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**President's Message** Hello, once again all of you Cavalry and Armor Soldiers, it's good to be with you all here in 2019. So much has happened since we last talked and I want to ensure we are all up to date with our association and current Cavalry Activities. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Holiday Season to include a Happy New Year's Celebration. Shortly after the start of the year several members of the Association attended two separate Send Offs of the current 102nd Squadron who are currently training in Texas for ultimate deployments to hot spots in the middle-east. Two Troops w/HQ going to perform Border Security training for the Jordanian military and one Troop attached to the 113th IN deploying to Somalia. As always we wish our Deployed Soldiers God's Speed in their dangerous duties and responsibilities. We also wish their families strength and steadfastness during these difficult times.

Getting focused on the year ahead I unfortunately need to talk about membership in our GREAT Organization. I have been advised we have 293 members on the books with only approximately 60-65 currently paid members. I know that we all live busy lives and we mean to write that check and mail it, but, we need to do it TODAY. I will admit that due to many circumstances we do not have a good handle on this situation. Our former Membership Chair has been unfortunately overcome by illness and a clean hand off of duties never happened, thusly, I am asking ALL who receive this publication to please mail in a check made payable to the 117th Cavalry Association for 2019 Dues (\$20.00) or so you are never worried about missing your payment again a \$200.00 check for Life Membership if you are over 55 years old and \$400.00 for those younger than 55 years old. We just want to get everybody back on a level playing field and I believe by not trying to collect past years dues will get everybody even.

One more issue we are trying to get up to date is "E-MAIL ADDRESSES." Everyone talks about the issue and no one follows through on putting a Master List together. As you may all have come to realize we would like to communicate in this manner and ultimately send the SPUR via this method of keeping you current. As I said earlier we have 293 members, yes we know some are deceased, moved out of state, no longer are interested and so on, however we still mail approximately 250 SPURs each quarter at a cost of \$140.00 per issue or \$560.00 per year. In addition to the printing cost which is eating away at what few funds we have in the bank. By keeping the dues at a low cost (\$20) for so many years we just can not sustain it much longer. You will see a sheet within this issue of the SPUR for your Membership Intent and E-Mail address.

To end my comments for this issue, the Association will be planning a Welcome Home for the currently deployed members of the Squadron sometime in September/October 2019 timeframe. I would love to have as many members of the Association come out and witness the Re-Unification of these soldiers with families and friends. We will all be remembering our service and younger days along with today's soldiers and meeting our old friends. Next Association Meeting 14 June 2019, 2000 hours (8PM) Westfield Armory Grill Room, hope you can attend. SHOW EM THE WAY.

Show 'Em The Way!

Daniel T. Mahon

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**Squadron Commander's Message:**

“Our Squadron is thriving while training and operating with our military partners across the globe. On every front Our Troopers are punching well above weight in the pursuit of our Squadron Mission-set”

*(Photo at right: U.S. Army LTC Omar T. Minott, Commander, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry, New Jersey Army National Guard, addresses Soldiers, family, friends, elected officials, and members of the New Jersey National Guard leadership during the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, and Alpha and Bravo Troops farewell ceremony at the*



armory in Westfield, N.J., Jan. 21, 2019. The three units are deploying to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in support of Operation Spartan Shield. (New Jersey National Guard photo by Mark C. Olsen)

Show ‘Em the Way!

LTC Omar Minott,

1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Squadron Commander



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**From the Editor – MAJ Ryan C. Bailey** Troopers, Thank you very much for your continuing support. I’m happy to report that this issue includes the first dispatches from the Squadron on Deployment. You will meet our new Squadron PAO & learn all about the Troopers new adventures along their new trails. Please keep the Troopers in your thoughts and prayers as they are away from their families and homes securing our freedoms on our behalf. Godspeed & Show ‘Em the Way! [ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com](mailto:ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com) phone 856-213-3430.

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***From the Frontlines*** by Our Squadron Public Affairs Officer, 1LT Jennifer Wain.

The 1-102nd CAV is currently underway for our mobilization process. We are training on a daily basis on improving our tactical and technical proficiencies. Each day is as challenging as the next but we are working as a team, most importantly as a family, to complete our tasks in order to mobilize to Southwest Asia and Africa. The time thus far spent in Texas has been targeted towards acclimating to the environment, getting Soldiers finances and medical needs addressed and working as a unified front out on the lanes to enhance our maneuver operations.

When the 1-102nd touched ground in Texas the atmosphere was that of excitement. Finally, the moment was here! But there was still training to be done. As the 1-102nd shook off the jet lag we soon were tasked to complete In-Processing. We have been taking every day as a challenge to be met. The Soldiers really enjoyed the weather in Texas and it was definitely a morale booster. It was refreshing coming from the blistering cold back home to the warm weather in Texas. The 1-102nd finished In-Processing and before heading off to new training we were able to enjoy a lovely Super Bowl Sunday. It was a nice break from the training for the Soldiers to sit back and enjoy some football. Once the Super Bowl was over, the next day was back to training and the Soldiers were motivated to get it done.

One of the most important aspects to our mission is continuously developing the partnership with the Jordanian Armed Forces. The mobilization process has provided us the opportunity to work with linguists and Jordanian Soldiers in order to best improve our communication while training. The points of instruction included with this advisory role that the 1-102nd CAV possess are small arms, heavy arms, medical, land navigation, map reading and physical training. The 1-102nd CAV and the Jordanian Armed Forces have been working together on the training classes and remediating appropriately to best improve our methods of communication and understanding. Thus far, we have been making great strides in the training and we are all interested in starting overseas.

To date, the mobilization process has been a great indication of our mission preparedness. Each Soldier is learning and developing skills that are imperative to our mission success. We are all looking forward to the road ahead and appreciate the continued support from our local organizations back home. It does not matter where we train, whether in New Jersey or Texas, the 1-102nd CAV will do what we do best and "Show Em' the Way"!

(1LT Jennifer Wain, PAO is a Field Artillery Officer in the New Jersey Army National Guard presently deployed with the 1-102<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry and a Clinical Nurse at The University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia)



*U.S. Army LTC Omar T. Minott, commander, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry, New Jersey Army National Guard, addresses Soldiers, family, friends, elected officials, and members of the New Jersey National Guard leadership at the Charlie Troop farewell ceremony at the armory in Westfield, N.J., Jan. 21, 2019. Charlie Troop is deploying in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa. (New Jersey National Guard photo by Mark C. Olsen)*

*Members of the New Jersey Army National Guard leadership applaud at the conclusion of the Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry, New Jersey Army National Guard, farewell ceremony at the armory in Westfield, N.J., Jan. 21, 2019. Charlie Troop is deploying in support of Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa. L-R BG Edward C. Chrystal Jr., COL Robert W. Hughes Jr., LTC Omar Minott, CSM Edward Alexander, CSM Scott Mechowski, CSM Eric Maney (New Jersey National Guard photo by Mark C. Olsen)*





### ***Squadron Colors Unfurled in Jordan.***

LTC Omar Minott addresses the Troopers during Relief-In-Place, Transfer-Of-Authority Ceremony, Joint Training Center, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Jordan Armed Forces الاردنية المسلحة القوات Soldiers will conduct training missions with the New Jersey National Guard's 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, 44th IBCT, which will be key to securing the strategic level victory in Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve (Army National Guard photos by SFC Brian A. Barbour, CAARNG)

“Black Stetson hats, adorned with golden crossed sabers, dotted a crowd of cavalymen sitting quietly inside a small auditorium, awaiting the moment that for some, symbolized the official end to their unit’s mission and for others, the beginning.

In a ceremony at the Joint Training Center in Jordan, the California National Guard’s 1st Squadron, 18th Cavalry Regiment (1-18 CAV) relinquished authority of their mission to the New Jersey National Guard’s 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment (1-102 CAV), March 14, 2019.

The 1-18 CAV finishes their rotation under Operation Spartan Shield which started July of 2018 and included security, unit readiness and partnering with the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) to enhance border security. “I stand here humbled and thankful for the incredible opportunity we were presented and the extraordinary hospitality and graciousness of our Jordanian hosts,” said LTC Jeremy T. Hopkins, commander of 1-18 CAV, speaking to an audience of U.S Army and Jordan Armed Forces soldiers.

Hopkins spoke about his Soldiers’ accomplishments and the partnership they developed with JAF Border Guard Force.

“The Soldiers have performed the important mission of providing security for key facilities and improving readiness,” said Hopkins. “They also built relationships with the Jordan Armed Forces and coalition partners. We built those bonds with our Jordanian partners by working side by side through the heat, the cold, the rain and through challenges as we trained to prepare units to secure the borders of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from those that would do it harm.”

A significant portion of the 1-18 CAV’s mission was working with the Border Guard Force through the Jordan Operation Engagement Program (JOEP), the most extensive training program funded by the Counter Terrorism Partnership Fund. It focuses on regional security, partnership building, and enhancing the Jordan Armed Forces’ capability to better defend their country against ISIS and any other violent extremist organizations that may threaten the safety of its people.



Throughout nine months, the 1-18 CAV worked closely with four Border Guard Force battalions, at one point putting two battalions through the 10-week JOEP simultaneously. During those 10-weeks, the squadron helped Border Guard Force battalions develop their soldier’s basic, squad and platoon level skills as well their specialty teams such as medics, indirect fire infantrymen, snipers, and forward observers.

Now a new chapter begins as the 1-102 CAV moves forward to where the 1-18 CAV leaves off.

“As the largest single unit under the Jordanian Operational Engagement Program, or JOEP, we are proud to continue the great work of the 1-18 CAV,” said LTC Omar T. Minott, commander of the 1-102 CAV. Minott went on to thank 1-18 CAV and its leadership for the zeal and neighborliness they demonstrated in

helping the 1-120 CAV prepare for their mission and for leaving JOEP on a solid foundation for success. After nine months Soldiers of the 1-18 CAV are ready to go back home to their families and loved ones but will undoubtedly remember their time spent in Jordan and working the JAF.

Hopkins ended his speech, sharing his experiences to the incoming unit.

“It’s now time for us to turn the mission over to the 1-102 CAV’s Lt. Col Minott,” said Hopkins. “I know your squadron has the capabilities and desire to take the Jordan Operational Engagement program and the overall mission to the next level. There’s hard work still to be done, and I know your soldiers are committed Jordan’s security and continued success. The days will be full but time will pass quickly, and the friendships you build will last a lifetime.” (source: [https://www.dvidshub.net/news/314530/heading-home-1-18-cav-passes-its-torch-next-unit?fbclid=IwAR3OsNwdkQ\\_NBDdRgERj6H-woshaCDyX0uqLG0qAjBA9\\_pj9C1nQFvctv18](https://www.dvidshub.net/news/314530/heading-home-1-18-cav-passes-its-torch-next-unit?fbclid=IwAR3OsNwdkQ_NBDdRgERj6H-woshaCDyX0uqLG0qAjBA9_pj9C1nQFvctv18))

### ***New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Heritage Room Committee Progress Report***

As we move forward, we continue the ongoing process of arranging our display cases depicting the history of our unit. We have now completed the eight display cases that are located in the back room and are arranging the items to be on display in the front area cases.

Additionally, we are still holding workshops from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM almost every Wednesday to continue the remaining milestones of sorting, categorizing, logging, and labeling all items for accountability. We are in need of more help; and if you would like to be a part of this historical effort, please contact Frank Mnich or COL Bill Morris. We would gladly welcome your assistance and place you on our Heritage Room Committee and our workshop e-mail listing.

#### **UPDATED - ONGOING and COMPLETED PROJECTS AND RENOVATIONS:**

\* Our German Nazi Flag has been reframed professionally and is now hung on the right outside wall in the back room. We are in the process of working on a narrative that will be presented on a citation next to the flag to explain its remembrance and importance to our association. Additionally, it will then be moved to another location which will better display the flag along with the citation explaining the amazing story behind it.

\* As noted in the winter edition of the Spur, we are still working on having the entire electrical wiring system above the drop ceiling redone because it needs to be reinstalled in accordance to the current state electrical code. When completed, the state electrician will inspect the work for code approval.

\* The Heritage Room floors had been earmarked to be renovated with laminate floor covering; but unfortunately, this cannot be accomplished at this time. However, in the meantime we are anticipating doing a heavy striping of the bar area floor and polishing it to a high gloss shine by buffing it afterwards.

\* We are still awaiting a status from our full time Armorer, who has submitted MAJ Harty’s request to have a professional contractor clean the outside of all the building’s windows.

\* We are presently in the process of sorting out and categorizing many loose pictures. We will then proceed to further organize them for easier identification and accountability.

\* Lastly, we have taken on another project to overhaul all the wooden barstools as most of them no longer turn or have major issues with their safety structure.

\* As always, I thank all members who continue to make the effort and find time to come out and help at our workshops. Please come out to meetings to participate and help with fresh ideas that affect our decision making so we can ALL “Show ‘Em The Way” together.

Respectfully submitted by Co-Chairmen,  
COL Bill Morris and CW5 (Ret) Frank Mnich

***New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Minutes***

8 Feb 2019

The meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

President Mahon recognized Ronnie Nier and Rochus Lawrence for their attendance. Ronnie Nier travelled three hours to attend the meeting.

All the units of the 1/102 Cavalry have been deployed to training in Texas and will be deployed overseas. HHT and two troops will be deployed to Jordan, one troop to Somalia and one troop to Kosovo.

The president recognized the fantastic job that Danielle and the Family Readiness Group did in helping with the deployment. Over 2000 pre-deployment family photos were taken. Union County has been very supportive of the military and its members.

President Mahon addressed some membership issues. 1) E-mail addresses are 10 years old and need to be updated. Updating the E-mail roster will allow The Spur to be sent electronically and enable us to significantly reduce the cost of printing and postage. 2) There are three hundred members but only 57 paid.

There is a Stand Down scheduled in South Jersey on May 22. Jimmy Scanlon will be point of contact.

Veteran's Day remembrance was a big success in Westfield and the the community appreciated the military presence.

Essex Troop Association meetings are a lot of fun. The highlight of the last meeting was Eisenhower's driver giving out his homemade soap. It is an opportunity to experience "history sitting next to us".

Heritage Room Update: We are still in the process of updating the display cases. The electrical in the ceiling is not up to code and is being worked on by Art Maggs. New flooring has been put on hold for the foreseeable future. The plan is to strip and wax the current tile floor. We may be getting new windows as the state renovates the armories.

The Heritage Room has been getting more traffic because LTC Minot and BG Chrystal have been talking about our heritage. They have also been lending out vehicles to connect to the community. However, it should be a lot quieter now that the units have deployed.

The family readiness group will be involved in many different programs. They will be operating as a 501(c) organization to advocate for veterans, the Squadron, the 42 Brigade and the NJARNG. They will be initiating a care package drive to send to deployed Troops. Ground coffee is especially appreciated. COL(Ret) Dougherty acknowledged the contributions of the Westfield Dinner and other Greek Diners in the area for generously donating a deuce and a half worth of care packages. They can be followed at Bonds of Courage and the NJ Cavalry and Armor Association.

The treasurer reported \$13855.00 in our account.

Acting Membership Chairman Chris Sands has coordinated with SSG Martinez to ensure that things run smoothly while the unit is deployed. He reports that we have 2 new life members and that more dues have been coming in and have given to the treasurer.

Spur stories are always welcome. Major Bailey will be deploying but will continue to edit the Spur. Please submit stories to MAJ Bailey at [ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com](mailto:ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com).

Taps: No unreported deaths since the last Spur was published. If anyone has any info it can be sent to Col(ret) Dan Mahon at [Col.Daniel.T.Mahon@gmail.com](mailto:Col.Daniel.T.Mahon@gmail.com).

SMG(ret) Kenny Mahan is still in the same place, JFK Hartwyck, 10 New Brunswick Ave, Edison, NJ 08817, Room 283. Please visit if you can.

LTC(ret) John Kieslor has invited all members of the NJ Cavalry and Armor Association to Essex Troops Annual Business meeting at the West Orange Armory

AUSA will be having an Army Spouse Forum on 9 Apr 19. It will open to the spouses of National Guard and Reserve soldiers being deployed. It will be an enhancement to other Yellow Ribbon programs.

Next Meeting will be 12Apr19

The following members were in attendance: Daniel Mahon, Frank Mnich, Bill Morris, Dennis Dougherty, Ron Nier, Ron Bennet, Bill Grues, Michael Hrycak, Chris Sands, Daniel Sullivan, Walter Hill, John Kieslor, Rochus Lawrence, Ed Barry, Angelo Panzarino, Kevin Murphy, Don Krondroski, Art Maggs, John Blake, James Anglim

### ***New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Minutes***

12 April 2019

President Mahon started the meeting re-emphasizing that he wants to email The Spur rather than mailing to save on costs. To do that the NJ Cavalry and Armor Association (NJC&AA) needs to update member accounts with recent email addresses. He also spoke about the need to get members current on their dues. There are about 300 members on the roster but only 57 members have paid their dues so that we are spending money that we are not bringing in. Minutes from last meeting were accepted.

President's remarks President Mahon wanted to thank all the old members and the new members for coming to the meeting. He also wanted to recognize that the squadron commander LTC Minot finally was promoted to lieutenant colonel. President Mahon recommends that everyone read the account of LT Jennifer Wayne, the acting PAO, of the troops in Jordan. If anyone has any stories of interest please send them to MAJ Bailey so that they can be published in The Spur. The Spur also contains membership forms and information on becoming a Spur Booster. The membership forms can be emailed directly to Daniel Mahon and Chris Sands.

Becoming a Spur Booster helps to defray the costs of printing and mailing The Spur.

Webmaster John Crescenzi has put up a new website. The password will be coming in the future. Heritage Room Update Mr Mnich began his remarks by welcoming everyone to help out by coming to a meeting on most Wednesdays between one and five o'clock. Dan Mahon and Don Kondrosky have been working on the displays. Art Maggs has been working on bringing the electrical work in the ceiling up to state code and hopefully will be done by the end of June. We want to avoid the loss experienced in Sea Girt when the General's Cottage caught fire due to bad electrical wiring. The rug in the back of the heritage room was shampooed and molding was applied to the wall. Plans to replace the floor have been put on hold and the current floor will be stripped and waxed. The bar stool swivel plates were also replaced to restore smooth movement to the swiveling of the bar stools. In gratitude, the association voted to recompense your secretary for his outlays in purchasing the bar stool swivels. The state plans to replace the windows.

Treasurer's report The starting total \$13,876.00. Deposits of \$1,004 were made. Interest was a \$1.22. Check 697 was for refreshments totaling \$68. Check 698 was for the spur of postage \$172.00. Check 699 was \$75 for pizza. Check 700 was \$375 to print The Spur. Checks 701 and 702 were voided. Check 703 was \$792 for Heritage Room repairs and repair parts. The total is \$14,408.00 in the checking account. Family Support Report Daniella is celebrating her 10th year with 102 Cavalry Family Readiness Group (FRG). HHT, A Troop and B Troop are in Jordan. C troop is in Somalia.

The troops are running their own family support programs in their respective armories. The FRG also runs a few squadron wide programs in Westfield because there is a lot of local support. On April 28 the FRG ran a Sunday Funday to have kids and families pack care packages for the troops. The non-profit Bonds of Courage will use

proceeds from casino night to pay for shipping. On 18May19 the Yellow Ribbon Association will host an open house from 1300 to 1500 hrs to allow members of the Community to tour the armory and the heritage room. The 10th Annual Casino night will be Saturday November 23, 2019. President Mahon wants the Cavalry Association to be an active partner with the Family Readiness Group.

Old Business and New Business Suggestions for displaying items in the heritage room would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. Discussion was begun on whether to continue having meetings on Friday Nights or to consider occasional Saturday and Sunday afternoon or evenings. It was also suggested that we could have a picnic and call it a meeting. The Association will be setting up a Pay pal or Vimeo account to make payments easier because younger members do not carry checkbooks. Past President Dennis Dougherty would like to send books to deployed members of the squadron. A motion was proposed and passed to pay for the postage. President Mahon asks that all members go on Facebook and friend the family support group. Each troop has their own page. If any members were active during 9/11 they should contact President Mahon to be included World Trade Center Medical Study. The troops in Jordan wanted to get the 102 Association hats so 80 were ordered and shipped directly. The hats will be provided at cost. Spurs and Sabers will be a smaller affair this year due to the deployment of the troops. Plans are being considered to have an in armory affair. Closing remarks President Mahon wished everyone a Happy Easter. He also reminded them to pay their taxes on April 15. Memorial Day is May 27, it is request that if you are available you go to Westfield Circle for the wreath laying ceremony Next meeting 14 June 2019.



### Memorial Day 2019

“A Memorial Day Proclamation Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day Since war is the world’s most terrible scourge, we should do all in our power to prevent its recurrence. It was the hope of mankind that with the cessation of hostilities of World War II the way would be open to founding a permanent peace. Instead, that war has left the world in a state of continued unrest. Accordingly, we feel the need of turning in humble suppliance to Almighty God for help and guidance. In recognition of this need, the Congress has fittingly provided, in a joint resolution

which I approved on May 11, 1950, that Memorial Day, which has long been set aside for paying tribute to those who lost their lives in war, shall henceforth be dedicated also as a day for Nation-wide prayer for permanent peace. The Congress has also requested that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day in that manner. NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, pursuant to the aforementioned resolution, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, 1950, and each succeeding Memorial Day, as a day of prayer for permanent peace. And I designate the hour beginning at eleven o’clock in the morning of that day, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, as a period in which all our people may unite in prayer, each in accordance with his own religious faith, for divine aid in bringing enduring peace to a troubled world.” HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States

**New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Membership** Life Membership \$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older. Send electronic mail to SSG Martinez and MAJ Harty at [117thcavmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com) or call Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102d Cavalry 732-499-5662. Regimental Ballcaps, American Made, In Coyote Brown; OCP ACU Scorpion W2 or Coyote 498. The same color presently worn by our Troopers overseas on the Frontiers of Freedom in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, Hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25.



**Of note:** MSG (Ret.) Thomas Bullock, who served in A Troop for two decades, is currently residing at Veteran's Haven North, 200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 Fax: 908-537-1987 Telephone: 908-537-1999 Toll Free: 877-648-0091. SGM Ken Mahan is currently residing at JFK Hartwick Nursing Home, 10 Brunswick Ave, Edison, NJ 08817, ATTN: SGM Ken Mahan RM 238

**Submission Deadlines for The SPUR:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Call for Articles: Contributing Columnists will receive certificates of achievement via email.

**Membership Update – SSG Pedro Martinez:** First, please join me in extending our warm gratitude to SGM (Ret) Ken Mahan for his many years of faithful service to the organization. You have always been an



outstanding supporter of the organization, will be grateful for your dedicated service. Fellow members, we will soon begin a campaign to remind you when your dues are due and extend the ability to pay electronically. *The Spur* will soon be published electronically to all members, unless you specifically request hard copy. Please send an email to me or CPT Harty at <[117thcavmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com)> or call the Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102d Cavalry (732)499-5662 so that we have your email on file. Send your dues to the return address on this issue.

**Annual regular dues of \$20.00 and Associate dues \$15.00 are due in September.** Make checks Payable to **117<sup>th</sup> CAV Association.** Association web site: [www.117th-cav.org/](http://www.117th-cav.org/) Read past issues of *The SPUR*, look up the WWII histories of the 38<sup>th</sup>, 102d and 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz). All WWII Veterans and members over 80 will no longer pay dues, you will see WWII over your name.



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SP = Spring, SU = Summer, FA = Fall, WI = Winter

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