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Photo taken and provided by Sgt Gerald Wilson, Regimental PAO.

“Today we honor and remember our fallen. We gather here in this place of honor to pay tribute to them...., to remind ourselves why we serve..., to remind ourselves of our fallen brothers who selflessly served, to remind us who fell fighting savages to bring peace to people who have only known war. “75th Colonel of the Regiment Jim Blackburn at the Vilseck Regimental Memorial 22 July 2011

THE NATION’S FIRST AND OLDEST UNIT-RELATED VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION

Regimental Memorial Re-Dedication

We began to gather an hour or so before the Regiment assembled for the purpose of uncasing the colors, and rededicating the Regimental Memorial. The Gold Star families (we had 84 family members) from the US would receive a special recognition in a nearby building sponsored by the 2d Cavalry Regiment Foundation after the ceremony. We watched as the Regiment began marching up from their barracks to assume six formations, gathering along side the seventy four trees planted to represent each of our fallen from their two tours in Iraq and the most recent deployment to Afghanistan. Soon the grounds were covered with Troopers, representing the full Regiment aligned by Squadron, each fronted by troop colors. Family members sat under a tent to the side of the monument, and hundreds of spectators lined the street, among them wounded 2nd SCR members.



The ceremony started with a formal uncasing of the colors, a ceremony merged into the Friday activities due to serious rain and weather on the previous day. The choice of changing the day was made by the 75th Colonel, and each Squadron Commander heartily agreed. It pleased the troopers too, to skip a separate event in the soaking rain. As an old retired Sergeant Major observed, “it’s no longer practical to practice to be miserable. We’ve done that; we have the t-shirt.” Each of the Squadron colors were unfurled, as were the (continued on page 3)

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the Regimental colors representing 175 years of Regimental history. It brought tears to old soldier's eyes. And then the purpose of the ceremony began.

The RCO Jim Blackburn spoke to the assembled Regiment, Gold Star families and guests. "We wrote history, and we sacrificed much" the RCO commented, but he also commented "we provided the Afghan people with a chance, an opportunity for peace and freedom." He also shared with us a farewell letter written to the Regiment from General David Patraeus. The letter ended with a personal penned note..."Toujours Pret! Well done." The letter, now framed, resides in the Reed Museum and Regimental Heritage Center. At last came the reading of the names by RCSM Mark Morris, a 21-gun rifle salute, taps, and the ceremony was concluded. Then troopers, family members and guests were given another opportunity to visit the Memorial and reflect on the 74 names.

Then, Chris Golden and Bill Bewley took on the task of honoring each Gold Star family with a life membership in the Association. Then the crowd of guests began to drift away. Good job guys.



The 2011 Addition to the Regimental Memorial



**2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 2011
DEAR FELLOW DRAGOONS:**



Greetings to you all! Since our last publication of The Thoroughbred the Regiment has redeployed from Afghanistan and we have completed the transition to a new command team led by COL Keith Barclay and assisted by the soon to depart CSM Mark Morris. On behalf of our entire membership I want to wish COL Barclay, CSM Morris, and incoming RCSM Parrish our best wishes as they move forward with a new team and to assure them that our Association eagerly looks forward to serving the Regiment with them during their command tenure. *Toujours Prêt* sir!

While in Germany I was privileged to attend the rededication of the 2D Cavalry Memorial. While seated at the memorial site on a beautiful German day those in attendance witnessed the Regiment of over 4,000 strong in formation on the memorial site in honor of 20 brave Cavalryman lost in Afghanistan whose names have now been added to this wall of honor. Their families were present as their names were read by CSM Morris in a moving and very emotional event. Words are very difficult to come by that can describe the emotion of such an event and in no way can I describe the feeling of loss by the families and fellow soldiers and friends of the fallen in combat. I can say I would not have wanted to be any other place on earth that day than right there representing each of you. God bless the young men lost in the service of our nation and God bless their families who have suffered their loss.

I was also privileged to spend time with Dragoons in celebration of being home during the locally sponsored welcome home ceremonies. I am pleased to report spirits are high and there is a sense of pride and mission accomplishment that you can all be proud of among the troopers I spoke with during my weeklong visit. I am hopeful that Jim Van Patten will be successful in signing many of them up as members of our newly established Vilseck 2D Cavalry Association Chapter. We need young members, especially serving members of the Regiment to fill our ranks. My congratulations to Jim for getting the Chapter established and I pledge our support to him and his team in making it successful soon.

A few more points:

1. Our art project – “Draagoon for Life” – will be unveiled at our reunion in November. This project has been over a year in the making and I promise you there is something in this work of art for us all. Our goal is for you all to be the proud owner of this work of art soon!

2. Reunion 10-13 November at the Sheraton Premier in McLean, VA – Please plan to join us for what is sure to be a great time for Cavalryman and their families to enjoy a great time together. Information on the event is in this edition of the Thoroughbred or you can contact me (bbewley@bewleycapital.com), Mike Davis (MICHEALEP@cs.com) or Chris Golden (chris.skylion@gmail.com) at anytime for assistance.

3. Thanks to our contributors! For those of you who generously gave to our memorial fund, wounded warrior fund or to the general operations fund, thanks! We can't operate without the generosity of our membership.

God bless you all! See you in November!

Bill

The Regimental Change of Command July 2011

It was a warm and sunny day on 27 July; actually quite warm for those of us in suit and tie, as we began to gather at the Vilseck High School football field for a wide sweeping Regimental Change of Command. The changes included the departure of the 75th Colonel James R. Blackburn Jr, and members of his “Team 75”, with 1st, 2d, 3d and Fires Squadrons changing command as well.

Among the distinguished guests were US Army Europe Commander Lt Gen Mark P. Hertling and Maj Gen James C. Boozer Sr. Deputy USAREUR CG, and several members of the 2d Cavalry Association, who traveled to Germany for the Regimental Week. This was their final activity.

Massed across the western side of the football field were all four line Squadrons, Fires and Regimental Support Squadron (RSS) joined by a detachment of Bundeswehr soldiers from the partnership unit in Amberg. There were at least 1,200 Troopers representing the Regiment standing tall, many with the Regimental patch as their combat patch.

It was a “typical” change of command with an introduction of the official party (read distinguished guests), flowers presented to Mrs. Blackburn and each of the outgoing Squadron ladies among others, an invocation and national honors. That is also when it became interesting as the cannons from Fires Squadron began their twenty-one gun salute.



A young boy had been walking his dog along the main street overlooking the football field. At the sound of the first gun, the dog slipped its collar, and with the young boy chasing after and calling, the dog took off (continued on page 6)

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as if he could hear the artillery round coming directly behind him. As I looked out of the corner of my eye, the last thing I saw was that dog heading toward the Regimental headquarters, before I turned my attention to the honors being rendered.

Sergeant Jose G. Arocha was honored with the presentation of the Silver Star for heroism on 19 March 2011 in Afghanistan (see accompanying story) before the inspection of the troops. Then each Squadron in turn changed command and the outgoing commanders were then able to join their ladies under the tent and out of the direct sun light (a sometimes oddity in Germany). Then it was time for Colonel Blackburn to give up his command to the 76th Colonel, Keith A. Barclay. After the 75th and Maj Gen Boozer returned to the podium, Maj Gen Boozer made some comments about the Regiment, a “unique and historic outfit” in his words.

Boozer highlighted some of the Regiment’s accomplishments. These included multinational training exercises with Romanian and Georgian forces; the most successful of the largest readiness exercise held at Hohenfel’s Joint Multinational Training Center (JMTC) in 25 years; a community engagement program Boozer called “second to none”; and most notable, the Regiment’s deployment to Afghanistan’s Zabul Province. “Simply put, Jim,” Boozer said, “you commanded and led this Regiment into another remarkable chapter of its history.”

Colonel Blackburn had an opportunity to speak to his troops for the last time, and then Colonel Barclay had the opportunity to have the last word in speaking to the Regiment: “It’s quite a humbling honor to be part of this historic Regiment” he said. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the troopers and the families of this Regiment as their 76th Colonel.” With that, the ceremony was concluded; troops marched off the field, distinguished guests left for a social affair in downtown Vilseck, and people gathered to say good-bye to both the 75th Colonel and his RCSM, Mark Morris.



The 75th Colonel of the Regiment COL James Blackburn and Editor Ned Devereaux

"Team 75: Some Editor Thoughts"

When the 75th Colonel stood to speak to his Regiment for the last time, he turned to the side and spoke directly to two of his former noncommissioned officers from his days as a 2d Lieutenant. "I am still justifying my promotion to 1st Lieutenant," he remarked, reflecting back on his training as a Lieutenant by his noncommissioned officers.

Colonel Blackburn, I have to tell you that greatly honored all the retired noncommissioned officers present that day, even those from "higher numbered Cavalry Regiments," with your thoughtful recognition that day.

Not present for your comments, but equally pleased by what you said, was Don Stump, your first tank Platoon Sergeant, who still refers to you as a "young rascal!" As I began this article, I called Don and reported your remarks. He remains very proud of you and what you have accomplished as Regimental Commander and throughout your career. Also, I can assure you that former Platoon Sergeant Rob Sisco, another of your I Troop tank platoon mentors, is equally proud, as are "Sticks" Briggs, Chuck Crocker, Bill Clark and the rest of the "Magnificent Seven," including myself.

Many years ago, Jim Legon, the V Corps Command Sergeant Major (who was once an Infantryman and even commanded a tank in M Company in Amberg at one time) made it his mission to talk with noncommissioned officers in V Corps about their responsibilities as trainers of Lieutenants. His simple mission statement changed a bit over the years, but today it reads: "Train them as Lieutenants so we may proudly show them off in companies as Captains." We adopted that mission statement years ago in our "Operation Striper" program, so we know that it worked throughout the Army.

But what actually gave me the idea of telling the world about young Lieutenant Blackburn was not memories of times past, but what you said during your change out of command about "Team 75," you and your Regimental Command Sergeant Major. They were very wise comments borne of great experience in both peacetime duty and the searing cauldron of combat. You elaborated on your command philosophy and what you and Regimental Command Sergeant Major Mark Morris tried to achieve during your time with the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment. Some of your comments to your troops and guests included these observations:

'We established our climate here around serving Soldiers, recognizing that it is our obligation as leaders to put Soldiers in a position to be successful and ruthlessly weeding out and eliminating abusive leaders who think Soldiers are assigned to serve them.'

'Mark and I woke up every day to see if there was any way we could better position our subordinates to be successful in the Army and in life. As we said all along, Sergeant Major Morris and I were interested in Dragoons for Life, not just a three-year PCS tour.'" (Paraphrased from an article by Sergeant Jerry Wilson, Regimental PAO)

Colonel Blackburn, American Soldiers deserve to have officers like you in command. Officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers of the Regiment recognize (continued on Page 8)

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your contribution to their successes. Your leadership lessons always will be remembered and appreciated. I was glad to be present amongst the group of noncommissioned officers from times long past on that day to show off “our Lieutenant Blackburn” as the 75th Colonel of the 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment. Always Ready, Sir!

Ned Devereaux, Dragoon for Life.

The Regiment’s New Leaders: a Short Introduction

Editor Note: The Regiment has been particularly well served by excellent Squadron and Regimental leadership. Given that the Regiment has a major change in senior officer leadership at the same time; it helps to understand a bit about those senior officers who are now serving in senior leadership positions. (Note: The information below was taken from the Change of Command Ceremony booklet.)

Regimental Commander: Colonel Keith A. Barclay, Armor, assumed command as the 76th Colonel on July 27. His most recent command was 3rd Squadron 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment (“Brave Rifles”) in Mosel, Iraq. Previous assignments include the Squadron S-3 and Executive Officer of the 1st Squadron 4th Cavalry in Schweinfurt Germany and Tikrit Iraq as well as the Plans Officer for the 1st Infantry Division. He commanded twice at the company level in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson. He began his career as a Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer with 4-64 Armor at Fort Stewart. He replaced the 75th Colonel James R. Blackburn, Jr. who has moved to Forces Command as the Executive Assistant to the Forces Command CG at Fort Bragg, NC.



1st Squadron Commander: LTC Kendric H. Robbins, Armor, assumed command of the 1st Squadron. He has wide ranging staff and leadership experience. His most recent troop assignment was as the Executive Officer and Operations Officer of Task Force 2-6 Infantry, 2d Brigade, 1st Armored Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He too has experience in the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment serving as the commander of the (Continued on page 9)

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Regimental Headquarters Troop and commander of K Troop in Bosnia. LTC Robbins started his career as a platoon leader and executive officer in 2-63 Armor, 3d Brigade 1st Infantry Division. He replaced LTC Douglas A. Sims II who will be a Senior Service College Fellow to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

2d Squadron Commander: LTC Michael G. Pratt, Infantry, assumed command of the 2d Squadron. Like the others, he has a wide range of leadership and staff positions. He began his career as a rifle platoon leader in the 1st Battalion 5th Infantry, with follow up assignments as the battalion support platoon leader and HHC XO at Fort Hood and in Southwest Asia. Follow on assignments include the 3d Battalion 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), 1st Brigade 82nd Airborne, and with the 1st Battalion 504th PIR during the surge in eastern Baghdad. He replaced LTC (P) Omar J. Jones IV who was selected to attend the National War College.

3rd Squadron Commander: LTC Christopher J. Keller, Infantry, assumed command of the 3d Squadron. He began his career as a rifle platoon leader, company XO, battalion adjutant and B Company commander in the 5th Battalion 87th Infantry. He later went on to command Company A and subsequently HHC 1st Battalion 12th Infantry. LTC Keller is no stranger to the Regiment having served as the Operations Officer of the 1st Squadron at Rose Barracks and Squadron Executive Officer during the Regiment's deployment to Iraq with combat operations in Sadr City, Adhamiyah and Mosul, Iraq. He replaced LTC Bryan E. Denny who had served with the Regiment almost continually since June 2006 in a variety of assignments. LTC Denny has moved to Hohenfels and the JMTC where units training to deploy to either Iraq or Afghanistan can take advantage of his wide range of experiences.

Fires Squadron: LTC Anthony Lugo, Field Artillery. LTC Lugo started his career with the 82nd Airborne Division as a company fire support officer in an infantry battalion before serving with his artillery battalion; he then returned to the 2nd Battalion 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment as the Battalion Fire Support Officer. LTC Lugo had two follow up commands, a firing battery Observer/Controller at the JRTC, and eventually served as the Brigade Fire Support Officer for the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy before becoming the operations officer and later executive officer for the 4th Battalion 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173d AB in Bamberg Germany. LTC Lugo replaced LTC Steven A. Bergosh.

Silver Star Presentation

As a part of the Regimental Change of Command ceremony, the United States Army Europe Commander Lt Gen Mark Hertling made a personal visit to award the Silver Star to 4th Squadron Sergeant Jose Arocha. He was awarded the medal for his heroic and selfless act on 19 March 2011. Then Corporal Arocha stopped an insurgent disguised as a civilian security guard from killing him and his fellow troopers after the insurgent opened fire inside Forward Operating Base Fronstence in Sha Wali Kot Afghanistan. And from a personal observation, Sgt Arocha was standing tall in battle uniform topped with his blue Stetson cavalry hat to receive his award. Our Association acknowledges Sergeant Arocha for his bravery under fire; job well done.

Wrap-up of the Vilseck Visit

Ned Devereaux, Editor

During the time before and after the Regimental Week, we were able to wander about. I thought I would also include some of my observations. I would like to thank both the 75th Colonel Jim Blackburn and RCSM Morris for their hospitality, and especially the 75th for taking so much time from our Association gathering to just chat. Furthermore, I would like to thank the 76th Colonel Keith Barclay for taking time out during his walking about to have a cup of coffee and also just chat. He was escorted by the incoming 3d Squadron XO Major Stewart who also took time to simply make sure we were welcomed and were seen as part of the extended Regimental family.

I regret not doing a full story on the cavalry hat worn by 3d Squadron commander Bryan Denny. I do know he first wore it when he was assigned to 1st Squadron 4th Cavalry and it showed the worst for wear during the Regimental Week courtesy of the dust and sweat of Afghanistan aided by something called “matv juice” that spilled on the hat one time. And finally, there is a hole in the top of the interior of the cavalry hat that ties into the days when LTC Denny was stationed in Schweinfurt. And thanks to LTC Denny for always keeping me informed via your magnificent monthly report to family and friends of 3rd Squadron.

When the Regiment deployed to combat in Afghanistan, about 4,500 family members remained in Vilseck while their spouses were “down range.” That might have had an impact on the Trooper activities when they returned to Germany. Years ago we might have had to put some of the bars and gasthaus’ off limits because of trooper enthusiasm for drinks and a bit of mayhem. Instead I was informed that the single biggest complaint was loud noise early in the morning. It seemed many of the Troopers gathered at someone’s house, brought out a grill, and grilled steaks and other goodies while enjoying others company. Their voices would grow louder and on occasion, the German police were called. In every incident reported to me, the troopers thanked the police, and moved indoors so as to not bother the neighbors.

We couldn’t help but notice four young people breaking bread at the Burger King on post at noon one day. A young white couple was joined by an African-American trooper and a trooper of obvious Hawaiian decent. It was clear that the three men had served closely together, and they had a strong friendship. I wanted to ask if this was going to continue, but instead reflected back, briefly, to what it was like back in a state-side assignment after Vietnam circa 1971. These four young people are on to something most positive for the Regiment and the country as “Friend’s Forever.”

I had an opportunity to talk with five newly assigned Troopers. They had arrived in March and after in-processing, spent most of their time on PT and “weird” (their word) details. One of them, an Army brat, had been to Germany before with his father. When asked what they were doing during their off duty time, they replied “nothing.” I suggested there were many tours to take to better understand Germany...maybe they will have an NCO leader who will take an interest in getting them involved in off-post activities on weekends. At least I hope so.

Thanks also to the “8th” Squadron commander who did so much to keep the Regimental Association informed. (Continued on Page 11)

Wrap-up Continued

And finally thanks to Jerry Wilson, Regimental PAO, who was kind enough to first tell me about the great picture he took of the massed Regiment at the Regimental Monument, but who also provided me with a copy to use in this edition. When I first saw the cover page, I got tears in my eyes. So thanks Jerry; good job mate.

Special Recognitions

While in Vilseck for the Regimental Week we were reminded that at the Regimental Memorial there is a tree planted for each of our fallen at no cost to the memorial fund. When all bureaucratic efforts to obtain the trees failed, members of the Regiment resorted to personal relationships. Now, the Regiment was successful in obtaining a total of seventy-four German maple trees, each one representing one of the fallen. So we owe a big thank you to the Director of Grafenwohr Forstamt (Forest Office) Herr Ulrich Maushake for his efforts.

Board Member and Vilseck Chapter member Jim Van Patten wanted to acknowledge the efforts of several people who played an integral role in the recently concluded Regimental Week:

MSG Robert P. Reed – RHHT 2SCR ENGR NCOIC: Robert was instrumental in working the upgrade of the Regiment's Memorial at Rose Barracks Vilseck. He was involved with the concept, design, execution and payment. His efforts not only insured that our recent fallen comrades were memorialized, but also improved the memorial site and saved the Association Euro 1837.00 in Value Added Taxes through the FMWR VAT process. Without his efforts the cost would have been much more and would not have achieved the impact this memorial site provides. (The Association donated Euro 9670.00 for the upgrades for the memorial.)

CPT Arvind Dayal - 4/2 SCR Rear-D OIC: Arvind was the go to guy for the Regimental week coordination and execution. He was the leader on the ground who we that went to most for questions; issues and answers on behalf of the Regiment. This included information and coordination prior to the events and during the week. The success of Regimental Week was surely impacted by Arvind's efforts and surely appreciated.

Mr. Ryan Meyer - Reed Museum and 2nd Regiment of Dragoons Heritage Center: Although Ryan's efforts to reestablish the Reed Museum are still in the infancy stages, his efforts to get something pulled together for Regimental week were huge. Given that the Garrison had not even received the facility back from the contractor for the renovations, Ryan and his team were able to provide an expertly crafted glimpse of the Regimental History and Museum future. His concept for the renovation of the Museum is turning into reality and will surely be the highlight for Cavalrymen to visit once completed. He is bringing back to life our Regiment's History and helping with our customs and traditions for future generations.

Well done to all three of the Cavalrymen! Thanks. (Continued on Page 12)

Special Recognitions Continued

Rick Pomerance, former Editor of the monthly Dragoon Newspaper during the Cold War years, is thanked for his donation of five years of newspapers to the Reed Museum and Regimental Historical Center.

Ken Smith of Colorado Springs, an eight year veteran of the 3rd Squadron in Amberg, presented the Reed Museum and Regimental Historical Center a 1:50,000 map focusing on the Squadron border sector from 1974-1986. The map had individual notations of Czech border towers, guard camps, and other locations that could result in "spot reports" back to Regimental Border Operations.

Samuel Jones, Eagle Scout, for his personal efforts to make 4,300 photographs usable and salvageable as part of his Eagle Scout award. Job well done Sam; you have helped save the visual history of the Regiment..

On 11 October Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will publish a new biography by our Association member Lewis "Bob" Sorley. The book is entitled **Westmoreland: The General Who Lost Vietnam**. Bob says in the book's prologue that "the premise of this study is that, unless and until we understand William Childs Westmoreland, we will never fully understand what happened to us in Vietnam, or why." Bob warns that it is not a happy story, but he thinks it is an important, even essential, one. Sorley is also known for his studies and biography of Creighton Abrams and the late General Don Starry among his other historical research.

I wanted to also comment on a great visit with Reginald T. Chittick in Amberg while back in Germany for the Regimental Week. Those in the Association who know Terry know his love for Pond Barracks and of Amberg. We just wanted Terry to know just how much Ken Smith and I enjoyed visiting Terry and his gracious wife Hilde. More on Terry and his history in the Cavalry in an upcoming edition.

Regimental Fiddler's Green

Specialist Riley S. Spaulding, 21, of Sheridan, Texas, died May 4 in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained in a non-combat incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Staff Sergeant David D. Self from Pearl, MS was killed in action on 16 May 2011 near Qalat, Afghanistan, while conducting combat operations. SSG Self was assigned to Engineer Troop, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Rose Barracks, Germany.

(Along with SSG Self, three other soldiers died; *Spc. Bradley L. Melton*, 29, Rolla, Mo.; *Pvt. Lamarol J. Tucker*, 26, of Gainesville, Fla.; and *Pvt. Cheizray Pressley*, 21, of North Charleston, S.C. They were assigned to the Brigade Troops Battalion, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Anchorage, Alaska. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and their fellow troopers. Editor.)

Fortunately for us, these are the last of the Afghanistan names of Cavalry Troopers who died while serving with the Regiment in-country. Their names were added to the Memorial in Vilseck, and their families honored during the recently completed Regimental Week.

The Second Cavalry Association Reunion – Washington DC

The bi-annual Second Cavalry Association reunion will be held this November 10th thru 12th at the Sheraton Premier Hotel, Tysons Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA. It is a jam packed schedule with a good mix of Association business, Washington DC touring, and time to spend with old friends.

Some of the schedule high lights include:

Arrival on Thursday 10 November with welcome and registration at the hotel from three to five pm followed by a “Circle the Wagons” social gathering (cash bar).

On Friday 11 November, Veterans Day, we start with breakfast and the Association business meeting before we depart on buses for our Washington tour. This includes Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the MLK statue at the National Mall. After lunch, we will travel to the new Walter Reed Medical Center to visit with wounded warriors. Not only will we have an opportunity to visit, we will also participate in an ice cream social where all wounded warriors are welcome to participate.

After our return to the hotel you will have an opportunity to take a break, have dinner, and we have set up another “Circle the Wagon” session. Actually it was described to me as a “story telling contest at the bar-informal-cash bar” event.

Saturday 12 November includes breakfast on your own, but for members of the Board of Governors, we have a one hour board meeting starting at 0800 and lasting an hour. At the request of the 76th Colonel of the Regiment, we will have a group photo taken for use in recruitment in Vilseck. At ten am we depart the hotel for a Washington DC Riverboat Cruise Tour; lunch and entertainment is provided by the cruise. You should be back in the hotel sometime in the afternoon with time to prepare for the Association Banquet, held at the hotel, starting at six pm, with call to dinner at seven pm.

The Banquet Keynote Speaker will be Lt Gen (Ret) Doug Lute, 70th Colonel of the Regiment. LTG (Ret) Lute served first with the Regiment following his graduation from West Point in 1975, and eventually commanded C Troop. He returned to the Regiment to be the 1st Squadron S-3 and later Regimental S-3 including during Desert Storm. Following 1st Squadron 7th Cavalry command LTG (Ret) Lute later returned to command the Regiment September 1998 to August 2000.

The dinner is the last formal event but we encourage you to join us for breakfast conversations on Sunday before checking out of the hotel.

The Silent Auction: This is a new activity for this reunion. One of our members has collected a few items from Amberg and Grafenwohr during The Regimental Week and has donated them to a silent auction to help raise funds for the Reed Museum and Regimental Heritage Center. Association members who have something they think might (Continued on page 14)

The Silent Auction Continued

might sell and want to make a donation, please let Ned Devereaux know. He can be reached at charlie4zero@gmail.com or by phone 503-702-2174.

Sutler's Store: If you want to give someone "something cavalry" now is the time to do it. Because space is limited to fly in Sutter's Store items, if you want to pick up the item while in Washington, you need to let us know now. The new Regimental Wall Plaque is a unique item to "Remember Your Regiment." It's also a great farewell award with a small brass plaque, and it's the same Plaque used by the Regiment to reward their Troopers of the Quarter. Check out the store website for other items available in November and pre-order to insure your order will be in Washington with you (www.secondcavalry.com/cubear) or call Bill Heidner at (928) 580-7633.

A Special Reunion Polo Shirt: We will have a special reunion polo shirt; it will have the special crest design shown below, and lettering to indicate you attended in Washington DC. This will be a limited edition order with a light tan/oyster color. For you readers, the shirt will cost \$45 each for regular size and \$50 for 2XL and above; profits will be used to help develop products for the Reed Museum. If this interests you, and you want to order (but hold off paying until November) contact Ned Devereaux at charlie4zero@gmail.com or by phone 503-702-2174.



To RSVP

To those who are not connected on the Internet, please fill out and mail in the attached reservation form plus your check. For those of you on the Internet, you should have already received an electronic message from our Executive Director Chris Golden. See you in Washington DC.



WELCOME TO THE 2011 2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION REUNION



We are within two months of having one of the best reunions in the association's history. The bi-annual Regimental Association reunion will be held again this November 10th thru 12th at the Sheraton Premier Hotel, Tysons Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182. You can call Reservations at 800.572.7666.

You can also register on line:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1106135962&key=B3373>.

The Sheraton Premiere at Tyson Corner will serve as our meeting headquarters. Rooms are available at the Sheraton Premiere at the special discount rate of \$139 per night (until 11 October so book early).

The Agenda includes LTG (ret) Douglas Lute as our featured speaker for the Banquet on Saturday evening. In addition, tours of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Martin Luther King Memorial will be included. We will also enjoy a Riverboat Cruise of the Washington Waterfront.

The all inclusive price for these activities and the meals is \$140 per person. You can complete your registration and make a payment below. If you want to use a credit card choose the PayPal option or you can mail your payments to Micheal Davis, 11616 Havenner Rd, Fairfax, VA 22039 (See Registration Form Below). If you have any questions, please call Micheal Davis, (c) 571-217-2227 and, or send an e-mail to michealep@cs.com. We look forward to seeing you.

2011 2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION REUNION RESERVATION FORM

2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION REUNION IS scheduled for November 10-12, 2011, at the Sheraton Premier Hotel, Tysons Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182. You can call Reservations at 800.572.7666.

1. Family or Individual Name: _____

2. How many people from your family (Adults) can we expect? _____

3. Deposit amount enclosed (\$140.00 per Individual): _____

4. Please provide T-Shirt sizes and quantity: _____

5. Meal: Chicken Fish Beef

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**Board of Governors Minutes
Teleconference
September 1, 2011**

Members of the Board Present or Proxy Vote

GEN John Tilelli, USA, Retired, Chairman
Bill Bewley, President
Chris Golden, Executive Director
Mike Davis, Member
Jim Van Patten, Vilseck Chapter
Tom Stewart (Proxy Vote)
COL Keith Barclay, 76th Colonel, Ex Officio

Other Invitees Participating

COL Tom Molino, USA, Retired 67th Colonel
MAJ Al Leth, RXO
Ned Devereaux, Ex Officio, Board

Actions/Agenda

Meeting opened 0800 EDT by Bill Bewley with brief opening remarks.

Board Meeting Minutes from 25 March 2011 sent out via email were approved.

Chairman GEN John Tilelli, USA, Retired commented he would reserve his remarks to the group as we went thru the agenda.

Regimental XO MAJ Al Leth called in from Germany. Before introducing the 76th Colonel of the Regiment Keith Barclay, he thanked the members who attended the Regimental Week in Vilseck.

Regimental Commander Keith Barclay: The RCO reported that the 2d Cavalry Regiment has completed their review of post Afghanistan training and it results in the same nuts and bolts basics of maneuver warfare. The Regimental focus will be on theater security and engagement with combined exercises taking place all over Eastern Europe.

Of special interest is continuing staff rides of both World War II and Border mission areas (i.e., Bayreuth area and Luneville) to capture our legacy and history. The RCO also reported that the Museum is doing well and coming together.

He also asked that following our November reunion, a picture of the (Continued on page 18)

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Association Leadership be provided to the Regiment.

Bill Bewley also promised to provide a thank you letter to the Foundation for its help for the Gold Star families who attended the Regimental Week.

Executive Director Update: Chris Golden referred to his written After Action Report emailed to all Association members and other activists on 1 August 2011. (Note: Any member who desires a paper copy can send a self addressed and stamped envelope to Ned Devereaux and he will print out a copy.)

Committee Reports

Wounded Warrior: The letter authorizing the Regimental Association to act on behalf of the active Regiment with wounded warriors needs to be re-issued with the 76th Colonel's signature.

During the reunion, we will host an ice cream social at the new Walter Reed for all wounded warriors. We have asked the RXO, and received permission for a Regimental endorsement for our effort.

Reunion: Mike Davis reported all is on track and the cost will run \$140 per person. All wounded warriors from the Regiment will be invited at no cost to the Trooper. We will also have a silent auction with Amberg-Grafenwohr focused items; we will also have special Reunion shirts available for purchase.

Art Project: The "Dragoon for Life" art work is completed and will officially be released at the reunion.

Scholarship: Col (Ret) Molino reported more applications were received this year and two were awarded. One was to a spouse of a member of the Regiment and one to a daughter of a veteran.

Membership: During redeployment there was a strong response from the Regiment and then it suddenly dropped to zero. RCSM Morris is still working with the NCO chain to emphasize the Associations' good works as has the RXO.

Vilseck Chapter: Jim Van Patten reported that the Vilseck Chapter has been legally established and has been recognized by the Grafenwohr Garrison Commander as a viable organization. The initial focus will be to help with the Reed Museum as they develop and organize chapter leadership. Jim also mentioned three rear detachment leaders who worked especially hard in support of the chapter and Association goals; their names and what they did will be included in the upcoming *Thoroughbred*.

New Business

November reunion will include a Board meeting, development of Board objectives and vote.

We are getting involved in the rebuilding of an M24 vehicle with intent of seeing the vehicle participate in the Pilzen Czech Republic parade in May 2012. An M151 has also been obtained; it is in poor shape and will be rebuilt, if possible, as a prop not an historical vehicle.

With no other business identified for discussion, the meeting was closed at 0855 Eastern Daylight Time.

Ned Devereaux, Recorder

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