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**President's Message Winter 2012** Our 28 September 2012 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Reunion of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association was quite an evening. Troopers old and new came together for the first time when our 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association joined with the members of the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry for a combined event the Spurs and Sabers Ball at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, New Jersey. The evening's festivities started with welcoming remarks by LTC Bill Morris Squadron Commander of the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry and COL (Ret) Dennis Dougherty President of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association. It was a grand night. Stories were told, toasts were made, former troopers were reverently remembered and food and drink were consumed. Former 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry CSM (Ret) Al Phelan gave PFC Lawrence Harris of Troop B, 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry a lesson on how to cut a cake with a cavalry saber. Old and new joined together crossing the generations of New Jersey Cavalry Troopers. They *Showed 'em the Way!* Then the party started!

Traditions and heritage runs deep through the roots of the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. They carry on the collective lineage and honors of all New Jersey's Cavalry and Armor units. Its visual representations can be seen hanging on the walls of the Heritage Room of the Westfield, New Jersey Cavalry Armory. Those who visit them there are able to step into the history on New Jersey's Cavalry Troopers. They can see, feel and

reflect on what has made the current 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry the organization that it is. All those who attend our 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association meeting on 2 November 2012 will get that chance. You will be surrounded by history of New Jersey's Cavalrymen. When you walk down the hall to classrooms I and K you will pass a series of 9 large posters that depict the service of today's Cavalry Troopers in Iraq. When you walk into the meeting room the first thing you see will be a huge mural that covers the entire front wall. SPC Mike Sheldon painted it, during Troop C, 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry's deployment to Iraq in 2005-6. You look down the sides of the walls and you find the collective lineage and honors certificates of New Jersey's Cavalry units from WWII till the present. They are bloodlines of the units.

They trace the history of all of our state's Cavalry and Armor units hanging next to maps of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Squadron's and the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Group's role in the liberation of Europe. They are followed by more soldier art. The 1942 Mobilization of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry (Horse-Mechanized) has been brought back to life by the drawings of Trooper A. DeNoble and Westfield's own Bill Walsh. Next is the only complete set of pictures of Troop A, 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz), at the end of hostilities in WWII. Next are two recently restored pictures of Troops I and K, were the original troops stationed in the Westfield Cavalry Armory. A larger than life copy of the Fort Drum Record hangs on the wall and tells the story of Troop D (Air) 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry conducting Rapelling Training during Annual Training 1978. On the rear wall you will find the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry's Headquarters sign from Forward Operating Base Bucca, an original 1933 sign for the Westfield Horse Show sponsored by Troop K of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry and the famous WWII photograph of Troop A of the 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Group under the Eiffel Tower. The far wall has a collection of pictures depicting the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry's participation in operation Jump Start on the Mexican Border, Operation Enduring Freedom and more soldier art by WWII veteran SGT Bob Schreil depicting the liberation of Paris by the 102<sup>nd</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and Rome by the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. When you leave Classrooms I and K and walk into the Heritage room the first thing that catches your eye are the numerous guidons hanging on the ceiling. You'll find the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, 50<sup>th</sup> Recon, 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and the current 1-102<sup>nd</sup> all represented along with the Regimental 50<sup>th</sup> Recon and the 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. The wall is covered with generations of pictures, artifacts in particular a set of Patton Sabers donated by LTC (Ret) Paddy O'Dea, DSC, and Saber Champion of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry in the late 1930's. New Jersey's Cavalrymen have also been honored by the people of France, for their role in the liberation of their nation. Both the 102<sup>nd</sup> and the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry were awarded the *Croix de Guerre* and both awards are on display in the Heritage Room. No description of the Heritage Room and its contents would be complete without mention of the LT Daniel Lee's Medal of Honor (donated by the Lee Family). It was awarded for his distinguished actions above and beyond the call of duty in Montrevel, France on 3 September 1944. It hangs on the wall there along with the citation and a picture of LT Lee being presented the medal by President Harry Truman.

The above narrative only describes a portion of the things you will find in the Heritage Room. The most important thing you must remember: it is not the things you find in the room, but the troopers who make up the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. They carry on the traditions of service to state and nation that has been part of our community for almost a century. Spend the night with us, Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the next meeting of our 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association. Come to the meeting and bring a friend. It will be a great way to help us recognize and celebrate Veterans Day. See you there!

Please continue to show your support in your sponsorship of our 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association newsletter "The SPUR." Many of you, especially **The SPUR Boosters** have made and continue to make donations to help pay the cost of publication and its mailing. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in support of our Associations many initiatives in support of our membership and the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry.

*Show 'em the Way!*

*Dennis*

COL (Ret) Dennis Dougherty





**Commander's Message – LTC Bill Morris, SCO 1-102<sup>nd</sup> CAV** Hello Fellow Troopers, There are a few significant activities behind us, our Annual Training period, a stellar HHT and D Company Family Day as well as a special Stable Call, Leadership Development Program we hosted for all SSGs and above in the Conference and Heritage Rooms in the Westfield Armory. In reviewing each of them, I considered the herculean individual and collective effort required to move the Squadron to AT and to successfully conduct platoon validations and command post fielding. I considered the months of thought that the HHT FRG put into the variety we enjoyed at Family Day and the individual efforts of CAV Troopers from A and C Troops to present the leadership lessons learned in their assignments.

This weekend, the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association put on their biennial reunion and invited us to join with them in conducting the annual *Spurs and Sabers Ball*. HHT, B and D Troops had assignments that they dutifully executed and the FRG was found again in the background bringing finishing touches to the overarching work that members of the Association performed.

All of these events and the efforts distilled down to two words in my mind: *intangible benefit*. A long way to go to arrive at that - but I want to convey that the profession of arms, membership in the Cavalry, following and leading, executing missions and putting on events to assist families or foster camaraderie are all truly made up of intangibles. We can measure how many people attended; we can count how many Soldiers were trained or how many platoons were validated. However, we cannot count the priceless, ironclad bonds between brothers and sisters in arms.

The measure of true quality in an organization cannot be expressed easily. We can try. We may not find adequate words. But we know for sure when that quality is not present. In our case, most fortunately, we find it, we feel it...we come together and sense it. It comes from each of you in the way you *reach out to one another*, in the way you *refuse to walk past a problem*, the way you *lead and follow*. It is found in the leaders who view their rank as a symbol of their level of responsibility and not entitlement, in Soldiers who never quit and who see the mission through at any cost. The dedication we have around us is as infectious as our enthusiasm.

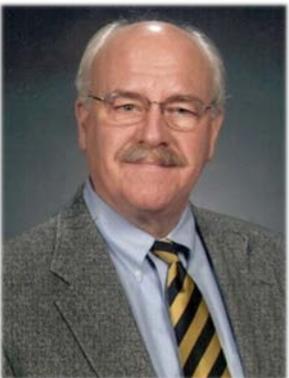
I applaud you for ever lengthening your stride and reaching for excellence in all that you do. Intangible benefits are the fibers we have woven one task and one personal engagement at a time. To be part of it, at any level or role, is one of the most satisfying things I have ever been engaged in. I am looking forward to what is ahead and hope that you are as well--there is much to be done, but many hands do indeed make light work.

"Show 'Em The Way"

LTC Bill Morris



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**From the Editor Phil Notestine** As you have been reading in several issues, our connection with the "new" 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment and her 3 Squadrons has been developing. I hope that our Association and the leadership of the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry continue this effort. You will remember that the WWII 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Group consisted of the 102<sup>nd</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadrons (Mecz), and that the 38<sup>th</sup> CAV replaced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, which was sent to North Africa and redesignated 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz), a separate unit. The "Lucky" 38<sup>th</sup> CAV, awarded the *Presidential Unit Citation* for actions at Monschau, "*Battle of the Bulge*" was disbanded soon after WWII in Europe ended, as were many hundreds of units of all sizes. A "Peace" dividend, which would soon prove to be a colossal mistake! Remember the Korean "Police Action"? And the rise of the Soviet Union, the "Warsaw Pact" and the "Iron Curtain"? We had to rebuild and modernize our armed forces at phenomenal costs.

That the Army chose to use the designation "38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry" is a tribute to the superb WWII squadron and her officers and men. The 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron (Fort Bragg) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron (Fort Hood) have served in Afghanistan; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron (Joint Base Lewis-McCord) was stood up mid-2011.

Two events in September were "firsts" and fabulous! They were the joint 1-102<sup>nd</sup> CAV Stable Call and 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association meeting and the *Cavalry Ball/ Reunion*. Got some news or an inquiry? My email is [notie@msn.com](mailto:notie@msn.com) phone number 910-420-2968, postal address: 28 Oxtan Circle, Pinehurst, NC 28374-880



Associate Member Gilles Guignard of Geneva, Switzerland found the grave of **SSG Bennett Norman Lawson** in the United States Rhone American Cemetery: <http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/rh.php> (be sure to watch the video). Set in the city of Draguignan, France, 28 miles west of Cannes, the 12.5-acre Rhone Cemetery is the site of 861 graves of American War Dead, most of whom gave their lives in the liberation of southern France in 1944. The retaining wall of the chapel terrace contains the names of 294 missing.



During the *Battle of Montrevel*, Platoon Sergeant Lawson led part of F Company (tanks) in an attack on large enemy forces in and around Montrevel, in an attempt to relieve Troops A and B. Halting his column and leaving his turret to engage enemy infantrymen on a side street with his MG, he was wounded. Lawson continued to direct his platoon until he was forced to withdraw his tanks against intense enemy tank, MG and rifle fire. His own M5A1 "Stuart" light tank stalled in front of a force of four enemy MK V *Panther* tanks and numerous machine guns. Ordering the crew to abandon tank, Lawson held his post in the face of certain death to cover their withdrawal and divert the enemy fire. He was fatally wounded by an enemy shell. The following is the official citation for the DSC:

**Staff Sergeant Bennett N. Lawson** (ASN: 20244517), United States Army, was awarded the **Distinguished Service Cross** (Posthumously) for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz), in action against enemy forces on 3 September 1944, Montrevel, France. Staff Sergeant Lawson's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

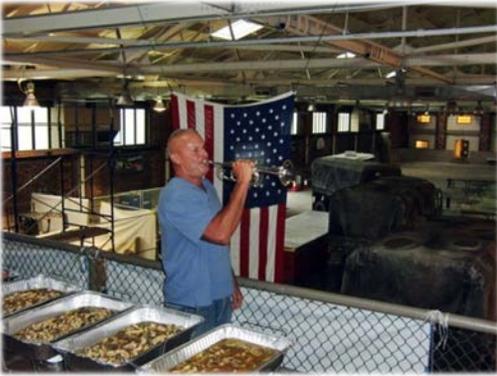
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**1-102 CAV Stable Call and 117th Cavalry Association combined meetings 8 September 2012** The September meeting of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association was called to order by Association President COL (Ret) Dennis Dougherty. He led in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the flag and then in a moment of silence for our fallen comrades. This was the first time that our meeting was combined with a Stable Call with the Officers and NCO's of the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry and it turned out to be a very busy night. The first portion of the evening was devoted to 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association activities. SFC (Ret) Bill Gruss was honored as our Member of the Year for 2011 for his service to the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association as our Treasurer. Also honored and Recognized as *Distinguished Members of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment* were CPT Michael Tarricone and CSM (Ret) Art Maggs. In addition, all those present recognized Arnold Lasner for his service in the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) for during WWII. LTC (Ret) Barry Maloney presented the *1SG William B. Maloney Sr. Outstanding Trooper Award* to CSM Jeffery Pels and LTC Bill Morris of the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. This plaque was donated by the Northern NJ Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) to the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. It will be presented on a yearly basis to recognize the achievements of the *Outstanding Cavalry Trooper of the Year* for the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry. It is named in honor of 1SG William B. Maloney a long-term veteran of the WWII 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadron, post war 50<sup>th</sup> Recon BN and 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. COL (Ret) Dennis Dougherty President of the Northern NJ Chapter of AUSA also presented 30 memberships in AUSA to CSM Jeffery Pels. These memberships were donated by Fuji of North America, Nova Electric and Logo Mat all sustaining corporate members of AUSA.

LTC Bill Morris, the commander of the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry started the second segment of the meeting by introducing LTC Jim Gaylord, the former commander of the 1-38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and welcomed him to the Stable Call. He reminded everyone that the 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was part of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Group during WWII and the historic connection between both organizations. This was followed by the recognition and welcome of former 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Commanders COL (Ret) Sandy Goldstein and COL (Ret) Ken Klein. Next on the agenda was the induction of SFC Dave Jensen into the *Order of Saint George*. This was followed by presentations by CPT Jason Cornwell, Troop C Commander and CPT Mike Cruze, Troop A Commander and their NCO's. The meeting concluded with the presentation of *Share Our Story Project* made possible by a generous grant from the Westfield Foundation. This project was the collection and display of new photographs that depict the service of those Cavalry Troopers from Troop C/ 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry who were mobilized and served in *Operation Iraqi Freedom* are now on display on the walls of the second floor of the armory. This series of nine 20" X 30" posters helps tell the story of their wartime service. These unit photographs are displayed on these posters. They tell the story of New Jersey's Cavalry Troopers and their mobilization and service in Iraq through the photographs of the troops who took them. The meeting came to an end when Mess Call played by Bugler Keith Meehan and the **130 plus Troopers in attendance** adjourned to the Bar in the Heritage Room for drinks and dinner.

Make sure to join us at our next meeting November 2, 2012. We will celebrate and recognize the service all New Jersey's veterans old and new and in particular those of our Cavalry and Armor Force.

1-102 CAV Stable Call and 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association combined meeting



Mess Call!



LTC Jim Gaylord and LTC Bill Morris



SFC Dave Jensen, Ord. St. George



Arnold Lasner, WWII 117<sup>th</sup> CAV



COL (Ret) Ken Klein and COL (Ret) Sandy Goldstein



1SG Wm. B. Maloney Award



CPT Mike Tarricone, Dist. Mem. of Regt.



CSM Jeffrey Pels – 30 AUSA Memberships



Troop A CO CPT Mike Cruz



1SG Klock delivers elements of Session Training.

LTC Morris Opens combined meeting





**LTC Jim Gaylord** Good day to all my fellow Troopers. Phil Notestine asked me to write a brief article for *The Spur* about my experiences since being affiliated with the 117<sup>th</sup> CAV Association by virtue of serving as the commander of 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment. Actually, Phil bought me lunch at Fort Bragg and told me I had to write an article to repay him. Curious to know how many other submissions to *The Spur* are procured in a similar manner...

At any rate, I would like to thank COL (Ret) Dougherty and Phil up front for reaching out to me when I was picked to stand-up 1-38 CAV at Fort Bragg in February 2009. We have managed to stay in contact through a deployment, two subsequent jobs, and a permanent change of station. The high point for me was attending the Association Meeting last month in Westfield and getting to know a number of members on your Team over a couple of beers. My Dad and I really enjoyed the evening and appreciated the hospitality.

Standing up 1-38 CAV and serving as the commander through a deployment to southern Afghanistan was by far the most challenging and rewarding experience in my Army career. As with all assignments, I got to work with and for a group of terrific Soldiers, truly the strength of our Nation. Following a fairly standard train-up for deployment which included a rotation to the National Training Center in January 2010, the Squadron arrived at Kandahar Airfield (KAF) in July 2010. Because the surge was ongoing, the Squadron had its challenges with facilities and billeting on KAF, but we managed to get established and took over an area of operations (AO) from 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment (Stryker) southeast of KAF in a region whose main village was Takteh Pol. The Squadron was also responsible for monitoring the traffic and operations at a major trucking depot south of Kandahar City. When the trucking depot mission was passed to another unit, we split the Squadron area of operations (AO) into two AOs that A Troop and B Troop covered down on. C Troop, the Long Range Surveillance unit, was initially not given an AO so we could employ them in more traditional LRS type missions. The TOC, HHT, and the 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Company (ADCON to the Squadron), operated out of KAF.

I will not get into all the details of the changes to our mission and area of operations as well as the associated subordinate unit adjustments, but I will offer a summary that I think captures the agile and adaptive nature of the Squadron that is common to all Cavalry organizations. The Squadron conducted successful targeting operations against insurgent forces, initiated numerous projects to assist the local population in our AO including improving water management, supporting education programs, and building a mosque. In addition, through training classes and joint patrols with our Afghan partners, we helped to increase the proficiency and capabilities of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) and Afghan Border Police (ABP). While pursuing these broad COIN objectives, the Squadron, which was designated Combined Task Force Gryphon (CTFG) also accomplished the following: received Operational Control (OPCON) of Albanian Special Forces that patrolled with our platoons; assumed control of 4/2 SCR's entire AO after they were sent to another AO in Regional Command-South; established two Joint Security Stations (JSSs) with (ALP), and improved another with the (ABP) in Spin Boldac; established a combat outpost; accepted OPCON of a tank company from 4-70<sup>th</sup> Armor Battalion out of Germany to conduct operations in Takteh Pol when we assumed responsibility for the larger AO; farewelled the first Albanian SF teams and received OPCON and worked with another set of teams; provided support to US Special Operations Forces; conducted screening operations along over 50 km of the border with Pakistan; and, assisted the Afghan Border Police with monitoring Coalition and other international traffic at a major border crossing point on Highway 4 in southern Afghanistan.

In July 2011, we conducted Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority with our sister Squadron, 2-38<sup>th</sup> CAV in the 504<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (BfSB) out of Fort Hood lead by a good friend and great cavalryman, LTC D.J. Jones. Needless to say, it was a busy year and I could not have been prouder of how the Soldiers and units in Combined Task Force Gryphon performed their duties through numerous challenges to include enemy contact mostly in the form of IEDs. The Soldiers in the Task Force earned 25 Purple Hearts, over 70 Combat Infantryman Badges, over 80 Combat Action Badges, and 2 Combat Medical Badges. I would be remiss if I did not mention our outstanding Family Readiness Group whose strength, dedication, and service allowed us to focus on the mission downrange; the success of CTFG was a true team effort.

Upon redeployment, the Squadron went through the initial stages of Reset and I gave up the Colors to LTC Eric Crider in September 2011. Since taking command, Eric has been aggressively and successfully working to expand the Squadron's capabilities and integration with other units while helping to shape the future Reconnaissance and Surveillance Brigades.

I asked the Army to keep me at Fort Bragg through the school year for the kids and the Army obliged by assigning me to serve as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Training (DCS G-3/5/7) at US Army Forces Command. Once again, I had the opportunity to work with and for some tremendous folks working some tough problem sets like managing the Patch Chart through the draw downs in the wars, developing the next Force Generation Model, and transitioning training models for all components to primarily train Contingency Expeditionary Force (CEF) units while maintaining the ability to train Deploying Expeditionary Force (CEF) units. This job offered a steep learning curve along with some extended hours based on the sheer volume of work and issues that the DCS G-3/5/7 touches on a daily basis. I would like to offer special thanks to MG Mark Graham, for his service, sacrifice, and that of his family, as well as for his assistance in securing my current assignment.

In July 2012, my family and I moved from Fort Bragg to Connecticut, my home of record, where I am now serving as the Senior Army Advisor Guard (SRAAG) for the State. I have been given the opportunity to work with extremely dedicated professionals who not only meet the demands of federal missions but also stand ready to serve and assist our local citizens in a time of crisis and it is a truly humbling environment.

In closing, I would like to dedicate this article to the 1-38<sup>th</sup> CAV Soldiers who have passed while serving our Nation: 1SG JP Watkins, 17 APR 2010; SGT Eric Newman, KIA on 14 OCT 2010; PFC Kyle Holder, 17 NOV 2010; SGT Kevin Moseby, 18 MAR 2012; LTC Roy Tisdale, 28 JUN 2012; SGT Kyle McPeters, 25 JUL 2012.

LTC Jim Gaylord  
LTC, AR  
Senior Army Advisor – CT

**LTC Jim Gaylord** is originally from Windsor Locks, Connecticut. He graduated from the *United States Military Academy* in May of 1992 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Armor Branch. His first duty station was Fulda, Germany where he served as a platoon leader in D Company, 1/11 Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR). When the 11<sup>th</sup> ACR was de-activated, he moved to Baumholder, Germany where he served as a tank platoon leader and mortar platoon leader in 2-68 Armor, 2<sup>nd</sup> BDE, 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Division. While serving as the mortar platoon leader in 2-68 Armor, he deployed to Kuwait in support of an Intrinsic Action rotation and he deployed to Bosnia in support of *Operation Joint Endeavor*. After attending the Armor Officer Advance Course in 1996, he was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington where he served as the Operations Officer for the Corps/Division Branch of the I Corps Battle Simulation Center, then as the S3 Plans Officer for 3<sup>rd</sup> BDE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, and finally as the Commander of B Company, 1-32 Armor, in 3/2 ID. In May 2000, he was assigned to the Pentagon where he served as an intern on the Joint Staff for a year and then served on the Army Staff for a year. His next operational assignments began in May 2004 back at Fort Lewis where he first served as G3 Plans Officer on the I Corps Staff. In June 2005, he was assigned as the Operations Officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 14<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment in 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT). In May 2006, he was assigned as the Executive Officer for 1-14 CAV. He served in that position through the Brigade's deployment in support of OIF from June 2006 to September 2007. In October 2007, he was assigned as the Executive Officer for 3-2 SBCT where he served until February 2009 when he moved to Fort Bragg to assume command of 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment. The Squadron deployed to southern Afghanistan in support of OEF in July 2010 and returned in July 2011. He relinquished command in September 2011 and was assigned as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Training at US Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg. In July 2012, he was assigned to serve as the Senior Army Advisor to the Connecticut Army National Guard.

LTC Gaylord is a graduate of Airborne School, Ranger School, the Armor Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). He holds a Masters of Public Administration from George Mason University and a Masters of Military Arts and Science from SAMS.

LTC Gaylord's awards include the *Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC)*, *Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC)*, *the Joint Service Commendation Medal*, *the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC)*, and *the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC)*.

LTC Gaylord is married to the former Dawn Butler of Windsor Locks. They have 3 daughters: Kathryn, age 16; Alyson, age 13; and Lauryn, age 9.



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**Article in the *Killeen Daily Herald*, Killeen, Texas: 2-38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood Texas:** Corporal Raymond J. Leone lived his life in the belief that one's health encompassed the mind, body and spirit, so to be honored as the namesake of an Army resiliency center was perfect, said his daughter Denise Horning.

"My father lived his life by the philosophy, the sum of the whole is greater than the sum of the parts," said Horning, who traveled from her home in Vancouver, Canada, for the building rededication ceremony honoring her father, a World War II veteran.

The soldier and family resiliency center of 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, 504<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade is now known as *the Corporal Raymond J. Leone Resiliency Training Facility*, with a portrait of the cavalry scout in uniform hanging above two rowing machines. The building contains physical fitness equipment, an aid station, space for physical

therapy, books and materials on post-wide services and easy access to the chaplain's office and swimming pool.

"I think he would have loved it," said Leone's cousin, Carmela Franks, of Plano. "He would have been so proud to be here and see it in his name."



LTC John Cogbill, squadron commander, said Leone was chosen, not just because of his work as a scout with the 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, but also because of the way he lived his life after leaving the Army.

"He stayed physically active, he thrived in the outdoors, he made a commitment to life-long learning, he kept in touch with his buddies, and he loved his family," Cogbill said. "Back then, society did not have a solid appreciation for what we now call post-traumatic stress, and it took him years before he was comfortable enough to talk in detail about his experiences, but he remained resilient by strengthening his mind, body and spirit and maintaining a positive outlook on life."

Leone became a geologist upon leaving the Army, and eventually wrote a book about his 11 months in combat titled, *"In Front of the Front-Lines."*



Horning said when she was told her father, who died a year ago, was a candidate for this honor, she was overwhelmed and deeply proud.

“Even if he didn’t get chosen, the recognition was an honor in itself,” she said, pausing slightly during her remarks before adding. “This is a surreal moment.”

**Denise Leone Horning:** “The day my family and I visited Fort Hood started at 1100 hours when we were promptly picked up in a van driven by the young and efficient 1LT Conrardy. We were then transported to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACR outdoor museum for an educational walk about. Next, we went to LTC Cogbill’s home where we met his family and enjoyed a luncheon graciously hosted by his lovely wife, Jenny. Following lunch, we visited the Cavalry horse stables for an interesting and informative tour. Finally, at 1600 hours, we arrived at the CPL Raymond J. Leone Resiliency Training Facility for the dedication.

From the moment I walked through the door of the Training Facility with my family, I felt honored, privileged, and somewhat overwhelmed to not only experience this dedication, but to be a part of it as well. Upon surveying the room we had just entered, I was surprised to see so many military personnel and their families had already assembled for the ceremony. At this point, I had to concentrate on staying composed so that I would not become overly emotional, and not be able to deliver my speech. This proved to be difficult as the Invocation was delivered followed by the heart-felt words of LTC Cogbill. Fortunately, I did manage to hold myself together and give my speech. Immediately after, we unveiled a handsome portrait of my father and cut, with a saber, a beautiful cake.

Once the formal part of the ceremony ended everybody could finally relax, and my family and I were able to meet and speak with some of the soldiers, officers, and families that had come to the dedication. One conversation that really stood out for all us was the number of years many of the soldiers had already served in the Army, and this was said with pride. Throughout the day, we had the opportunity to meet many amazing young people. Starting with the Lieutenant, who was a wealth of war history, to LTC Cogbill and his family, who opened their home and made us feel comfortable and welcomed, to the talented and enthusiastic soldiers at the stables who cared for the horses and made saddles and riding boots. Overall the people we met, were professional, courteous, and friendly, and it was our pleasure to meet them. Clearly, the citizens of the United States should be very proud to have such fine people and their families not only to represent, but also stand on guard for America. On September 14, 2012, my family and I came to Fort Hood as total strangers and left with friendships that we hope, will carry on well into the future. To LTC John Cogbill and the 2-38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, it is with humility and appreciation that I will be forever grateful for this tribute to my father.”

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**Class of '41 Luncheon 4 October 2012** Always a great day when the *Class of '41* Troopers get together at the River Rock Restaurant in Point Pleasant on the Manasquan River. A special thanks to Trooper Joe Pocoroba for lending his 1942 102nd Cavalry Yearbook to our *117th Cavalry Association*. It was used to supply pictures drawn by Troopers Walsh and DeNoble of life at Ft Jackson SC in 1942. These new 18x 24 inch reproductions now hang proudly in Classrooms I and K of the Westfield, NJ Cavalry Armory, home of the 1-102nd Cavalry and the 117th Cavalry Association. All and all it was a terrific event. Many stories were swapped and memories relived. I

think it was something in the water that helped these old troopers cross the generations to their youth. It was a great luncheon! Present: *Class of '41* veterans Jim Coburn, Jack Ferguson, Ed Leonard, Joe Pocoroba and Frank Wiswall; WWII veteran Arnold Lasner. Guests – Sam Cunningham, Dennis Dougherty, Richard Leonard, Ken Mahan and Don Tracy.





**Annual Training Journal 2012, Ft. Drum, NY, by Captain Ryan C. Bailey**, United States Army Cavalry. This Summer the 1-102nd Cavalry rode back onto Fort Drum. The maneuver terrain of our yesteryears was revisited as we again enjoyed training at one of Our Army's premiere training posts, in the Northern Highlands of New York State. We the Cavalrymen of New Jersey's own 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, Head Quartered at Westfield, carried out full unit Collective Training Exercises in our mission essential tasks, skills & specialties for the first time in half a decade, as the Squadron Headquarters prepared itself for transformation to the digital age.

I am eminently proud of our Headquarters Troopers who led the charge, establishing for the first time brand new fully interconnected and interfaced hemispheric climate controlled tent modules comprising our Squadron's new Command Post. These Cavalrymen faithful and true essentially became masters of two universes; analog and digital, in order to accomplish missions including; real time tracking of Platoon level maneuver throughout all field exercises, training courses with cumulative field problems on Command Post Operations, Fire Support, Radio Procedures, Staff Validation exercises and more. HHT First Sergeant John Rowe personally supervised all quality of life activities and life support area activities, having led the advance convoy together with HHT Ops NCOIC Sergeant First Class David Jensen. My rear detachment led by Staff Sergeant Wilber Pome acted as a Movement Control Team. My intent in this regard was to train on all trip ticketing, tracking and communication methods to match those used by civilian contractors and military units in Theater. I couldn't have had a better team of NCOs supporting me.

Our Medical Support Platoon was fully arrayed about the training area. Under the leadership of First Lieutenant Andrew Garnier, they established a Squadron Aid Station and attached our medics to all line Troops and training events. Squadron Fires Section under the leadership of Captain Jesse Barnes, our Squadron Fire Support Officer conducted multiple days of training, dry fires and live fires on all Squadron mortar assets. In addition they sent participants to the Platoon Training lanes so that scouts were actually talking, over FM Radio and Blue Force Tracker, to the same Indirect Fire cells they'll be communicating with on the battlefields of the twenty-first century. HHT also carried out unit level training on their warrior tasks and mandatory briefs as well as the long-range convoy operations and important maintenance functions, which are the lifeblood of every mounted unit. Our Squadron Commander, Lieutenant Colonel William Morris, call sign Saber 6, was by the second day at Ft. Drum benefitted with multiple layers of electronic situational awareness, overlaying the battlefield and bringing specificity to friendly and enemy situation reports in support of his estimates and required staff products. It took us days to erect all the signal equipment and we are still training to become proficient with some of the systems. As a Troop Commander I was impressed with the ability of all sections to successfully balance real world and exercise missions immediately upon entering active duty. This was the Annual Training that the Command Post of the Future became the Command Post of the Present, technically now the Battle Command System. Certainly the new technology equipment that we are still fielding has won our admiration and I am glad to see the most junior Troopers acclimate to field conditions under these new software systems, "tacticalware" if you will, and even our most senior Troopers are buying into the changes in our battle tracking and communicating via tactical net connections and secure internet signal. Nevertheless, they wisely remind the younger scouts to keep maps, protractors, grease pencils and overlays in practice.

My Executive Officer, First Lieutenant Rodney Santos, call sign Hatchet 5, & I were pleased to be assigned as trainers on Scout Training lanes led by Captain Ryan Harty, call sign: Blackfoot 6, Commander, Troop B, West Orange and Captain Michael Cruz, call sign Geronimo 6, Commander Troop A, Dover respectively. Captain Cruz' lane, Operation Geronimo Ghost, on which I worked constituted a complex Platoon Area Reconnaissance mission, which challenged the Mounted Platoons of the Squadron with tactical movement to and accurate reporting on Named Areas of Interest in support of the Brigade Commander's intelligence requirements. The Platoon Leaders were able to carry out mission preparation utilizing Army Troop Leading Procedures and Mission Command. All this whilst being digitally tracked from the HMMWV of Saber 6 as well as our Squadron's Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey Pels, call sign Saber 7 & The Squadron Operations Officer Captain Joseph McNamara, call sign Saber 3, who closely supervised the lanes together with the Troop Commanders. The twelve hour lanes offered an opportunity for the Troop Commanders to fuse all previous training and assess total readiness to accomplish the go-to-war mission of finding, keeping and never losing the enemy & "showing 'em the way" whether 'em be a mechanized infantry division, IBCT or otherwise.

This training was significant as part of successive unit validations building upon each other, pursuant to and indicative of overall unit readiness. As such the Troop begins to see the fruits of their labor in the battle simulation's fusion of rehearsal, troop leading procedures, the military decision making process with added friction and concurrently to see dividend returns from the long hours of planning and preparation they've accomplished, the training at Ft. Dix in the preceding months and the sequential accomplishment of increasingly harder missions. These are successes they have built and are proud of. And these successes are but the beginnings of greater stories yet to be written. It was impressive to see the drive, which animated these scouts, the esprit-de-corps & small unit cohesion within our ranks and the determination marshaled by a new generation of cavalrymen to accomplish the mission.

Arriving back in Westfield we were blessed with time enough to accomplish our reconsolidation and enjoy a world-class meal from the outstanding establishment "16 Prospect" owned by friends of the unit and Community leaders Tim & Chris Boyle. My Family Readiness Group President Mrs. Danielle Bracco, having built upon three years of outstanding community organization in one of our nation's most beautiful communities, had arranged for them to cater a wonderful luncheon for our final day on duty. A time of fellowship and reflection was a fitting end to two weeks together as a Troop. Every Trooper left The Westfield Armory that afternoon feeling a sense of mission accomplishment and pride in the cavalry tradition, which pervades generations.

*Show 'Em The Way!*

*Captain Ryan C. Bailey, call sign: Hatchet 6, presently serves as Troop Commander, HHT, 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, NJARNG, previous assignments include; Squadron Adjutant, Troop Executive Officer, Scout Platoon Leader, Tank Platoon Leader, Tactical Intelligence Officer & Intelligence Analyst, enlisted in the 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1998, graduated Rowan University with Commission through ROTC, 2004*



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**TAPS**



**Anthony Amato Freda, Jr., 48, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012.** He was born in Newark, NJ and was a longtime resident of Denville, NJ. Anthony served in the 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry NJARNG. He attained the rank of Sergeant Major, and was deployed multiple times and served a tour in Afghanistan in support of OIF and OEF. He was employed as a Quality Controller for the Shaw Group. Anthony was predeceased by his father, Anthony Amato Freda Sr. Anthony is survived by his wife, Jane; his two daughters, Loren and Catherine, and his mother, Carmela Freda, and his sister, Sabrina Toomey and her husband Joe, and his four nephews, Charles Standridge III, Paul and Damon Neistadt and Christopher Toledo.

**Mrs. Pamela G. Hill, 57,** died on Sept. 15, 2012, at Saint Clare's Hospital in Dover, N.J. Mrs. Hill was born in Belize City, Belize, and moved to Jersey City, N.J., at age 13, before moving to Succasunna in 1992. From 1977 to 1987, she was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army assigned to the NJ Army National Guard. She then earned her degree in early childhood studies and graphic arts from the County College of Morris, and became a teacher at the Roxbury Day Care. She is survived by her husband, Walter J. Hill, of 26 years; five children, Miles N. Hill of Succasunna, Michael (and Bridget) Hill, and their daughter, Ava, of Bloomfield, N.J., James W. Hill and his daughters, Brianna, and Emily of Clermont, Fla., and Alana and Brandan Hill of Succasunna. She was one of 13 children and is survived by her 10 brothers and sisters, Joyce Neville-Neil, Maria Christie, Valerie Dell'Armo, Patricia Marsden, and Anthony, Nelson, Dorothy, David, and Richard Griffith. She was predeceased by Anselm Griffith and Sylvia Pavlov.



**Michael Scarfia, 65, of Great Kills,** Staten Island N.Y. Passed 15 September 2012. He died when the twin-engine helicopter he was piloting went down in a field in West Windsor, N.J. Mr. Scarfia grew up in Rosebank. He earned a BS in business from Pace University 1968. That same year, Mr. Scarfia joined the U.S. Air Force. From 1969 to 1970, he served in Vietnam as an aircraft mechanic. Mr. Scarfia moved to Fort Wadsworth after returning from the service. He moved to New Dorp in 1973 and to Great Kills in 1983. After working briefly as a teller for Citibank in Manhattan, Mr. Scarfia became an officer with the New York City PD. During much of his 18-year-career, he was stationed at the Midtown North 18th Precinct and retired from the South Shore 123<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. For three decades, he was also the publisher of *Homes and Land Magazine*, which he oversaw with his wife of 44

years, the former Jean Palisay. He was working as a pilot for Liberty Helicopters and Analar, in Kearny, N.J. Mr. Scarfia earned his aviator wings in 1977 at Fort Rucker U.S. Army Aviation Center. He was a member of the Army National Guard for nearly two decades, retiring as a Major in 1994. Surviving, in addition to his wife, Jean, and daughter, Elizabeth, are his two sisters, Sandy Picataggio and Nancy Roe, and three grandsons.



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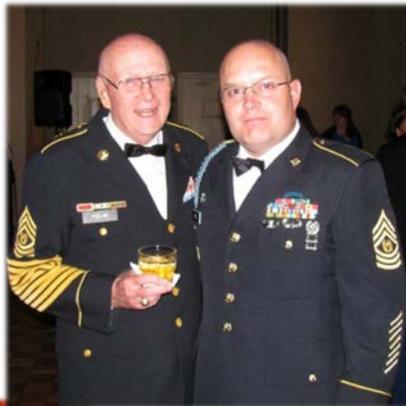
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