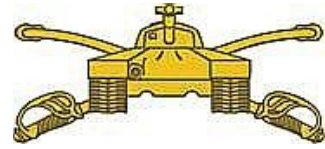




117th Cavalry Association



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty Saturday June 14 2008, Flag Day, our Army's 233rd Birthday, the citizens of our state will honor the Troopers of the 102nd Cavalry and the members of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as they prepare to deploy for service in Iraq. The ceremony will take place at 10 AM at Doughboy Field at Fort Dix New Jersey.

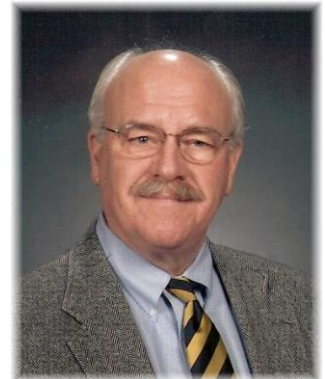
This is not the first time troops from the Westfield Armory have gone to war. Their grandfathers, members of the 102nd Cavalry, the "Greatest Generation", left to help liberate Europe from Hitler's Nazi Germany. In the spring of 2004, their brothers and sisters of the 250th Signal Battalion left again this time for Iraq for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now the 102nd Cavalry has been called again to serve in Iraq in the continuing global war against terror.

All these soldiers share a common heritage. They are bound together by many of the same traits that all of us who have worn our nations uniform share regardless of when they served. Words like *destiny, heritage, tradition, loyalty* seem to transcend generations. When you put on a uniform, you soon come to realize that soldiers are the people who least like war, because they pay the highest price, but they have taken an oath to serve and defend our nation from its enemies. This global war on terror is just the latest challenge to our new generation of soldiers.

I know that the soldiers of today's New Jersey Army National Guard are up to the task. They share a common heritage of generations of service to our community, state, and nation. The sense of duty that was alive in the troopers of the 102nd Cavalry as they marched off from the Westfield Armory in 1941 is just as alive today, 67 years later in 2008. *Dennis*

FROM THE EDITOR Phil Notestine Some may have thought that they missed the last edition of *The Spur*. Not true, we decided to skip the Spring issue, as a February 2008 Special Edition had been issued in color. This was the first ever edition done in color. It was an experiment, to see how you liked it. Did you? Color increases the printing costs by about 30%. We'll not do it again soon, due to budget concerns.

Have you visited our web site <http://www.117th-cav.org/index.htm> recently? Our webmaster and Association member John Crescenzi has made some nice additions and changes, including adding our *members' directory*, recently compiled by Ken Mahan. The *Members* page is secure – you need a password. Your personal information is protected. John can update this info as he gets new or changes. So, if you want to use the web site directory, send an email request to webmaster@117th-cav.org. See and download current and recent issues of *The Spur*, WWII unit histories of the 117th, 102nd and 38th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz) and info on how to order our handsome 117th Cavalry Association ring.

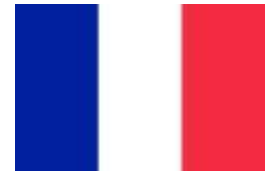


Now that we have so much information on the web site, some interesting and encouraging inquiries have been received. The first was from Trooper Larry Haskett, seeking some of his old comrades by searching the internet on this past New Years' Eve. Larry was remembering the 1944 New Years Eve at Bitche, France. He was looking for Bob Lutz and Harold "Smokie" Owen, with whom he fought "along side" for so long. We featured this in the *Special Edition 2008*.

Months later, just before Easter 2008, Larry and Bob met in NJ. Ken Mahan hosted a visit to our Heritage Room in Westfield. Larry was moved to see so many reminders of brothers and “adventures” of WWII. His son accompanied and was now able to get some idea of his father’s heroic service.



Another was from Monsieur Guy Julien ggjulien@club-internet.fr who sent this picture of an American Jeep with 3 cavalymen and a partisan of the Maquis FFI. Guy wanted to verify his research, which revealed the unit to be the 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz), spearhead of *The Butler Task Force*, and liberators of the village Cruis on 19 August 1944. We used our WWII unit history to verify. If



anyone can identify these troopers, just one of them, tell us! Guy’s grandparents owned the large farmhouse in the upper left (it is his now). His grandmother told about troopers sleeping in the barn, and of the lieutenant from Atlantic City NJ that fell in love with a young woman, a Jewish refugee from Marseilles, hidden in the barn. Do any of our WWII 117th CAV veterans remember this?

Another inquiry was from Monsieur Stephane Letessier stephane.letessier@neuf.fr from Coutances, Normandy, France. He asks about an American soldier Oscar Ira Anderson. It seems that Anderson may have been with the 102nd Cavalry Group, and landed on the Normandy beaches in June 1944. O. A. Anderson survived the war, but has since passed on. Our 3 WWII unit histories and other documentation show several Andersons but not him. Does anyone have a recollection? Please advise!

Finally, Ron LaVerde rlaverde@phoenixcolor.com inquired about his Uncle, Tec 5 Thomas G. Hennessy, Troop “A”, 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz), KIA on 5 June 1944, outside of Rome, in pursuit of retreating German forces. LaVerde had never met his Uncle Thomas and wanted to learn more, and to honor him. No other immediate family members survive. Can anyone help?

In recent months, I have been thinking about my friend MAJ John Bower Coulston, who died some 20 years ago. “Jack” was a member of The Class of ‘41 and the 117th Cavalry Association. He frequently contributed to and always enjoyed our meetings. I would pick him up and sometimes we’d have dinner. More than once, we would also pick up Donald Warnock, who Jack called “Bunny”. Mr. Warnock was crippled in one or both legs; I don’t know why. Was he a principal of the Warnock automobile enterprise? Warnock is listed in the roles of the 102nd Cavalry (Essex Troop) in 1940. If anyone remembers Warnock, let me know. Now, more about Jack. Way back in the ‘80’s I met Jack and his lovely wife Annie at our church, St. Peter’s Episcopal in Mountain Lakes, NJ. They were “new”, having moved from Montclair to Convent Station. I met them because Jack often wore a blue blazer with a 102nd Cavalry - Essex Troop breast pocket patch, sewn on. I introduced myself and my wife Ginny, and a new friendship was made. I learned that Jack had been a Class of ‘41 man, serving in troops C and E of the 102nd Cavalry, 1939 – 1942, and was later commissioned and assigned to the Tank Destroyer service, serving with the 602nd Tank Destroyer Battalion http://www.89infdivvw2.org/memories/tank_1.htm which landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy 26 August, 1944.

TD’s and TD units were a WWII invention. When well fought, they could be quite effective against the German panzers, which were superior to the Allies’ tanks, until the new M-26 “Pershing” with 90MM cannon and M-24 “Chaffee” with 75MM cannon were introduced in 1945. The 602nd had the new, fast open-turreted M-18 “Hellcat” with 76MM cannon and torsion-bar suspension http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M18_Hellcat Commander and turret crew were exposed to shrapnel, grenades and weather. **M-18 “Hellcat” TD** →



Like Cavalry units, TD outfits were dynamically assigned to other units, as needed. The 602nd saw plenty of combat and received a *Presidential Unit Citation* for its role in eliminating the *Harlange Pocket* during the *Battle of the Bulge*. TD Battalions had a Reconnaissance Troop, equipped and trained just as a Cavalry Squadron Recon Troop.

An excellent reference about the WWII TD outfits and fighting vehicles is “*Tank Killers*” by Henry Yeide, mentioned later. I think that the TD units fought with great élan and courage, like Cavalry.

Although we spent a lot of time together at church, social and Association activities, Jack did not talk about his combat experiences. Annie told me that Jack was forever changed when his unit, in early April 1945, made the first discovery of a Nazi concentration (death) camp, near Ohrdruf, Germany. There were many more. Slave labor was used in factory and farming, by both German and Soviet regimes.

Back in the USA, Coulston rejoined the Guard and rose to the rank of Major. A successful business executive, Jack became close to some Jewish War Veterans organizations. His friendship, support and advocacy earned him respect and honors, one of which was to be a special guest at the dedication of the statue "Liberation" at Liberty State Park on May 30th, 1986. I had the honor of accompanying Jack and Annie on this very moving occasion.



I do not think that they knew he was sick then. About two years later, I drove to their home to take him to the June 1988 117th Cavalry Association meeting. I had not seen them for some time, as they had been going to an Evangelical church and I was often overseas on business. Annie came to the door and said that Jack was not well. He appeared behind her and was quite gaunt. He asked me to give his regards to his comrades. Jack died on 21 September 1988. A unit of the Jewish War Veterans provided his military honor guard. In addition to our Rector, Father Dan Riggall, Rabbi Joel Soffin participated in the service. Years later, Annie sent me a letter, telling about her many trips to Israel, and her Evangelist activism in the *Jews for Jesus* program. She was convinced that her Jack was always at her side. I believe it.

I am going to share another friend with you all. Another St. Peter's Episcopal Church man, also a U. S. Army WWII veteran, Ranier "Dinny" DelIntinis <http://www.theneighbornews.com/NC/0/785.html> who died this past April (1925-2008). If you used the internet link in the previous sentence, and read the article, you know that he was a depression kid who was raised in gritty Steubenville, Ohio in an Italian family and neighborhood. Sunday family afternoons and evenings were spent around the Victrola and the radio listening to opera and classical music. Young Ranier played French horn in the school band, and worked in a steel mill after graduation. WWII came and life changed. He was inducted, and after basic, sent to an Army anti-aircraft battalion in Texas, and became a company bugler (the moniker "Dinny" was a lasting "gift" from the First Sergeant). Talent recognized, the private was recruited into the regimental band. Eventually DelIntinis was posted to the USMA at West Point and played French horn in the post band. Encouraged by his colonel, he used the G.I. Bill for the Julliard School of Music, which led to "recruitment" into the *New York Philharmonic* – where he played "horn" brilliantly for 43 years. And also 43 years of teaching "horn" at Julliard and more at the Mannes College, New School of Music. Dinny and I served together in various men's church activities, and became "big brother" and "little brother". He was quite short. Me, at 6'1", I was "little brother". Our wives were amused. This fine man, a master and great teacher, influenced many and his legacy will live on in the music of his many students.

Memorial Day is Monday, 26 May 2008. We have a lot to remember. *God Bless them All.*



117th Cavalry Association Ring The ring can be ordered by contacting Mr. Wren Bartee, **JOSTENS MILITARY SALES**, 2812 Northaven, Corinth, TX 76210. Telephone 940-497-4536, email bartee@att.net Have your ring size ready! Mr. Bartee served in the US Army Cavalry in Germany, post WWII. Since I have already paid for the bezel design, which is the wording around the stone "NJARNG 117TH CAVALRY ASSOCIATION" your costs will be as follows: 10 karat yellow gold, w/blue Spinel stone \$455.00, (ladies \$350.00). 14 and 18 carat gold can also be ordered for a bit more \$\$. You may also order gold tone *Questra*, blue Spinel stone \$217.00 (ladies \$209.00). Options – encrusted crossed sabers \$15.00, full name engraving inside \$15.00. Shipping and handling, per ring \$5.95. Spinel is a gemstone related to the ruby. If the Association decides at a future time to have

different wording on the bezel, a new bezel-casting fee will be \$127.00 or more for the initial casting, a one-time charge. Ring bezel wording can be changed by returning the ring for the same cost of a new bezel design (each).

Association Meeting 1 February 2008 President Dennis Dougherty presiding. COL (Ret.) Dougherty is also the president of the Northern NJ chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) <http://www.ausa.org/> and it was a combined meeting. Almost 100 attended. The speaker was Kevin M. Hymel, who spoke about his book "*Patton's Photographs: War As He saw it*". Hymel is an associate editor for ARMY magazine and the research director for WWII History and Military Heritage magazines. He was an excellent, humorous speaker. Laughter often broke out. We did not want him to stop! COL Dougherty presented a framed certificate of appreciation to Hymel. Association member LTC Frank Wiswall, USAF (Ret.) Class of '41 said that he had not laughed so much in years! **Lt. Gen. Patton >**



Sitting with Wiswall and me was my guest Malcolm Aalholm, a WWII veteran who joined the Army National Guard before the war. Initially in a NYC regiment, he later served in a coastal artillery battalion before OCS. From England, he was sent to the 44th Infantry Division, 71st Regiment <http://efour4ever.com/44thdivision/home.htm>. After fighting into the

Vosges Mountains and taking them from the Germans, they later fought off the counter-attack of *Operation Nordwind*, the German counter-offensive that was to parallel the Ardennes Offensive http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Nordwind. Defending in the "*Bulge at Bitche*", 1LT Aalholm was the last officer remaining in G Company, 2nd Battalion, reduced to less than 60 men, when the sustained German attack on his position finally failed. This was one of several such actions; for one of which the 2nd BTN was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. In a later action, 1LT Aalholm was wounded for a second time, and was eventually evacuated to a hospital in England and then to Ft. Dix, NJ where he was honorably discharged. He received 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Purple Hearts and the CIB. When Malcolm stood to be recognized, the entire assembly gave him a very hearty welcome.

Members will remember that the 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) also fought in "*The Battle of Bitche*", and that the 102nd Cavalry Group fought in the Ardennes Offensive http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Bulge

Treasurer CW4 (Ret.) Don Tracy provided the Financial Report for 1 January – 31 December 2007

BALANCE as of 1 January 2007		5,727.64
INCOME 2007		
	Membership Due	2,269.00
	Contributions	528.00
	Spur Boosters	745.00
	Shirts & caps	748.50
	Interest CD, Savings & Ckg	208.74
	Total Income	4,499.24
EXPENSES 2007		
	Insurance	310.00
	General Mtgs (refreshments)	684.81
	Printing (Spur)	1,947.20
	Membership expenses	62.38
	Donations	225.00
	Heritage Room	178.29
	Postage (Spur) & postcards	637.39
	COL Samsel's ring	435.00
	Commemorative Buckles	630.00
	Total expenses	(5,110.07)
BALANCES (of all accounts) 31 December 2007		\$5,116.81

In attendance were Don Tracy, Bill Gruss, Len Luzby, Mike Handley, David Mormak, Frank Mnich, Ken Mahan, Emil Allgeier, Joseph Manto, Henry Forstenhausler, John M. Promaulazko, Dave Ellis, Sandy Goldstein, Jim Scanlon, Jaime Ayala, Harry Ayala, David Kim, Lou DiBelardino, John Rivera, Ed Gabler, Jacqueline O'Sullivan, John O'Sullivan, George T. Christensen, R. J. Gassman, Stan Gursky, Arnold Lasner, Robert H. Savarese, Robert G. Savarese, Vince Stahl, Brian Maloney, Bill (Himself) Maloney, Bruce Maloney, Stan Lease, June Lease, Skid Stinner, Carm Williams, Robert Clark, Doug Hague, Ron McLean, Phil Notestine, Frank Wiswall, Malcolm Aalholm, Diane Yuliano, S. E. Yuliano, F. Ballard, L. Wallace, Jim Pressman, Norman Stickler, Dennis Dougherty (several names couldn't be read from the sign-in sheet).

Thank You to SGT Pablo Chavez for the paintings that he and "C" Troop, 5/117th CAV gave the 117th Cavalry Association that hung on the CP in Iraq. Also to 1SG Wayne May and CPT Kevin Welsh and the men of "C" Troop for the guidon they used during their Iraq deployment.

Association Meeting April 2008 SGM (Ret.) Ken Mahan lead the meeting. The Annual Reunion will be on 18 October 2008, Gibbs Hall, Ft. Monmouth, preceded by a business and social meeting at Westfield on the 17th (See enclosure). An increase in annual dues from \$15.00 (Regular) and \$10.00 (Associate) to \$20.00 and a call for more *Spur Boosters* are being considered as our costs have raised significantly, especially printing and postage for *The Spur*. It has been many years since the dues were last set. Our speaker was COL (Ret.) Mike Shute, a past (2002-2004) Squadron Commander, who spoke at length (in spite of the failure of his supporting multi-media) and with great enthusiasm and clarity on his experiences and views as regards his tour in Afghanistan. He was an embedded advisor to the Afghan Army and National Police. **In attendance:** Bill Gruss, Dan Melso, Arnold Lassner, James Anglim, Rich Luciano, Dave Ellis, Sandy Goldstein, Jim Pressman, Lou DiBelardino, Robert Apgar, Henry Forstenhausler, Patrick du Tertre, Phil Notestine, Frank Wiswall, Frank Patrick, Ken Wondrack, Barry Maloney, Mike Shute, Bill Maloney, Bob Lutz, Donald Emery, Ron Nier, Emil Allgeier, Norman Stickle, Joseph Manto, Jim Scanlon, Frank Mnich, Bill Merring, Rochus E. Lawrence, Mike Handley, Guy Haddix, Dutch Gauthier (several names couldn't be read from the sign-in sheet).

Class of '41 Quarterly Meeting was held on 9 April 2008 at Gibbs Hall, Fort Monmouth. Organized and lead by Bob Lutz, who spoke of a book recently published called "*Steeds of Steel*" *A History of American Mechanized Cavalry in World War II*, by Henry Yeide, who also authored "*The Tank Killers*", about the Tank Destroyer units, operations and equipment of WWII. *Steeds of Steel* includes a great deal of information taken directly from written unit histories and interviews with WWII cavalymen and officers. I bought it from www.amazon.com and recommend it. The author and our own Bob Lutz had connected some years ago, and through Bob, Yeide used a good bit of 117th and 102nd Cavalry Recon Squadrons' operations and quotes from their officers and men. So, if you have been enjoying our unit histories posted on our web site, you may like this book too, as it provides a higher level and more comprehensive view of WWII Cavalry operations. I have also read *The Tank Killers* and found it very informative and a good read.

It seems that the book discussion prompted some recollections of the landings of the 117th on D-Day of *Operation Anvil - Dragoon*, the invasion of Southern France. A particular incident provoked a lively exchange. A landing ship dropped ramps in waters too deep for an orderly and safe move to land, and some equipment and vehicles were lost, at least until low tides. It's reported that at least one very angry platoon sergeant, a "Smokie" fellow, leveled his weapon at the Navy and let off some smoke, so to speak. Another NCO who was there said that the landing ship ran onto a sand bar. Nevertheless, the Squadron set off whole and ready for a great show, as they soon "*Showed 'em the Way*" leading the *Butler Task Force* <http://www.history.army.mil/brochures/sfrance/sfrance.htm> in a rapid, determined thrust and chase of the Germans, setting up the fight out of southern France and into the Vosges Mountains – and another legendary battle.

SGM (Ret.) Ken Mahan spoke of the recent Association meeting at Westfield. He told of the excellent presentation by COL (Ret.) Mike Shute who reviewed his experiences during his assignment in Afghanistan. We all enjoyed great fellowship and a fine buffet luncheon.

Attending were Manuel Ferri, Jimmy Kane, Bob Lutz, Irv Partelow, Joe Pocaroba, Frank Prettyman, Stan Krenkowitz, Ken Mahan, Charlotte and Bill Merring, Phil Notestine, Joyce Owen and Don Tracy.

AUSA Northern NJ Chapter 1502 meeting 9 May 2008 Chapter President COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty was able to book the Pulitzer Prize winning author Rick Atkinson <http://www.liberationtrilogy.com/> who spoke of researching and writing his excellent books on WWII, particularly the US Army as it bled, learned, developed, and succeeded, beginning in North Africa and into Italy. Also part of the meeting was several welcoming and expressions of sincere gratitude by members of the Asian Indian-American community, including immigrant and first-generation members, all leaders and businessmen in the Woodbridge and Edison areas. There was one common theme; the recognition and deep gratitude for the patriotism, sacrifice and devotion to duty in the defense of homeland and worldwide democracy. Special recognition was given to veterans of conflicts past and present, and to those “on the way”. Presentations were made to guests in uniform; some soon to be off for yet another deployment.

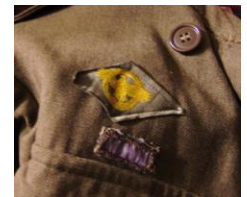
2008 Biennial Reunion

Our upcoming Biennial Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of 17-18 October 2008. It promises to be a great event. Friday night's activities, including a general meeting, are scheduled to take place in the Heritage Room of the Westfield Armory at 7PM. It will be a time for all of those in attendance to socialize, remember, and honor all of those who have passed through the doors of the Westfield Armory in the service of their community, state, and nation. As usual, our formal dinner will take place at Gibbs Hall, Fort Monmouth on Saturday evening at 7PM. It is a time to honor our members of our 117th Cavalry Association who have made significant contributions to our association and our membership. There is a reunion flyer included and a nomination form for Distinguished Membership in this edition of *The Spur*. Please feel free to copy them and send them to friends and former members. We are looking forward to a great reunion. Hope to see many of you there! *Dennis*



Association Member SGT Sheila Zelaskowski was the first female trooper of the 5/117th Cavalry to win her Spurs in the *Spur Ride*, not long after returning from AIT in 2003. She attributes success to great comradeship and support from other troopers, in addition to study, skill and hard work. She loved her work with helicopters in F Troop, 5/117th CAV so much, that SGT Zelaskowski is now a “full timer” with D Company, 1/150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, MOS 15N (avionic mechanic). She will deploy to Iraq with the D-1/150 AHB sometime 1Q2009. During our interview for this article via email, I asked Sheila about any military history in her family. She had to dig a bit, but was pleased to learn the following:

“My Grandfather was inducted into the Army on 10 October 1942 and discharged 18 October 1945. He was with Co M 119th Infantry, 30th Infantry Division, MOS 055, clerk general. He was in the Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland. There was one other notation under battles and campaigns, which I do not understand: GO 33 WD 45 as amended (If you can shed light on this notation, I would appreciate it). He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal. His personal photo album had pictures taken in NJ, Florida, Sittard Holland, Roar River, Rhine River, and Kossel, Marburg, and Donburg Germany. I am sorry he passed away before I joined the service, but he did not speak much regarding WWII to anyone. My Uncle said that all my Grandfather shared was that he enjoyed Holland, thought it was a great place. In regards to my Maternal Grandfather Cheslaw Bartosiewicz, there are no documents. My Grandmother has long since disposed of them. They were still in Europe during WWII; Grandpa was a Polish Soldier who became a German POW. He was sent to work on the farm my Grandmother also worked on as a German citizen. They met, fell in love and immigrated here several years after the war was over. An interesting story in its own right; if they were caught during the War, he would have been shot and she would have had her head shaved and become an outcast. Or so the family story goes...” **Grandfather Zelaskowski’s “Ruptured Duck”** →



Membership Update – SMG (Ret.) Ken Mahan



Trooper! Look at your address label! If the date is not Sept. 08 or later, you are **behind** in your dues. Your subscription to THE SPUR is going to run out because of non-payment of dues. A sample of label:

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To Members behind in their dues, you will have date circled in RED! This is the only notice you will receive. Send information and/or dues to me at the Metuchen address shown above. Annual dues are due in September; regular dues are \$15 annually. Make checks payable to **117th CAV Assn.** **Note:** If you have an e-mail address, please send to me at kmahan@aol.com We are in the process of compiling an e-mail list of members and we want to include you. **Association web site:** www.117th-cav.org/

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Larry Haskett was WWII SGT, C Troop, 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz). Pedro Martinez, Friend of the Squadron. CSM Timothy Marvian, 102nd Squadron, Command Sergeant Major. CSM Christopher Sheridan, was in "B" Troop 5/117, "B" Company 2/102nd, Command Sergeant Major for 2/102nd. SSG Michael Hughes, is in "B" Troop, 102nd Cavalry. SGT Todd Joseph Rose, is in "A" Troop, 102nd Cavalry

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A Thank You: To Col. (Ret.) Michael Shute for his talk to 117th CAV Assn. about his tour in Afghanistan, during our last meeting. It was very informative and not covered in the Main Stream Media , our national news services. He also pointed out the Good that is being done by our Troops.

Update: Belt Buckles of the Last Ride. The order came in, but in shipping, they were damaged. I had to return them to be replaced. Will let you know when they come in.

Farewell Ceremony A Farewell Ceremony for 102nd Cavalry Squadron and the rest of the 50th Brigade Combat Team is scheduled for Saturday, 14 June at Ft. Dix. The Brigade's approximately 2,700 soldiers will leave in several days later for Ft. Bliss for final preparations for deployment to Iraq.

14 Members of the 117th CAV Assn. will be serving in Iraq. Keep Oct. 18 open for 117th CAV Assn. Reunion at FT. Monmouth, NJ

TAPS

Virginia M. Kane (nee Smalley), 91. Died 18 Jan. 2008, Brick, NJ. Beloved wife of Class of '41 Member James A. "Jimmy" Kane, WWII 38th Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz). She was a Secretary with Elizabethtown Water Company in Fanwood, NJ for 20 years. A member of the Suburban Women's Club, South Plainfield, NJ and a parishioner of Visitation RC Church, Brick, NJ Survivors: Husband, James A. Kane; Son, James A. Kane, Jr., Somers Point; Daughter, Dayle P. Maloney and her husband Ronald of Pt. Pleasant and 4 Grandchildren (Brian & James A. III Kane, James P Maloney, Kelly Travers) Predeceased by: Brother- William Smalley. Sister- Catherine Ayers

Bryant "Bill" F. Casterline, 89. Died 19 Jan. 2008, Dover NJ. Born in Dover, a resident of the Succasunna section of Roxbury for 51 years. Retired from the Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township in 1973 after 35 years. He served during WWII with Troop A, 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz). Commissioned in October 1944 in France, and also served during the Korean War with the Army. He earned The Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was a member of VFW Watnong Post No. 3401, Morris Plains, the American Legion Post No. 391, Mine Hill.; a Life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 65 and The National Order of Battlefield Commissions. His wife, Evelyn Fichter, died in 2002. Survived by his son, Philip Glick of Succasunna; a daughter, Evelyn Graham of Newton; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Carol Norton of Palm Coast, Fla., and Lori Boss of Sterling, Va.

Jane Harter Planer, 83, Died on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008. She lived in Short Hills for more than 25 years. She was a volunteer with many local organizations. She is survived by her partner of 20 years, 1SG (Ret.) William Maloney; her daughter, Patricia P. Bumsted, of Bonita Springs, Fla.; her son, Robert G. Planer Jr. of Rumson; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Planer was predeceased by her brother, Benedict Harter of Sea Girt; her sister, Mary K. Harter of Springfield and her twin brother, William Harter of Seabrook, N.H.

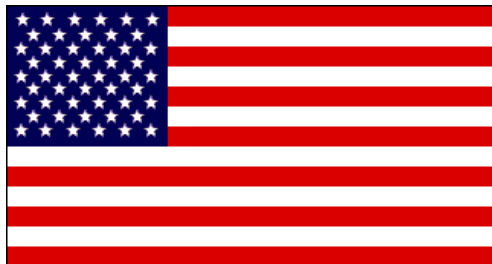
MAJ Charles "Charlie" O'Connor, 62 Passed away February 2008. Past Commander, Troop D Air, 5/117th Cavalry. Seton Hall University graduate. Served in the US Army from 1966 to 1970. He was sent to Vietnam in January, 1968 where he was an aircraft commander of a UH-1. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with 47 clusters. Served in the NJARNG for 18 years, incl. 5 years as a flight instructor. Retired as a Major after 24 years. Chief Pilot, with Jet Aviation 30 years. A resident of Glen Rock for 29 years. Survived by his wife Kathleen, his daughter Deirdre of Jersey City; his son Rory of Chicago; his mother Rita of Albuquerque, NM, his identical twin brother, Michael of Pennington; his sisters, Rita O'Connor of Waxhaw, NC and Dorothy Roman of Albuquerque, NM. He is pre-deceased by his father Charles and sister Mary O'Connor.

Robert D. Raymond, 79 Died on Monday Feb. 18, 2008, at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Born in East Orange, he lived in Maplewood, Verona, Cedar Grove and Caldwell, before moving to Mendham, in 1965. He was a Captain in the 102nd Cavalry Regiment NJARNG, joining in the late 40's and serving for many years. Manager for New Jersey Bell (now Verizon) for 35 years, retired in 1983. Served as the Civilian Defense Director for Mendham Borough; former Chief of the Mendham Borough Fire Dept. Served on the Mendham Borough First Aid Squad. Past President of the Mendham Pastime Club. He was a member of the Hilltop Presbyterian Church and was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Mendham Cemetery Association. His was predeceased by his daughter, Patricia Lynn; his granddaughter, Hannah; and his brother, Daniel. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Doris Murray Raymond; one daughter, Diane Long (Joseph) of Morristown; and one son, Robert C. Raymond (Cheryl) of Washington, N.J. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Claire Ivy Marie, Michael Alexander, and Renae Candace.

Paul W. Kenworthy, Sr., 96 Died on Sunday, May 11, at his residence. Mr. Kenworthy was born in Kearny and had lived in Oceanport and Colts Neck before moving to Howell 30 years ago. Mr. Kenworthy was a U.S. Army veteran serving during WWII as a staff sergeant, 117th Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz). He was a lifelong member of the *Essex Troop*, as well as a member of the Monmouth County Steeple Chase Association. He also served on the Farmer Advisory Committee for Howell Township. Paul was an owner and trainer of thoroughbred horses, retiring 35 years ago. Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Marie L. Kenworthy; a son and his companion, Paul W. Kenworthy Jr. and Maria Hinchcliff of Howell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Stanley Baiga of Howell, and Beverly and Eugene Ketcham of Bluffton, S.C.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Emma "Babe" Kling Hege, 90 Died on 14 May, in NYC. Widow of MAJ Frank Hege (Dec.), Class of '41. Sister of Association Member CW4 (Ret.) Bob Kling and COL (Ret.) Art Kling (Dec.). She was a good Army wife, traveling with her career Cavalryman to many assignments and bases. Son Frederick Hege served in 117th Cav, daughter Gaylyn, son Terry Hege.

Christopher M. Russell 77, SFC (Ret.) MILFORD, Pa. Passed away at Newton Memorial Hospital on Friday, May 16, 2008. He was 77. Born in Salamanca, N.Y., he had lived in Rockaway, N.J. for 38 years, before moving to Milford, Pa. in 1997. Graduate of New York University in 1961. Controller for Elmco Distributors in Parsippany, N.J. for many years before retiring in 1999. He served in the U.S. Army, the Army Reserves, and the National Guard for 21 years. A Platoon Sergeant and tank commander, he was known as one of the best in the 5th Tank BN, 102nd Armor. Christopher was predeceased by his wife, Betty R. (Lookingbill) Russell, who passed away in 2001. He is survived by his children, James C. (and Colleen) Russell of Wharton, and Michelle (and Ed) Holley of Rockaway, N.J.; three grandchildren, Jim, Victoria and Gunner; and his sister, Sister of Charity Paula Mary Russell of Cincinnati.



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Distinguished Member of the 117th Cavalry Regiment Nomination Form

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Send all nominations to: **COL (Ret) Dennis J. Dougherty**
Honorary Colonel of the 117th Cavalry Regiment
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Individual to be nominated: Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of service in the 117th Cavalry Regiment: _____
(includes the present 5-117th Cavalry and
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Individual proposing the nomination: _____
(any current or former member of the 117th Cavalry Regiment)

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Narration: (Why you believe the individual you have nominated deserves to be considered for selection as a Distinguished Member of the 117th Cavalry Regiment. It should include dates of service, contributions to the Regiment, the National Guard, Army, or the community as well as additional activities in support of the 117th Cavalry).

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OCTOBER 18, 2008
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