modify the current memorial after the Regiment's return, it would cost between \$15-20,000. To assist in raising funds, he suggested sponsoring "hot wet wipes" for the troops in Afghanistan, and any profit derived from our fund raising effort within the Association would be earmarked for the Memorial Fund.

On-Line Materials

The 2d Cavalry History and Traditions are now available on-line. The intent is to update the on-line booklet following every deployment. Note: A volunteer is being sought among the historians (degreed or amateur) in the Association to assume responsibilities for this important project.

Meeting Adjourned 0815 Hours May 16, 2010.

Request for Information

I am conducting research for a documentary for a class project. I am trying to find anyone who was in or near Klatovy, Czechoslovakia (Klattau) in 1945. I found your contact information online via The Thoroughbred Newsletter. If you know of anyone who was in or near Klatovy, would you please let me know? Or would you be willing to forward / post my contact information? I appreciate any help or advice you have to offer.

Thank you,

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Remember Your Regiment: Border Tales by Earl Dinkler 1st Squadron

I was sitting in the newly opened downtown Bayreuth McDonalds having lunch one Saturday when Toby Martinez (HHT CO) and the squadron S-2 (whose name escapes me) came in. They sat with me and we began discussing what we could do for Dueler's Hail and Farewell. I suggested we throw a full, formal Medieval Feast. As they knew me to be a somewhat quirky individual, it was no surprise to them to learn that in college I was heavily involved in The Society For Creative Anachronism (The Medievalists), and therefore knew all the procedures and protocols for a full 10 course English Feast (a Duke would host a 10 course Feast, only a King was allowed to host a 12-course Feast). They both immediately got a gleam in their eyes, and we discussed details for the next 20 minutes or so, then left convinced that it was a very do-able project.

While I can claim credit for the initial idea, Toby and the S-1 were the two that made it happen. They sold LTC (W. Dean) Stanley on the idea, and the S-1 found Berg Rabenstein, the ideal location for the feast. The S-1 had the cajones to walk up to the front door of the castle, knock and ask to speak with the owner. The maid that answered the door barked out something that had Herr Gerrhardt (The Squadron S-5/Interpreter) wanting to slink away with his tail between his legs, but the S-1 would not hear of it. He got in, talked to the owner, and got us in to hiring Berg Rabenstein for the Hail & Farewell. Using our friendship with Alious Brieger (think I spelled that correctly), and Herr Gerrhardt's connections, Toby & the S-1 got access to the Wagner Festspielhaus' Costume inventory (I was the only person in the Sqd who had his own Medieval Rig).

Keeping the whole thing secret from the RCO Robert Wagner, aka The Dueler was very difficult, but I believe was successful. The Feast started with a hijacking. Dueler's driver was in on the scheme, and developed "engine trouble" while driving on the Autobahn up to Bayreuth. He pulled off at a pre-arranged exit, circled around and pulled under the overpass where Duke Stanley, along with his hand picked gang of "animal lieutenants", was waiting in full medieval rig. Dueler, plus his wife and daughter, was appropriately "kidnapped" and escorted to the Squadron's Tactical Command Post (a Trailer) set up as dressing rooms for the Royal Family. I'm sure most of us waiting at Berg Rabenstein will never forget when the King arrived; all eyes were on LTC Stanley who was wearing a shoulder length auburn wig to go with his costume.

Presentation of each course was a duty that was split between me and another 2LT (again, I can't remember the name). Each course was preceded by a poem commemorating/flattering something the guest of Honor, King Dueler Sixtus Rex, had done. The worse the doggerel, the more outrageous the flattery, the stinkier the puns worked into the poem; The Better. From the groans and catcalls after each presentation, I think we did a good job of versification although I only remember one of them (included at the end). We had a Magician (or Mage) in the form of the S-1; we had a Royal Executioner, CPT Roger Jones; we had attempted poisonings of Queen Charlotte (with subsequent dead food tasters brought back to life by the Mage, one of whom was subsequently BG Wagner's first Aide); we had foreign Ambassadors (Allie Brieger); we had excellent food; and we had LOTS of excellent aged Mead; the really good stuff that goes down perfectly smoothly and hits you with a HUGE Wallop an hour later.

I remember getting up the next morning in Berg Rabenstein's Gasthaus (it took 3 attempts), and making it to the castle for breakfast. Very few of us were fully operational that morning. After the feast when the heavy partying really started my memory becomes somewhat spotty. About 1/2 of us actually took part in the breakfast. As I walked into the entry hall I saw Toby Martinez & his wife (all the Trp CO's had rooms in the castle itself) coming slowly down the stairs, very slowly. As Toby got to the final landing on the stairs he stopped, faced into the corner of the landing, put his forehead against the wall and just stood there for about 1 full minute. I have to say I was in full sympathy. Turns out Dueler had left about 2 a.m.; he had a meeting the next day at USAREUR which he could not miss, otherwise, he said, he'd have stayed for the full event.

This was one of my fondest memories of my years at Bindlach, not just because it was so successful, but because I actually got good use of my 3 years in The Medievalist's. Who'd a thunk it?

Border Tales (continued)

The following is about the 2d ACR's participation in REFORGER, "Certain Ramparts" (I think). In the final stages, the Regiment took on a force about 3 times larger, and did extremely well. The main action took place in terrain the Regiment nick named "Cavalry Gap". It was thought among us in the Squadrons, that the Regiment's performance at Cavalry Gap was so successful that it clinched the already assured promotion of COL Wagner to BG Wagner.

(Just remember, The Worse the Doggerel - The Better (you've been warned!))

As Dueler was charging through Cavalry Gap, his foes he was beheading.
But the Emperor said; "I do not approve of all of this blood you're shedding,
You should be content to Kick A..., and take names;
By my Brigadier's weeping, and YOU are to blame! *
So take all your men, move on back 9 or 10,
I'll sound the trumpets, and we'll try it again"

So the King and his Dukes moved on back 5 or 6,
But this time the Jaegers** were found in a fix.
They thrashed and they cried, they cried and they thrashed
But still their fine plans came down with a crash.

Then the Emperor asked; "What's wrong with the Dogs, ***
They're jumpy, they're nervous, they're acting like Frogs? ****
What's wrong with them; is their blood way too thin?
Just what is the problem; why can't they win?"

"No," said The Dueler; "Their blood just won't thicken,
They're like our next course...
BRING IN THE CHICKEN!

(I warned you it was bad!)

* At this point in the recitation, Dueler interrupted me with a quiet but firm; "Bullshit!", it was several seconds before the audience quieted and I was able to continue.

** Part of the action in REFORGER was against a Bundeswehr Jaeger Division

*** A reference to the 3d INF Div, which the 2d ACR had opposed that REFORGER, of which we knew Dueler was going to be the ADC

**** A dig at the 1/3 ACR, quartered at Pond Barracks in Amberg (Pond... Frogs, get it?)

By Earl Dinkler



Bill Clark, former K Troop 11th ACR 1SG receives a 2d Cavalry Regiment Wall Plaque from the Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston in March 2010. The SMA, 75th Colonel Jim Blackburn (a former platoon leader and Troop XO with K Troop with Clark), and Bill Clark served together in the Blackhorse Regiment in the late 1980's. Clark, a DA civilian stationed now in Grafenwohr, was presented the plaque for his past assistance to the Regiment since its redeployment back to Germany and to the Association. The award and presenter came as a complete surprise to Clark.



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