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From the Editor

“The Road to Gettysburg: An Overview”

In April 1861, the South had decided to go it alone as the Confederate States of America. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, with the South firing on Fort Sumter South Carolina, called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion. Thus began the American Civil War, a four year battle of North against South. Family against family, brother against brother, West Point classmate against West Point classmate; countryman versus countryman.

We are already in the 151st anniversary of the outbreak of the war. For this edition, and the next two (March/April and summer 2013), I am going to focus on the Civil War from the 2d Cavalry Regiment perspective. If this all goes as planned, we will, in the Summer edition, write about the Regiment at Gettysburg, so our readers who also attend our bi-annual reunion will have an idea of where they might want to go and visit while there. The December 2013 edition will cover the Regiment and many of its famous and infamous Troopers in 1864 and possibly up to 1875.

Many of our Regiment’s most famous moments came from the Civil War experience. Theophilus F. Rodenbough in his book From Everglade to Canyon with the Second United States Cavalry is today still a primary resource to understand the early Regimental history from 1836, Seminole Indian war, frontier protection (including my home state of Oregon), the Mexican-American War, and more frontier duty best described by simply looking at the print Don Strivers personally felt was his best work, Never a Complaint to understand the movement to Utah all before the Civil War. (Amazon has this University of Oklahoma Press book for sale as of 1 November 2012.)

Let me be candid. I want to try to create an interest within the Association on the importance of the Civil War not only for our Regiment and country, but to attract you to attend the bi-annual Association reunion meeting in Gettysburg. The first large battles in Virginia, North against South July 1861 (1st Bull Run) thru December 1862 (Fredericksburg) were a prelude to the larger cavalry battles in June 1863, which further led to Gettysburg July 1-3, 1863. We will be able in October, after the 150th anniversary, to visit Gettysburg either in small groups or individually. I am looking forward personally to standing again at the statue of General John Reynolds, knowing that in that area former 2d Dragoon John Buford stood with his First Cavalry Division against advancing Confederate Infantry along the Chambersburg Pike. Our Regiment was an active player during and after the actual Gettysburg battle as Robert E. Lee and his Confederate soldiers retreated back to Virginia harassed by Buford and his Cavalry.

While not part of the Cavalry battles, I also look forward to again walking in the area of Pickett’s charge, where I swear I could feel the ghosts of dead Confederates speaking to me when I first walked that battlefield a few years ago.

But I also hope, during this “The Road to Gettysburg”, to also remind our Association members that the print Dragoon for Life is also part of that Road. So for this edition I am also including some historical observations on pre-Civil War so to get a better understanding of the life of a 2d Dragoon in the early days. Of course this edition also has some Cold War history, some I funny stories, and an update on the activities of the active Regiment. (Continued on Page 4).
Hello to you and welcome to the Christmas 2012 edition of our Thoroughbred! I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Even with our individual daily challenges in our lives we all have much to be thankful for, and I urge your prayers in support of our troops and especially our regiment as they prepare for battle in Afghanistan one more time. As they return to “harm’s way” our Association will once again be dedicated to serving them and their families in those unfortunate cases when lost and wounded Dragoons come home from battle. Please join me in praying that they are all well trained for the challenges they will face (leaders and led!), they will always execute their missions successfully and safely and they all come home safely to their loving families and friends.

I will keep this message very brief for this edition. My key points for you follow:

1. Keep your membership current. We cannot survive without a vibrant membership that is supported by each of you!

2. Make your annual contribution! It is critical that we keep our coffers full in preparation for the challenges we face to support the upcoming deployment and those who will be impacted by injuries and loss. No gift is too small!

3. Support the Sutler’s Store! Buy from us for your Cavalry friends or a gift for yourself. Remember our entire store profits go to serving Dragoons!

4. Our 2013 Reunion is 3-6 October in Gettysburg. It is going to be special! Please plan to be there and please recruit your Cavalry buddies to join you! This is a rare event when we get to visit a site where the regiment fought in one of the most significant battles in human history.

5. Last point – If you have news about Cavalry friends you’ve served with please send it to us. We want to make this publication as personal as possible and one way to do this is to tell short stories, seek out where friends are and to say good bye when they move on to their next life. This is an area of focus to help us salvage more of our living legacy and write it down so that it isn’t lost as we all move on. Please help because your experiences and stories are important and will be of great interest to all of our readers now and in the future. I want to give a very personal welcome to COL D. A. Sims, our 77th Commander of our great regiment, as he changes command with COL Keith Barclay on January 22, 2013. I will be there to represent you all for this event, and we will witness one more great event in the history of the 2D Cavalry Regiment.

God bless you all and I wish you an early very Merry Christmas!
Bill Bewley
The Road to Gettysburg: An Overview (Continued from Page 2)

The last article I write is always the most painful, that of the names of Association members and family who have passed on.

So this is a brief overview of “The Road to Gettysburg:” both for the Regiment of 1863 and for our Association reunion Thursday, October 3, 2013 through Sunday, October 6, 2013.

Ned Devereaux, Editor
Dragoon For Life

“The Road to the Gettysburg Reunion”

Our reunion weekend starts on Thursday, October 3, 2013. We will start with a shotgun start golf outing at the Links at Gettysburg, which will include breakfast and lunch. Registration will begin that evening with opening cocktails that evening at our hotel, the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center.

On Friday, October 4, we will have a bus trip to the Antietam battlefield, to include a lunch at The Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Note: This town, near the battlefield, was occupied by Confederate forces during their retreat from Antietam in September, 1862. It is also the oldest town in the state.

On Saturday, October 5, we will have our long anticipated trip to the Gettysburg battlefield by bus so we may get a good look at the battlefield. This will be followed by our banquet Saturday evening in the ballroom of the Eisenhower.

The 2nd Cavalry Reenactors will make a presentation at a time to be determined while we are there.

Sunday, October 6, check out as the conference ends. There are still some details to be worked out but you have the basic information here. Updates will start with the spring edition 2013 of The Thoroughbred.
“When summoned to Virginia and the seat of the war in the East, but few of the regular cavalry regiments were able to proceed en masse…” Theophilus F. Rodenbough writes as he begins the chapters on the “Fifth Period 1861-1866, The War of ‘The Rebellion.’” He then continues: “Scattered throughout the Western plains or among the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains, in the more congenial duties of frontier service, they turned by detachments—some with reluctance, perhaps—toward the heart of civilization…” (Page 231.) *(Many officers resigned to go with the south, and many others left to accept commissions in the newly created Volunteer Regiments.)*

On or before 23 December 1861 the companies of the 2d Dragoons, less three, arrived in Washington D.C., and were camped in an area known as Cantonment Holt. The three exceptions were Companies C, G, and I. They had adventures getting back to the Regiment as we will see here.

Editor Note: The reader needs to understand there may be some date conflict. Rodenbough’s *From Everglades to Canyon With the Second United States Cavalry* is the pre-editing primary secondary resource.

**Company C**

Company C had been located at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and departed that station around 11 June 1861 under the command of a Lieutenant from the 1st Infantry. They arrived in Springfield, Missouri, 6 August, and were engaged in the battle of Wilson’s Creek, Missouri on 10 August. This was the first major battle of the Civil War in the west and the first Union general lost in combat. It also served notice to all that “the war would be long and hard-fought.”

Rodenbough writes: “This was a remarkable fight between 20,000 badly-organized and undisciplined Confederates on one side and about 5,000 mixed—regular, volunteer, and militia—troops of the United States on the other.” The Union forces were divided into two attack columns, one coming from a northern direction with about 4,200 Troops. C Company and a 4th Cavalry Company were placed in a 1,200 man force under the command of Colonel Franz Sigel and they attacked the Confederate forces coming from a southern direction. Rodenbough quotes Sigel:

> “Left camp at half-past six o’clock on the evening of the 9th and arrived at daybreak within a mile of the enemy camp…I advanced slowly toward the [enemy] camp, and after taking forward the two cavalry companies…I cut off about forty of the enemy troops…it was done in such a manner that no news of our attack”… and the battle was joined. (P. 236)

Four guns of Artillery were employed by Colonel Sigel and as an indicator of the flexibility of Dragoon Officers, two Lieutenants, [Charles] Canfield and [George] Sokalski of the 2d Dragoons each supervised a gun while “again and again swept the masses of the enemy like grain before the reaper.”

With the Battle of Wilson Creek over, on 11 August, C Company left for St. Louis, and then to Paducah, Kentucky where it was “engaged in scouting and escort duty” until 5 February 1862 when the operations began against Forts Henry and Donelson. Rodenbough cites a report that reads:

> “C had a skirmish with the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Donelson on the 10th…and had another skirmish with them in the same place on the 12th; was engaged at the taking of Fort Donelson from the 15th until the surrender on the 16th of February.” (P. 236)
With shades of Utah, they were exposed to severe weather conditions of frost, sleet and snow and especially so as the Cavalry led the two attacking divisions. This may well have been commander U.S. Grant’s first exposure to the 2d Dragoons (now 2d Cavalry) since the Mexican War.

After Fort Donelson, C Company moved to Nashville arriving on 28 February, later marched 300 miles to Pittsburgh Landing and “engaged in the battle of Pittsburg Landing…” This is better known today as Shiloh, a battle on 6 and 7 April. My reference simply describes Shiloh as a general engagement. They were deployed with Company I, 4th Cavalry, and still under the command of Lieutenant Powell, an infantry officer. For the next several months C Company was tactically deployed with nearly four months camped at Corinth, Mississippi. But battle beckoned on 25 September 1862 with a battle at Pocahontas Farm, Tennessee where C Company fought with Confederate cavalry. C Company lost eighteen horses and five men in the battle. They then returned to Corinth in November and finally moving to Memphis, Tennessee on 15 January 1863 “remaining there for some months as escort to General [U.S.] Grant.” [P. 242]

Finally in May 1863, after more than two years fighting in the western campaign at Falmouth, Virginia C Company rejoined the headquarters of the regiment. Eight different officers, infantry, cavalry, artillery, (none from the Regiment) had commanded C Company during those two years away from the flagpole, but they had commanded well. Note: C has additional battle streamers; Henry and Donaldson, Shiloh, Missouri 1861 and Tennessee 1862. Canfield later organized Company M, November 1862-March 1863, but was killed at the Battle of Beverly Ford, 9 June 1863, while leading a Squadron. Sokalski spent his war in the West, and died at the age of 27 in a state of arrest.

Company G

War found Company G in New Mexico, under-manned and often without a commanding officer. Instead it had, in Rodenbough’s quote “counsel assigned to it” with a Cavalry Captain, two infantry lieutenants, and an acting lieutenant through February 1862.

On 8 October 1861 they were “assigned temporarily to duty with a battery of light artillery commanded by Captain Alexander McRae-Infantry, which had been organized under the instructions” of a Union Brigadier, Edward R.S. Canby, a regular army infantry officer. A graphic description of the battle of Val Verde, New Mexico is too lengthy for this article but suffice it to say that McRae’s artillery took a conspicuous part in the battle, often right on the front line, exposed to enemy fire, and a massed infantry attack while the position of the battery made it difficult to maneuver and fire. The Confederates attacked again for a second time, this time succeeding in killing both Captain McRae and one of his lieutenants. From Company G nine Troops were killed in action, eight wounded in action and either one or two listed as missing in action, all enlisted soldiers.

Rodenbough asked then Colonel Joseph McCrae Bell, who was wounded three times in this battle of Val Verde, for his observations. Bell ended with writing: “Too much praise cannot be given to the companies of Second United States Dragoons and Third United States Cavalry, manning the battery, for the part they took in the fight. Failing in no duty, regardless of themselves, and having in view the honest performance of all that was to be done, they bore themselves as men of courage throughout the day...”
Company G eventually arrived at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 27 October to join with I Company as an escort for General Canby.

**Company I**

They too were in New Mexico, only at Taos, commanded by Brevet Major H.H. Sibley and two lieutenants, John Pegram and C.J. Walker. Sibley, who was later to command the rebel forces at Val Verde, ended the war as a Confederate Major General. Walker, although from Kentucky, remained to command Company I before leaving the company for a variety of staff assignments.

Company I stayed in New Mexico until it moved to Fort Leavenworth and joined with Company G as a squadron. Afterwards, they moved to St Louis and then to the Washington D.C. area. “At Fort Albany, VA (near Washington) the dusty New Mexicans found a new company (L) and several old companies of the First and Second Cavalry, newly recruited, en route to their regiments, then in a field near Falmouth, Va., where the reinforcements finally arrived on the 13th of January, 1863.

And that brings the Regiment together on the north bank of the Rappahannock River in Falmouth, a small village near Fredericksburg, near the heart of Union cavalry activities, including Gettysburg in July, that will take place in 1863 between an ever improving Union cavalry and its rebel enemy, The Regimental forces brought east were almost all experienced Indian fighters from their time on the frontier. They were use to hardship, and skilled in fighting techniques. Future Union leaders such as John Buford, Wesley Merritt and others would use those skills learned in the west to great success in the Civil War. We will meet those leaders and more in the spring 2013 edition of *The Thoroughbred*.

**Regimental History**

**Dragoon and Cavalry Uniforms:**

Most members of the Association have, on chance, seen different uniforms worn in pre-Civil War days. Remember that at the time the Army had two Regiments of Dragoons, two Regiments of Cavalry and one Regiment of Mounted Rifles, (the lineage of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment of today). These were separate organizations and one pretty much stayed with the unit one was commissioned (or enlisted) in for a career.

These units were viewed “as separate corps, especially as regarding promotions,” wrote Theophilus F. Rodenbough in his seminal work on the regiment from 1836 to 1875. He went on to write: “Each regiment...had its proud record of service and individual prowess; for long years they had been distinguished by various marks, and none more conspicuous, perhaps, than by the facings of their uniforms—orange for the dragoons, green for the riflemen, and yellow for the cavalry to which apparently trivial detail of dress they were strongly attached.”

By an act of Congress, August 3, 1861 these “separate corps” went away and we ended up with six Regiments of US Cavalry, starting with the 1st (1st Dragoons), 2d (2d Dragoons), 3rd (Regiment of Mounted Rifles), 4th (previously 1st Cavalry), 5th (previously 2d Cavalry), and the 6th, a newly formed Regiment. There is much confusion to amateur historians when one began to speak of Robert E. Lee or Albert Sidney Johnston in their role as 2d Cavalry Regimental Colonels. (Of the aforementioned “original” 2d Cavalry - of course both went on to serve the South with great distinction). As their names went away, so did the facings on their uniforms.
This was a big deal to the Troopers. And the point of writing this all Rodenbough remarks: “…but the troops’ so read the order ‘will be permitted to wear out the clothing now on hand.’” “The marvelous durability of orange facings or the prodigious quantity of similar clothing…” Rodenbough wrote, basically delayed making the change for another two years. You can find this information on pages 237-238.

Regimental Color Guard in front of Regimental Headquarters at Merrell Barracks, Nuremberg, Germany in the summer of 1975.
Remembering Your Regiment--1962

One can reasonably expect the Regiment was very busy throughout 1962 – 1963. You can also reasonably expect that in October 1962, in keeping with fall maneuvers in Europe after most crops had been harvested (but still ripe apples could be found throughout the countryside in Germany), the Regiment would participate in major division level maneuvers. And that is where our story starts in Remembering Your Regiment - 1962, September to be exact, with CPX Fallex and then Operation Marne Rock in October.

Among the participants was the Regimental Headquarters & Headquarters Troop who through the year gained and lost senior leaders but, who went on that winter and gave an annual party for the homeless children of the Walderheim Orphanage as one of its yearly highlights. January found the HQ Tank Section firing Tank Crew Proficiency Course (TCPC) while the rest of the troop continued to prepare for the next mission.

Among the Regiment’s other assets in and around the headquarters in Nurnberg were the Aviation Company “who celebrated its third birthday on Organization Day 1963. This company added a series of capabilities to the Regiment including the use of helicopter and fixed wing, plus pilotless aircraft to conduct their mission of training to fight and active border surveillance operations.”

The 3rd Armored Medics stayed busy an average nine days a month in the field “participating in Med Bravo, 30th Medical Group FTX’s and Company FTX’s. The unit was called earlier than planned from an FTX in August to stand the VII Corps AGI-CMI inspection, at which time it was commended by the Regimental Commander for the ‘outstanding appearance’ of its men. September brought the Medics more field duty and the Troop of the Month Award. October saw the Medics in the field almost constantly. They had their ATT [and if you have forgotten, ATT stands for Army Training Test, a by the numbers checklist of yes and no’s. Too many no’s, and you failed] that month and participated in exercise Marne Rock. November and December included monthly FTX’s in spite of 10 degree weather. The 3rd Armored Medics opened 1963 in January with promises of ever continual field duty to maintain their high state of combat readiness.

The 53d Ordnance Company also stayed busy. As it looks back over the past two years and can observe the many accomplishments of its Ordnance Support Mission. In November of 1961 the company was declared ‘Combat Ready’ as a result of its ATT.” A bit later in 1962, and in rapid succession the AGI-CMI, CPX Fallex, and FTX Marne Rock followed. These were chalked up in the credit column of company activity. After rendering direct mobile support to the Regiment during Marne Rock, the 53d Ordnance returned to home station, cleaned its equipment, and immediately resumed its support mission. Another example of superior performance is the record of providing well over its share of Colonel’s Orderlies.

During May, June and July [1962], the platoons of the 84th Engineer Company were attached to the Squadrons for their Phase I and II ATTs. August saw the completion of the Fussball Sports Platz in Hof and the VII Corps AGI-CMI was held that month. The 84th went to Graf in September rebuilding ranges and repairing roads. In addition the company fired all the organic sub-caliber weapons and took their armored personnel carriers [Note; M113’s were finally issued] on a swim for the first time. Early October saw the 84tgh having its annual training test and afterwards support the 2d Armored Cavalry on FTX Marne Rock. In December and January, the tank section in -20 degree weather participated with the 3rd Squadron on the annual TCPC at Graf. January and February, the company began platoon training cycles and had a Regimental CMI. In March the company won the Troop of the Month Award.
1st Squadron Bayreuth

In August, Headquarters Troop went to Graf for a CBR [Chemical, Biological, and Radiological] test and came out first. The troop received excellent training in September and October during Exercises Fallex and Marne Rock. On 10 December the long awaited AGI-CMI came to Headquarters Troop. The Troop received an overall rating of excellent. In December, the Troop held their annual Christmas Party for a group of children from needy families in Bayreuth. And, as an aside, their 1LT troop commander was promoted to Captain in February 1963.

The first half of August, 1962 found A Troop completing a stay in Graf. During that time, all the men were qualified with their basic weapons. The return from Graf was followed by a border tour and the FTX Fallex. October saw A Troop acting as aggressors against 3rd Infantry Division in FTX Marne Rock. Following a Troop Change of Command, A Troop was back to the border “spending Christmas holidays there. The men joined the Christmas spirit by generously having parties for several orphanages in the border area. December was also the month for the AGI-CMI. A Troop came out first among all the reconnaissance troops. Returning to Christensen Barracks for the New Year, Troop A began preparing for the TCPC. All through the months of February and March the topic was TCPC.

In June, B Troop racked up an outstanding performance on the Squadron ATT; was awarded the Squadron All-Sports Trophy for the 2d year in a row; and went to the border where a Troop change of command was held. September found B Troop in Graf for annual small arms qualification and their soft ball team took the Squadron Championship for the second year in a row. In October, B Troop moved out with the Regiment for FTX Marne Rock and won the Squadron Championship in table tennis. B Troop then took off for the border and Thanksgiving dinner was held in Kronach [Border Camp]. December saw the troop return home to pass the AGI-CMI and give a Christmas dinner to the children of Creussen Orphanage. January found B Troop at Bad Kissingen assuming the border mission for the 2d Squadron 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment. March was spent in heavy training for tank gunnery.

C Troop has sponsored the Weileismuhle orphanage over the past few years. Contributions have been collected on each payday on a strictly voluntary basis. In September of 1962 presented the Weileismuhle Kinderheim Orphanage with an electric organ. In November of 1962, C Troop defeated the 3rd Squadron representatives to become the Regimental Football Champs. The team then journeyed to Bad Kissingen where they wallop the 28th Artillery. The following week during a snowy and freezing rain, C Troop lost to the Blackhorses of the 11th Cav by a heartbreaking score of 1-0. The Blackhorses went on to win the VII Corps Championship. In December of 1962, C Troop spent over $300.00 in order that 31 boys and girls could have a merry Christmas at the Kinderheim orphanage. Sergeant Foley’s Jazz Band entertained the children with Xmas Carols.”

D Troop has the distinction of being the oldest troop in the regiment; its history dating from action against the Seminole Indians on 19 July 1836.” In April, 1962 “D Troop went to Graf for the Squadron ATT and passed both phases with high ratings. July saw D Troop give the mounted parade in honor of the outgoing Squadron Commander…September brought NATO exercise Fallex with Marne Rock following in October. The troop passed the VII Corps AGI-CMI with no less than 14 superior ratings. At Christmas, D Troop co-sponsored with How Battery a party for the Kulmbach Orphanage and distributed candy to children over a wide area that made for a fine Yuletide. January saw D Troop get superior ratings in the VII Corps CBR test. D Troop also won the Squadron Small Bore Pistol and Total Championships. As this
yearbook goes to press, D Troop is preparing to go to Graf and start another successful year.

In July, Lt General C.H. Bonesteel III [then VII Corps CG] ‘dropped’ in on How Battery at Graf for a training inspection. September saw the Battery participate in Operation Fallex and in October FTX Marne Rock. December was the month that witnessed, for the first time, an Artillery Battery receiving the Regimental Troop of the Month Award. The Battery excelled in the annual VII Corps AGI-CMI inspection with an overall 18 superior ratings…The year 1963 started with the Battery being declared the Number One unit in VII Corps in CBR proficiency by the VII Corps inspection team.

2d Squadron Bamberg

Since 1 July 1961 Headquarters Troop has received two overall ratings of excellent in the VII Corps AGI-CMI inspections. Since September 1962, the troop has had a hundred percent participation in the Savings program. Among other accomplishments, Headquarters Troop has won the Squadron ‘Best Mess’ award five out of six months in 1962 and has retired the trophy.

During the month of May, E Troop moved to Graf and participated in extensive field training prior to the annual ATT conducted during the first week of June. The rating of ‘combat ready’ achieved by E Troop attested to the high state of training and readiness maintained by the unit. Upon returning to Bamberg, the unit fielded a fine softball team that won the Squadron Championship and placed second in the Regimental playoffs at Amberg. On 12 July 1962, while on border duty, the unit was visited by officers of the G-2 and G-3 sections of VII Corps. The unit received an over-all rating of excellent on the annual AGI-CMI to further attest to its combat readiness. During the month of February 1963 Troop E participated in the annual Squadron tank gunnery program at Graf, qualifying five out of its seven tanks.

Training and the duties of the border, kept F Troop on the move and out of garrison for 5 1/2 months out of the last nine months. July saw the AGI-CMI inspections in garrison and, in addition, M-14 [rifle] and .45 caliber qualifications. August saw the troop in Coburg maintaining the border station. In September, the 2d Squadron was in Graf with F Troop participating in water operations, M-60 MG transition firing, Davy Crockett training, .50 caliber test firing and mortar firing. F Troop participated in FTX Marne Rock in October. November witnessed the troop returning to Coburg for border duty. In December, the troop was in garrison for the holidays. January saw an all-out preparation for the upcoming TCPC in Graf. F Troop moved to Graf with the 2d Squadron in February for the annual TCPC firing. In March, the troop returned to Coburg for border duty.

The 4th of July found Troop G in Coburg on border duty. Back in Bamberg in July, the troop won the 2d Squadron ‘Mess and Re-enlistment Award’ for the third time in a row. After the VII Corps AGI-CMI, the troop was assigned the mission of supporting the Air Landed Alert Team in Bindlach in August. Back to Coburg in September for more border duty, the troop returned in October to participate in FTX Marne Rock. The month of November brought a change of command…The troop was on border duty at Christmas and gave a party for the underprivileged children in Coburg. January was spent preparing the equipment for the forthcoming tour in Graf in February 1963.

Troop H saw July dawn with preparations for the annual AGI-CMI. The troop came out with the best showing in Squadron. Also in July, Troop H won the Troop of the Month Award. September found itself with a new commander…who led the troop to success in Grafenwoehr during platoon tests. After returning to Bamberg, H Troop prepared to participate in FTX
Marne Rock against the 3rd Infantry Division. November kicked off with H Troop head over heels in Tank Gunnery training. Class work, practical exercises and subcaliber firing were the order of the day. H Troop went to the Tennelohe ranges [outside of Erlangen] for a week to fire the subcaliber tables and dry run TCPC. This was continued on a monthly basis in anticipation of the TCPC in February 1963. The troop had a 100% savings for 9 out of the 12 months and in April received the Minuteman Savings Award.

In May, How Battery held its ATT at Graf. After their ATT, the battery split into two parts. Part of the battery remained in Graf and part of it returned to Bamberg. Early in June, 33 selected men were sent to the 7th Army Noncommissioned Officers Academy at Bad Tolz to perform the duties of an honor guard. Before the battery was reunited in July…a new Captain took command. When the command was reassembled in July, it was time for the AGI-CMI. How Battery achieved the highest score in its history with total of 11 superiors and many excellent. September saw the battery go to Graf, fire 1200 rounds there and be filmed by the Big Picture for use in the Com Z story. After Graf, FTX Marne Rock followed and after Marne Rock an emphasis was placed on tank gunnery and a duty troop was established. The battery pulled extra duty to allow sufficient training time for the tankers. In January a section test was held and the areas covered by the test once more proved How Battery’s combat readiness.

3rd Squadron Amberg

On 10 July Headquarters Troop had a change of command with the troop executive officer assuming command (my friend then 1st Lt Moe Winter) on 14 August, the AGI-CMI team arrived and Headquarters Troop received the highest rating ever attained in this type of inspection. It was awarded an over-all rating of excellent and had no unsatisfactory areas. September and October were two months of hard work at Graf supporting the Platoon Testing program. In the month of November, the troop football team won the Squadron Championship and placed second in the Regimental tournament. The tank section scored 100% on its TCPC. In December the troop scored the second highest percent for the Regimental CBR test with a score of 90.7. January found the troop at Graf in support of the tank gunnery program. Although the weather ranged -8 to -18 degrees, the Squadron maintenance personnel work ‘round the clock to keep the tanks rolling, enabling a record number to qualify.

Troop I, following tank crew qualification firing in February and March, went from Graf immediately to the Camp Pitman border camp for its first border tour of the year. Following a short spring in garrison, by May-June they were back on the border where the yearbook narrative begins with: Troop I returned from border duty in June of 1962 and almost immediately took an active role in the Squadron ATT. On 19 June…” the troop said farewell to its commander, 1st Lt Edward W. (Joe) Newell…and the troop in “July and August found the troop attached to the 1st Squadron in Graf for field training and Platoon ATT’s. The August AGI-CMI rated Troop I as number one in Squadron. In the latter part of that month, I Troop participated in a field training exercise and river crossing at Regan while acting as an aggressor for the 11th Cavalry…September and October found the troop mostly occupied with border duty…November witnessed TCPC at Graf and I Troop qualified 6 out of its 7 tanks. Late December and all of January found the troop again pulling border duty.

On 1 May 1962, a new commander assumed command of K Troop. In June, the troop moved to Graf for the Squadron ATT. Independence Day saw Troop K participating in the NCO parade at Pond Barracks. In late July, K Troop began six weeks of border duty. While on this six week tour, they conducted 13 different VIP visits. During their tour they also received their AGI-CMI inspection. In September, K Troop returned from border duty and at the end of the
month were moved to Graf for Platoon Tests. All platoons were judged ‘combat ready’ and 3rd Platoon was named best platoon in 3rd Squadron. K Troop participated in FTX Marne Rock in October and prepared for its TCPC. In November, Troop K moved to Graf for the TCPC and S/Sgt Rogers[then a Specialist 5] and his tank crew of K-37 set a USAREUR record by firing a score of 1920 [in which he and his crew each received an instant promotion to the next higher rank]. In addition, Troop K qualified six out of its seven tanks. For its outstanding achievement, K Troop was selected as the 2d Armored Cavalry Troop of the Month. Troop K was on the border for Christmas and sponsored parties for German orphans and Camps Pitman [Weiden] and Gates [Brand by Marktredwitz]. It was back in Pond Barracks for New Years. On 7 February, 1963…”a new commander took command.

February of 1962 saw L Troop move to Graf for its Squadron ATT and to prepare for its TCPC. March saw the unit qualify 100% on its TCPC. That same month the troop left for Camp Gates and Weiden to perform border duty which it completed in April. In May, the troop won the Troop of the Month Award and the following month of June saw L Troop win the award again. Also in June, L Troop was in Graf for the Squadron ATT and Troop tests. Upon completion of their training, they departed for Camp Gates and Weiden to perform border duty. In August the unit participated in another Squadron FTX and September found L Troop participating in another Squadron ATT at Graf. October saw the unit leave Graf for Camp Gates and Weiden for yet more border duty. January of 1963 saw L Troop move back to Graf for a Squadron ATT and to prepare for its TCPC. The unit qualified 4 out of its 7 tanks in the TCPC. The end of January saw L Troop returning to the job of border duty.

In July of 1962, How Battery participated in the Squadron ATT at Graf. In July, the unit fired for the Volksfest being held in Graf. They fired high burst with H.E. by day and illumination at night. September and October saw the battery fire service practice for the 17th Artillery. In November and December, the unit fired illumination for the TCPC and for a radar observer school. January witnessed the arrival of a new first sergeant. The battery also provided illumination fire for the TCPC in January and the radar school again.

Editor Note: Among the mixture of three and four star general’s who came to visit the Regiment one notable visitor was the late Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and the man the Vatican appointed to look after members of his faith in the armed forces. He too visited the Regiment and in the back of the yearbook source, a picture of His Eminence blessing a Cav Trooper.

Thus ends our look at 1962 and 1963, fifty years ago in our Regiment. Tankers cannot forget the professionalism and tough grading and evaluations we received from the Tank Crew Evaluators from the 7th Army Combined Arms Training Center at Vilseck, and all who
Served then remember Camp Pitman in Weiden and Camp Gates outside of Brand/Marktredwitz. Camp Gates still exists today, but the buildings are in ruins, but our old camp flagpole is still in place.

Another 1961-2011 Post Script

Editor Note: With the loss of my computer’s electronic files, I think I failed identifying another fifty year milestone. The City of Grafenwohr was 650 years old in 2011. So let me remind all those Cold War Troopers a bit about the town that, when we went to Graf for training, usually remained off limits to any “touring.” I can tell you that those of us who were in Grafenwohr training did not celebrate the 600th anniversary of its founding. We stayed on the ranges, in the maneuver areas, and in the encampments.

The Town of Grafenwohr

No one actually knows when the first group of people began the settlement that would become Grafenwohr but some historians believe it was in the ninth century, and was selected in part because the area sat on a small peninsula between the rivers Creussen and Thumbach thus providing protection against other tribes. According to Paul Burckhardt, author of the 1984 book The Major Training Areas, the gathering in that spot “…led to the name of ‘Wert,’ later ‘Woehr’ for the settlement. This German word means ‘defendable position’ or ‘stronghold.’”

We do know that the then nominal rulers of the Oberfaltz area, the Counts of Leuchtenberg, did petition the Emperor Charlemagne (one source, or Emperor Karl IV, another source) and the town was granted a charter on 5 June 1361. The charter allowed the town to build a town wall and moat for defense, and to have a weekly market. Other rulers included the “Counts of Schweinfurt, the Lord Bishops of Bamberg…[and] during that period, the first half of the town’s name ‘Grafen,’ meaning ‘Counts,’ was added…” Therefore the name is “explained as the ‘Counts Stronghold’.”

Grafenwohr has seen its share of good and bad times. Founded in what is known today as the Dark Ages, it was a primitive existence with modest prosperity. Add in the Plague (better known as The Black Death) also in the 1300’s and life was a challenge. Outside events such as wars added to the burden of trying to stay alive in those early years.

During the Thirty Year War (1618-1648) which raged through central Europe, Grafenwohr was ravaged by invading forces many times. This was followed by the War of Spanish Succession and right afterwards, the War of Austrian Succession (1740-48). The words “marauding” and “vandalizing” armies are frequently found in Graf’s written history.

But it wasn’t just wars, because six large fires destroyed large parts of Grafenwohr in the 18th and 19th centuries. Local mining of iron ore and coal ended when the veins petered out further adding to the economic decline of the area.

A destructive side note. The lower “gate” or tower, built in 1608 to control entry into the center of town was destroyed in 1945 by the US Army to allow passage of tanks.

Grafenwohr Training Area

Part of what saved Grafenwohr was the decision by the Royal Bavarian Army to set up and develop a large military training area. It would eventually cover an area of 88.46 square miles (56,615 acres) and saw the destruction of several small villages as the ranges and maneuver
areas were expanded. Burckhardt also points out that the land had a “low agricultural value of the soil and little or no industry…” and this was so for the training area. Because of wet and swampy terrain, it was initially seen for the artillery but later approved for infantry and cavalry training.

I can recall riding in a convoy from Grafenwohr Training Area in the fall of 1959 back down to Amberg when our Troop Commander, then Captain Robert L. Schweitzer, stopped the convoy at the top of a hill overlooking the valley that Amberg occupied fifteen to twenty kilometers to our south. He told us, looking toward the agricultural fields, that the farmers in Amberg harvested their crops three weeks before that same farmer in Grafenwohr. He further pointed out the frost line we could see along the trees and fields to our north. Such was the weather patterns that affected the raising of crops.

The training area was slowly developed with the famous Water Tower built in 1908/09; the first artillery round fired in 1910. With World War I (1914-18) the training area again expanded and a Prisoner of War camp established for an average of 12,000 prisoners. In 1919 the German Army was limited to 100,000 troops and trained at Graf. With Hitler in power, he inspected the training area and troops in 1935. The training area was further expanded to the current 88+ square miles by 1939.

Grafenwohr Training Area was used extensively including allied foreign units and new German divisions. In 1945 the “post and town were severely bombed by the allies. 80 people killed on post, 24 in town. 80% of the post’s buildings destroyed.” With the arrival of the US 90th Infantry Division, 3rd US Army, the area was occupied. Grafenwohr was then used as a troop garrison for US occupation troops but by 1947, it began to again be used as a training area. Billions of US dollars were invested and, along with troop efforts (i.e., 4,000 troops of the 18th Engineer Brigade in 1982) the range upgrade program was completed. These are the ranges used by the Regiment today.

As a side note, the basic buildings in now Rose Barracks were constructed. One of course was the “South Camp Vilseck” headquarters, now occupied by the Regiment.

Thanks to the book The Major Training Areas: Grafenwoehr/Vilseck Hohenfels Wildflecken; Paul Burckhardt, 1984, “Der Neue Tag,” 8480 Weiden, Germany, we have this history. Burckhardt, a native of nearby Auerbach, took his basic training at Grafenwohr, fought at Normandy, and spent four years as a Prisoner of War, was hired in 1948 by the Grafenwohr Training Area and spent his civilian career working on post. Thank you Herr Burckhardt for your interesting book covering so much local history. Editor
Board of Governor Minutes
November 14, 2012
Telephonic Conference

Members of the Board Present

GEN John Tilelli, USA, Retired, Chairman
Bill Bewley, President
Chris Golden, Executive Director
Tom Stewart, Member
Bill Barry, Member
John Walker, Member

Other Invitees Participating

None

Invited but Not Participating (Work Conflicts)

Frank Hurd, Treasurer
Tom Molino, USA, Retired 67th Colonel
Mike Davis, Vice President for Membership
Jim Van Patten, Vilseck Chapter
Bill Heidner, Member
COL Keith A. Barclay, 76th Colonel
Ned Devereaux, Recorder
John Hillen
Vic Martinez, Member

President Welcome and Comments:

Bill Bewley opened the meeting at approximately 1330 with welcoming comments to all attendees. Bill announced that he and Chris Golden will be attending the change of command ceremony in Vilseck on January 22, 2013. The incoming commander COL D. A. Sims, former 1/2 SCR Commander will assume command as our 77th Commander of the Regiment from COL Keith Barclay, 76th Commander of the Regiment. COL Sims will be immediately challenged with continuing the regiment's readiness to deploy and then serving in combat again during his command tour. The regiment will deploy to Afghanistan in early summer 2013. This deployment will be different in that the Regiment's role will be advisory and because of troop level restrictions in Afghanistan mean that 1/3 of the Regiment will remain in Vilseck. It was emphasized in discussion that we stand ready to assist the Regiment in any and all ways possible during this deployment and wish them a successful and safe tour.

Bill announced that COL (Ret) John Eberle, the 66th Commander of the Regiment, has been selected by COL Sims to be the next Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. Our congratulations to John for his selection for this honored position.

The minutes of the last meeting were presented and accepted by unanimous vote.

Chairman’s Comments:

General Tilelli thanked the Association Board and our membership for our continued support to the soldiers of the regiment and their families. He further emphasized that we are challenged with
association membership and we must do all we can to encourage new and renewal members or chance being another “association on the trash heap of history” for military associations. He strongly urged that we work with the Regimental command team to encourage serving Dragoons to join and support their professional Association. This challenge is a serious one that we must and will address as a team. He believes our incoming commander will continue to support our efforts and embrace the traditions of the Regiment. He also agreed with Bill that we must support #77 and the deployed formation in all ways possible.

Old Business:

Financial Summary: 2012 started with $40,075.09; income YTD of $11,495.34 and expenses of $18,140.35 leaving a loss of $6,645.01. With the reserve account, our total balance is $66,922.86. We would have a much greater loss but Chris Golden, our Executive Director, has chosen to forgo his compensation for the time being. We are still essentially in good shape financially. Bill continues to emphasize to all members that donations are needed and encouraged as we prepare for the upcoming deployment and the need for funding in support of troop and family needs.

Project Status:

“Dragoon for Life”: Print sales continue though at a slower pace than in the past. This project remains our best money making project.

2013 Reunion:
The next reunion will be held in Gettysburg, October 3-6, 2013. The details of this event are being advertised in separate mailings to the membership and the Thoroughbred. This will be a very special event as the 150th anniversary of the battle is celebrated in 2013. The regiment fought in this battle which we will be highlighting in preparation for the reunion event. There will be a full agenda of fun and exciting activities in Gettysburg for us all to enjoy, a general outline of which is listed below. Please plan to attend and we all owe a debt of gratitude to Tim White, our reunion committee chairman for his hard work to put this reunion together. More to follow – PLEASE plan to attend!

Thursday, October 3: Golf outing, conference registration and evening cocktails at Eisenhower Hotel
Friday, Oct 4: Antietam battlefield tour & lunch at The Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV
Saturday, Oct 5: Gettysburg battlefield tour & banquet
Sunday, Oct 6: Check out

NOTE: There will be plenty of free time for all of us to enjoy the area during our stay in Gettysburg.

Thoroughbred Newsletter:
The upcoming edition should be finished this weekend and sent to Tom Stewart. It begins the theme “The Road to Gettysburg” and subsequently the April 2013 and August 2013 will focus on our Regimental history up to Gettysburg and the follow on actions taken against the Army of Northern Virginia. This is done to encourage our members to attend the reunion in October 2013.

Sutler’s Store:

Bill Heidner has identified several items for sale in time for Christmas. These will be included in the December edition of The Thoroughbred. We have $2,500 in our store account and we are fully stocked in preparation for the holiday season and in hopes we will see a spike in sales from the regiment following the holiday season.
Membership: As reported by Chris Golden, Executive Director

The Association membership rolls have a total of 1852 listed today. That number consists of 1370 active members and 482 expired members. Most have not renewed their memberships. This was not unexpected.

We publish a reminder email to all expired members once per month. In October we also mailed 37 notices to expired members via the post office. The result was 24 membership renewals over the last two months.

Year to date (YTD) we have had approximately 65 new members. Last year at this time we had a total of 574 new memberships.

Comment: Gen Tilelli asked what I felt was the cause of this change. The response was that at the end of a deployment we tend to get a lot of new memberships and donations caused by; battle buddies, first combat, support of the memorial, etc.

What was not mentioned was that last year’s spike in membership was driven by the NCO leadership in two of the squadrons. Emphasis by CSM and 1SG leaders have generally driven new enlisted memberships. On the other hand officer membership in the association has been driven by commanders. In a word “leadership” determines the success or failure of this professional association’s membership in the serving regiment.

Reed Museum:

Work continues on upgrading and improving the Museum and Regimental Heritage Center. A museum update will be included in the next edition of The Thoroughbred.

Next Meeting: To be announced at later date.

With no other business identified for discussion, the meeting was closed at 2:05 pm EST.

Ned Devereaux, Recorder

Reed Museum Update

As I sit down to write this update, it is hard to put to words all of the changes to the museum. The museum has a lot of moving parts and with the great support and dedication from the Reed Museum staff and the Regiment we have been able to keep the machine running and moving forward. As always, money is a challenge for the museum and fortunately we have been able to navigate through many of the log jams thanks to great support from the RCO, Colonel Keith Barclay, the DCO, LTC Mike Bramblett, the RXO, Major Anthony Murtha, the Regimental Staff, and especially the RS4 office and Major Micah Hutchins.

When most people think museums, they immediately associate it with exhibits and display cases. This is a big part of what goes on at our museum, but there is also a lot of behind the scenes stuff that is essential to the overall mission, without the great dedication and hard work of our Museum Technician, Mr. Jim Zadra and the museum NCOIC, Specialist Eric Rennier, a lot of these things would never get done. We are lucky to have such great people associated to the museum program, and through this the museum is able to provide a top notch facility for the Regiment, veterans, and the community.
Here is a breakdown of some of the recent accomplishments at the museum:

**Exhibits/Gallery:**

- **Security System:** We received news in August that our security system has been funded and will be installed in the near term. The Security system is integral to the overall security plan for the museum and will insure the security of the artifacts in the museum and will allow us to display high value items and weapons in our gallery. This is a big deal as it is a regulatory requirement and without it we basically cannot set up the gallery.

- **Display Cases:** We have secured funding and have made it through the design phase of the display cases that will be used inside the museum gallery. These cases are being made in house to save costs to the Army and the Regiment. The design will allow for maximum flexibility in the gallery, while also providing the museum with a transportable, high quality display case that can be utilized in any setting. So, if and when the museum moves again, these cases can easily be transported to the new location, be set up immediately; thereby, cutting down the turnaround time for the museum from one post to another. At the time of this newsletter fabrication of the cases should have already begun.

- **Exhibit Design:** We are in the process of completing the final design of the exhibit gallery, and traditions room, funding has been secured to support the fabrication of artifact mounts, text panels, graphic boards, and repair/update for some of the legacy pieces that were used in previous Reed Museum displays. This is in conjunction with the display cases being built.

**Collections Management:**

When we cracked open the containers two years ago, we found a lot of unprocessed or unassociated items. Through the hard work of Mr. Jim Zadra and SPC Eric Rennier, we have been able to sort through these items and in many cases re-associate items to larger collections of artifacts or actually rebuild collections. By doing so, we are insuring that all the items donated by an individual are identified and accounted for. This has been a monumental project, and through their hard work, we have a better understanding of the depth of our collection, which directly affects our ability to tell the Regiment’s story and train the Soldiers of the Regiment on their history.

**Donations:**

Right now, we are very interested in hearing from our WWII Veterans concerning their service and also any possible donations they may have for the museum. We are specifically looking for the following items: Uniforms; Pictures; Equipment; and Letters/Journals/Diaries. In general we are interested in items from any period. However, we are only looking for items that were used by members of the Regiment during their service in the Regiment and would like them as complete as possible (leave the medals on your coat for instance). Also please contact the Reed Museum before sending anything unsolicited. Please plan on including photographs of the items so we can make an informed decision. We can be contacted through the following methods:

- Email: ryan.t.meyer2.civ@mail.mil
- Mailing Address: 2d Cavalry Regiment-C/O Reed Museum-UNIT 28920-APO AE 09112-9820
- Phone number: 011 49 9662-83-5700 (we are in Central European time, we are 7 hours ahead of Central Standard Time in the US).

As the holiday seasons approach, I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  Ryan
HONOR GUARD CASE

The Reed Museum Traditions room pays homage to the first incarnation of the Museum. Originally called the Trophy Room, it served as a display area for trophies, partnership gifts, and items of historical significance, while also serving as the command conference room. The centerpiece of this room was a display showing the uniforms of the historic color guard. The Trophy Room was located in Merrell Barracks, Nurnberg Germany, which served as the Headquarters of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment during the Cold War. After the death of Colonel Charles H. Reed in 1980, the trophy room was re-designated as the “Reed Museum.”

For most of the 20th Century, the Regimental Color Guard and Band were outfitted in the 1833 Dragoon Dress uniform, which was the first dress uniform for the 2nd Regiment of Dragoons. The eight pointed star located on the shako (hat) is known as a Dragoon Star and was the inspiration behind one of the three symbols used in the Regiment’s Distinctive Unit Insignia. The uniform’s design served two purposes. Not only did it give a professional military appearance based on European military fashion of the time period, but it also was designed to impress the Native American population.

The two different colors of coats in the 1833 Dragoon dress uniforms served as an identifier to the type of duties the soldier wearing the coat was assigned. Blue was used as the standard color for the rank and file Dragoon, red was worn by musicians. In the 19th Century military structure, musicians played an important role as communication tools on the battlefield. It was important that the commander of a formation could quickly identify the musicians during the heat of battle in order to convey orders; hence, the wear of different colored coats.
Regimental Names in the News

Congratulations (belatedly) to two stalwart former Troop Commanders in 2d Squadron. H.R. McMasters, E Troop, was promoted to Major General and assumed command of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning Georgia on 13 June 2012. Not to be outdone, Anthony R. Ierardi, F Troop, was promoted to Major General, and on the Army birthday 14 June 2012, assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood. Both served together in the Regiment during Desert Storm.

Congratulations as well to the 75th Regimental Command Sergeant Major Mark Morris, who declined a move to become a Division CSM and instead chose to retire and with his family move to Atlanta, Georgia. Mark was last reported working as a civilian contractor back in Afghanistan. We in the Association wish Mark the very best and hope he will bless us with his presence at an upcoming Association reunion.

Other leaders who served with Mark and the 75th Colonel Jim Blackburn have moved to new assignments as well. Colonel Omar Jones (2/2) assumed command of the 2d Brigade Combat Team 4th Infantry Division in July. Colonel Bryan Denny (3/2) is enjoying a year as a student at the Army War College, and Colonel Chris Boyle (4/2) is the G-3 3d Infantry Division in Regional Command South. Congratulations to CSM Jeremiah Inman on his assuming the duties as the Brigade CSM 197th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning last month. Dragoon’s for Life all.

Ailing: Our thoughts and prayers are with the 60th Colonel, Robert E. Wagner also known as The Dueler during his time with the Regiment 1979-1981. Now residing in an adult care center in Smithfield, VA near his daughter, he is still physically able to return a sharp salute with a smile.

Fellow members of the Association, this is a way for us to help keep track of our own. Send the editor, Chris Golden or Bill Bewley, news updates for inclusion in each Thoroughbred edition. Pictures are welcome too! Let’s do more together to keep informed on the “whereabouts and doings” of our fellow Cavalry Brothers.

Fiddlers Green

We were informed in October that Robert Greenway, passed away in Florida on August 26, 2011. His widow Elinor reported that “…he enjoyed his contacts with the 2d Cavalry and the Constabulary Association.” In a follow up message, she wrote: “The reason that Robert and I moved to Florida (other than the snow) was that our son and his family were in Orlando. It is fortunate for me that we made the move since although I had many more friends in Lexington than I have in Orlando, it is wonderful to be close to family. So, I am doing very well and thank you for your concern. Robert was buried with military honors in the Veteran's section of Woodlawn Cemetery in Gotha, Florida; it’s a small town next to Orlando. With best wishes to you and the 2nd Cavalry Association. “

We received notice of the death of Cistone Daniela, Senior., Dec. 18, 2011, age 89. Beloved husband of Josephine (nee Altomare). A Veteran of WW II and a member of Our Lady of Consolation Seniors, Southampton PA. Interment was at St. Dominic Cemetery in Southampton.

Edwin Cordeiro, Los Banos, California, November 6, 1926 - December 12, 2009, Age 83. No further information was available at press time.

All three of these gentlemen were members of the Association and “The Greatest Generation.” We thank them for their service and offer to their families our thoughts and prayers.
Christmas Sale From The SPUR OF THE MOMENT

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The 2d Cavalry Association supports active programs that benefit the Active Regiment and their families as well as our Alumni. If you like to donate in support of those activities please add your donation to the amount of your check – a minimum donation of $20 goes a long way toward making our projects successful. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Toujours Prêt!
Resources

History of the Association:

The Second Cavalry Association was founded in 1899, after the Spanish-American War. It is a private organization of individuals who have served with the regiment. It stands today as the first and oldest veterans organization established around a particular unit. Membership is open to any member or former member of the Regiment, and includes a subscription to the official Association newsletter, The Thoroughbred.

Our purpose is three fold; Support our veterans, Preserve and Share Our History, and to Support Our Regiment whenever the need arises.

We are “Always Ready”! (Toujours Prêt!)

2d Cavalry Association Websites:

- Public Portal: http://dragoons.org/
- History site: http://history.dragoons.org/
- On line gathering site: http://dragoonbase.ning.com/
- Membership: http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=162737
- Donations: http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevaid=162395
- On line Sutler’s Store (Spur of the Moment): http://www.secondcavalry.com/cubecart/

Donations and membership can also be accessed through the “Spur of the Moment” site.

The Active Regiment:

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