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President's Message Hello to you my fellow Cavalry and Armor Soldiers. It has certainly been a busy spring we have had and we look forward to an equally busy summer for us all. Well as we are all well aware our valiant Soldiers of the 102nd Cavalry Squadron have been deployed to both Jordan and the Horn of Africa, Somalia in particular, and are as usual "Setting the Standards" at a very high level for others to attain. They will "Show em the Way."

It is due to the high tempo that the Spring Edition of the SPUR had been delayed, but, is "On the Way." Our soldiers are performing their duties at a very high Operational Tempo and from what I am hearing they are also taking great pride in their accomplishments. Drive On men and women of our modern day Cavalry.

Our Association has been trying our best to support the commitment being shown by the Family Support group. We have donated many different food items to the packages being sent overseas and dedicating time to other support activities they are sponsoring. We joined together to represent the Squadron at the Westfield Memorial Day commemoration to our local War Dead which had a tremendous turnout in both marchers and well-wishers watching from the parade route. The Association will continue to support the Family Support and our soldiers whenever needed.

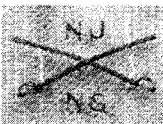
During our normal meeting at the Westfield Armory on 12 April 2019 the Association Saluted the Promotion of LTC Omar Minott to his well-earned rank as the Squadron Commander. Our Web Master John Crescenzi has designed a new site depicting our new name: <http://njcavalryandarmorassociation.org> and will be completing it shortly. As you all know we are no longer the 117th Cav Assoc. so we are laboriously changing everything having to do with this change i.e.: Articles of Incorporation, Bank Accounts (of which we will have the ability to move money electronically to accept dues like a PayPal type of account) and our lease with the state to use the Armory. LTC Sands is working tirelessly trying to collect Dues and e-mail addresses so please get those submitted. If anyone does NOT want the SPUR sent to you via email please email me at col.daniel.t.mahon@gmail.com and I will address it. If anyone has a story of interest to be published in the SPUR again send it to me and I will ensure it gets included. If anyone hears of the passing of one of our old friends please send me the obit. If you no longer want to be a member in good standing of our Association.....just tell us and we will appreciate your right to privacy.

In closing I ask everyone to forward the SPUR to old comrades from the Armor Units (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Tank) so they can get reacquainted with old soldier friends and get back into the community. Let us all band together and come back into the fold and enjoy our service of years gone by. Our next meeting will be **13 September 2019** at the Westfield Armory in the Grill Room at 1930 hours. The September meeting would be a good one to attend. It is our Annual Meeting we will have elections, any adoptions needed and DUES are DUE. Future date is 8 Nov 2019. Take care and enjoy until we see each other at a meeting "See ya when I see ya."

Show 'Em The Way!

Daniel T. Mahon Colonel, Retired, USA

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Squadron Commander's Message:



“With the Squadron well over the half-way mark on our overseas deployment, we have scored historical achievements on our security cooperation and SECFOR missions. We should all be very proud of what we have accomplished across three continents - both the forward-deployed elements and the rear detachment - knowing that we will continue to excel on the bottom half of our tour. Let us all stay vigilant, keeping our sabers sharpened and our mounts ready, as we display this Squadron as the shining example of Army excellence that it indeed is”



Photo at right: CSM Eric Maney, Squadron Command

Sergeant Major, congratulating a young Cavalry Trooper on mission in Jordan while U.S. Army LTC Omar T. Minott, Commander, 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry, looks on at Joint Training Center, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Jordan Armed Forces
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Show 'Em the Way!
LTC Omar Minott,
1-102nd Cavalry Squadron Commander



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From the Editor – MAJ Ryan C. Bailey Troopers, Thank you very much for your continuing support. As our Squadron is deployed across the world on missions of importance to the national security, I hope you will look forward to reading some of their new exploits here. Consider also coming out to one of our upcoming events or meetings and having a follow up discussion face to face. It's always great catching up with old friends & making new ones. Please keep the Troopers in your thoughts and prayers as they are away from their families and homes in defense of our freedoms & on our behalf. Godspeed & Show 'Em the Way! ryan.c.bailey@hotmail.com

From the Frontlines by Squadron Public Affairs Detachment, 1LT Jennifer Wain & SSG Karen Adrada.

The Jordan Operational Engagement Program (JOEP) is picking up speed for both Alpha and Bravo Troops. A Troop has conducted vehicle and room searches, Mortar live fire with Forward Observers, Sniper alternate position stress shoot, and medics trained tactical combat casualty care. Bravo Troop is training on M4 accuracy, mortar direct fire, call for fire training, sniper long range shooting and tactical field care by the medics. A lot of the training is mirroring what the Jordan Armed Forces Battalions have been and will experience on the border. HHT is working diligently on supporting the Squadron's operations in every way they can. Charlie Troop continues to provide reconnaissance and security in East Africa. The Soldiers are also getting ready for upcoming Squadron events, such as the Spur Ride, the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, and the Cavalry Leaders Course.

Jordan, America launch new training cycle by Sgt. 1st Class Shaiyla Hakeem | Area Support Group - Jordan | July 26, 2019



New Jersey National Guard Soldiers, with 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, and Jordan Border Guard Force Soldiers, with the 7th Mechanized Battalion, 48th Mechanized Brigade, render a salute to the Jordanian and American National Anthems during the Jordan Operational Engagement Program (JOEP) opening ceremony July 14, 2019. JOEP is a 14-week individual and collective training, as well

as a military partnership between Jordan and America. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class SHAIYLA HAKEEM)

Jordanians and Americans stood side-by-side to honor the commencement of a new cycle for the Jordan Operational Engagement Program (JOEP).

New Jersey National Guard Soldiers, with 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, and Jordan Border Guard Force Soldiers, with the 7th Mechanized Battalion, 48th Mechanized Brigade, embarked on a new JOEP cycle July 14, 2019.

"Border Guards [Jordan] protect Jordanian borders and I am honored and proud to train with the U.S. Army in all areas of weapons, [us] all together here shows a strong partnership," said Jordan Armed Forces (JAF) Brig. Gen. Khalid Al-Masaeid, Northern region commander, during the ceremony.

JOEP is a 14-week individual and collective training, as well as a military partnership between Jordan and America. Areas of training include marksmanship, tactical first aid, map reading, land navigation, battle drills, react to improvised explosive devices, sniper training, and several other Soldier skills.

Speaking on behalf of Task Force Spartan-Jordan was U.S. Army Col. Kirk White, senior Army leader of Jordan. He emphasized the significance of Soldiers serving shoulder-to-shoulder, "shona-ba-shona," in an effort to become a stronger force.

"Today our partnership to defeat ISIS [Islamic State in Iraq and Syria], maintain and strengthen the stability of Jordan is as important as ever," said White while addressing the troops.

The purpose of the JOEP is to partner and train with the Jordan Army battalions mobilizing for missions on the border. The program's intent is to conduct meaningful partnership training with the JAF leading to promotion of stability and security in the region.

"Let us continue to build on this successful program by enhancing the mission readiness for both units," said White, "With God's help, together we can continue to preserve safety and stability for the people of Jordan and the region (source:

<https://www.usarcent.army.mil/News/Article/1917868/jordan-america-launch-new-training-cycle/>.)"



Cavalry Troopers Receive Their Combat Patches

Our Troopers of the 1-102nd Cavalry were recently among the first to receive the patch of the 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as their Right Shoulder Sleeve Insignia, Former Wartime Service. The patch was re-introduced across the formations of the Brigade following re-designation and re-flagging in 2017. The patch is the WWII patch of the 44th Infantry Division. The Division was the National Guard Infantry Division of New Jersey when WWII began. The Young Troopers today wearing their 44th IBCT Patches on both shoulders represent the Cavalry Continuity of another great generation of American Patriots in New Jersey National Guard Service.

New Jersey Cavalry & Armor Association Minutes 14 June 2019 Reading of the previous minutes suspended **New Business**: Changing the name of the association bank account has been harder than anticipated. The account will be updated to accept new forms of payment to facilitate collection of dues. Our lease has been renewed with the state for another year. The Family Support Group was recognized for all its efforts in supporting our deployed troops. The FSG has donated about 10 care packages to deployed troops. Memorial Day services were well attended at the War Memorial in downtown Westfield with marchers and spectators. President Mahon also gave recognition to the sacrifice of Dereck Nelson the Westfield High School Principal and Army Reserve Chief Warrant Officer that died trying to donate bone marrow to someone in France. Joe Maybauer a former member of the squadron is in need of a kidney. It was reported that Tom Bullock had two heart attacks and is having stents put in. **Heritage Room Update**: Electrical work is ongoing to meet the requirements of NJ electrical code. Efforts are being made to procure a Troop D Air guidon in recognition of their contributions to the Squadron. The captured Nazi Flag has been moved to its final display site. Work is ongoing to get its accompanied story framed. The new concept of the heritage room is that less is more. **Treasurer's Report**: The

starting balance of the association checking account is \$14,482. Deposits from dues and interest totaled \$4272.66. Checks posted: 704 \$59.97 for Refreshments, 705 \$118.63 for Heritage Room expenses, 706 \$166.20 for Heritage Room Expenses, 707 \$77.50 for Refreshments, 708 \$1223.00 for hats. Total outlays \$1645.30. Ending Balance \$17307. Treasurer's report was accepted. **Membership Committee:** Acting membership chairman Chris Sands reported that Kevin Murphy became a Life Member. Deceased members have been removed from the roster and most of the unpaid members are currently deployed. **Family Readiness Report:** Open House

Pack care packages. Casino night will be November 23, 2019. Spurs and Sabers will be a smaller affair that will be held at the armory because the units are deployed. Date to be determined in October. Deloitte had a corporate community service day where they came in and painted the entryway and the chaplain's room. Westfield Lumber donate \$500 in paint and brushes. Dennis Daugherty read the Squadron Commander and Command Sergeant Major's remarks for the previous Spur. He informed members that the Squadron is working on the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge. The Squadron commander thanked the NJ Cavalry and Armor Association and the Family Readiness group for their support. He also read a report from the C Troops commander stationed in east Africa are doing well. They are doing mounted and dismounted reconnaissance with the Army's new reconnaissance truck. 102 Cavalry hats are being provided to the units at cost. **Old Business:** Bar Stools chair renovation is complete in the heritage room. Thirteen barstool swivel bases were replaced. Danielle is also reaching out to the person who made the BDU Stool cover to make some more. Discussed moving the meeting start time to 1930 hours instead of 2000 hours. Want to be more flexible in moving dates to synchronize with squadron drills to increase attendance. Consensus was should not present much of a problem if ample notice is given. Bill Morris talked about going to training and discussing the association and benefits of membership where the troops are training. Next Meeting will be Friday 13Sep19

Members in Attendance: Frank Mnich, Dan Mahon, James Anglim, Bill Gruss, Chris Sands, Michael Hrycak, Bill Morris, Danielle Braca, Jennifer Silva, Ed Barry, Jim Pressman, Dennis Daugherty, John Keislor, Don Kondroski, Kevin Murphy, Angelo Panzarino, Daniel Sullivan

Kosovo Force Deployment for 44th IBCT HQ (Pictured L-R: MG Joe Jarrard Deputy Commanding General of USAREUR & member of GAARNG, COL Robert W. Hughes Jr. CDR, 44th IBCT & MNBG-E, MAJ Justin Hendricks, LNO & Former CDR of B TRP 1-102nd CAV, CSM Scott Mechowski, BDE CSM, past Squadron CSM). The Head Quarters Element of The New Jersey Army National Guard's premier combat arms formation, the Forty-fourth Infantry Brigade Combat Team, assumed command of United States Army Kosovo Force Rotation Number Two-Six, Camp Bondsteel. Since the U.S. Entered Kosovo in support of Freedom of Movement and a Safe and Secure Environment for all its peoples, the land has been marked by significant progress toward eventual conflict resolution. New Jersey National Guardsmen are proud to be serving there among a range of overseas deployments for our Brigade this year, marking the Brigade's deployment for the first time to Eastern Europe, The Middle East and Horn of Africa.



1944



2019

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF D-DAY

75th Anniversary of D-Day President Trump joined Queen Elizabeth this June the Sixth, for Memorial Observances in London marking the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Normandy Beach Landings. These were followed by Normandy flyovers with red, white and blue smoke, a thousand paratrooper friendship jump and numerous honor guard details which will ultimately culminate in continuous Seventy-fifth anniversary observances

over the next year through the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of V-E Day, which will be May 8th 2020. Refer to: Dday75.org and nationalww2museum.org Operation Overlord marked the largest seaborne invasion in human history and the final assault on Fortress Europe, the once thought to be impregnable stronghold of National Socialism President Roosevelt addressed the nation via radio on the evening of June 6th 1944 and said; "My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far. And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer: Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity. Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith. They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph. They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest-until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war. For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home. Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom. And for us at home -- fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas -- whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them--help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice. Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts. Give us strength, too -- strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces. And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be. And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose. With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil. Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen." – source: <https://www.fdrlibrary.org/d-day>

New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association Heritage Room Committee Progress Report - Summer 2019

As we continue to move forward, with 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 all but two of the remaining cases in the front room area. We are still holding workshops from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM most Wednesdays to continue the remaining milestones of displaying, 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 inside wall as you enter the back room area. We are in the process of printing a narrative that will be presented next to the flag explaining its remembrance and importance to our association.
- As noted in the winter and spring edition of the Spur, we are still working on having the entire electrical wiring system above the drop ceiling redone. This has been a slow but very professionally done task and it needs to be reinstalled correctly in accordance to the current state electrical code. When completed, the state electrical inspector must verify the work for code standards and then must sign off its 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 give our extreme appreciation and thanks to Tenant/State Employee who is also an Association Member and our newest Heritage Committee Member, Bob Ryan for completing a professional striping of the bar area tile floor then polishing it to a high gloss shine by buffing it 8 times afterwards. Thanks for your untiring efforts Bob, "Show 'Em The Way".
- We have recently received an update from our Regional Chief Armorer, who had submitted a state request to have a professional contractor clean the outside of all the building's windows. He has now indicated that we may have a current unit person volunteering to complete this task for us. Updates on this issue will be forthcoming as they are received.
- We are presently in the process of sorting out and categorizing many loose pictures. We will then proceed to further file and organize them for easier identification and accountability.
- We have now completed another major project of overhauling all the wooden barstools and report that they turn with ease and no longer pose a safety structure hazard.

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

102nd Cavalry at D-Day From Col. Harold J. Samsel's Book Operational History of the 102nd Cavalry Regiment, Essex Troop World War II June 6th 1944, is the day all the world speaks of simply as "D-Day", but for the men of this Squadron and the other units preparing to assault the European mainland it marked the sudden end of months of anxious waiting for the unknown. Troops B, C, and Headquarters and service, plus elements of the balance of the Squadron, lay anchored off the coast of France expecting at any minute to hear the ominous order to disembark. As the first assault waves hit the beach and little L.S.T. boats approached the beachhead, the Squadron had its "baptism of fire". Hostile aircraft bombed and strafed incessantly and artillery in battery position on the high ground just beyond the beach line bracketed the small craft outlined against the water. As barrage after barrage fell in the immediate vicinity of the three L.S.T.s carrying the 102nd Cavalry personnel, the assault of the beach hung in the balance. To the men riding at anchor in the bay, it seemed that for every three boats that were ordered shoreward by the beach-master, one struck a mine, a second was blown to bits by artillery and the third limped back loaded to the gunwales with wounded. How much longer could the carnage last, before one side or the other was forced back?

For nearly two days and nights that seemed like an eternity, the unit lay less than a thousand yards off shore waiting for the beachhead to expand enough for cavalry vehicles to disembark. The German shore batteries kept up their ceaseless fire at the shuttling convoys in the bay while friendly warships further out matched them round for round. Wave after wave of strongly escorted bomber armadas dropped thousands of tons of explosives on the steel and concrete emplacements overlooking the beach and the enemy in retaliation sent every plane at their disposal to try to counterbalance the joint air and land attacks by brute force. Anti-aircraft guns on the ships, and later on shore, sent up a quantity of flack never before equaled in the history of aerial combat.

"Omaha, East Red" was the code name for the sector from St. LAURENT SUR MERE to ISIGNY and the massive identifying signs implanted on the sloping beach marked the spot where the landing was to be made. Every contingency of weather and terrain had been anticipated in the months of planning; nothing was left to chance.

June 8, 1332B - After 24 hours of false reports, rumors and counter rumors, L.S.T. #16 was ordered to "go in", and Troop C began to disembark 228 minutes later at ST. LAURENT SUR MERE. The tenseness of waiting was over. This, finally, was what the men had been training for these many long months in the United States and England. The route to the beach was strewn with still burning ships that had run upon sunken concrete pilings or mines, and ahead lay the shoreline sloping gently upward to the high bluffs overlooking the bay. The beach proper was littered with demolished vehicles and American and German soldiers unrecognizably intermingled in death. The cost in lives of slightly over 48 hours of one of history's bloodiest engagements will go into the records as a mere impersonal statistical computation; but to those who landed on Omaha Beach and lived to retain the vivid picture, the war was suddenly transmitted from routine, dull, heartbreaking training to grim kill or be killed reality. After partially de-waterproofing their vehicles, Troop C displaced forward 6 miles to a field near SURRAIN, France, and at 1900B the same day, elements of Troops A and B disembarked to join them. The balance of the Squadron put ashore the following morning, and with entire fighting strength assembled, The Troops bivouacked for the rest of the night.

-source: <http://njcavalryandarmorassociation.org/History%20of%20the%20102nd.pdf>

From Our Lineage and Honors

117th Cavalry Inducted into Federal service 6 January 1941 at home stations 2d Squadron withdrawn 30 November 1943, reorganized, and redesignated as the 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized (1st Squadron – see ANNEX 1 [remainder of 102d Cavalry--hereafter separate lineages]) 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, inactivated 25 November 1945 in Germany Reorganized and Federally recognized 20 November 1946 at West Orange as the 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. From ANNEX 1: Inducted into Federal service 6 January 1941 at home stations Reorganized, and redesignated 2 January 1944 as the 102d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized (remainder of 102d Cavalry--hereafter separate lineage) Inactivated 23 October 1945 at Camp Shanks, New York. From ANNEX 4: Constituted 3 December 1941 in the Army of the United States as the 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Light Organized 15 December 1941 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, from the Anti-tank Battalion (Provisional) of the 44th Division (organized 1 July 1941 at Fort Dix, New Jersey) Allotted 13 March 1942 to the New Jersey National Guard Inactivated 5 December 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia Westfield elements reorganized and Federally recognized 26 September 1946 as the 50th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, with Headquarters at Westfield, and assigned to the 50th Armored Division (remainder of 102d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized--hereafter separate lineage. CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

Rome-Arno

Normandy (with arrowhead)

Northern France

Southern France (with arrowhead)

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

DECORATIONS

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered BEACHES OF NORMANDY

French Croix de Guerre with Palm, World War II, Streamer embroidered PROVENCE TO LORRAINE

Troop B (West Orange), 1st Squadron, additionally entitled to:

World War II

Asiatic-Pacific Theater,

Streamer without inscription

-source:<https://history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/lineages/branches/armor-cav/102cvrg.htm>

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 or call Headquarters, 1-102 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 21st 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 1st, June 1st, September 1st, December 1st. 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 are 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 be 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 or call the Headquarters 1st 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 **117th CAV Association.**

Association web site: njcavalryandarmorassociation.org/ Read past issues of *The SPUR*, look up the WWII histories of the 38th, 102d and 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz). All WWII Veterans and members over 80 will no longer pay dues, you will see WWII over your name.

10th ANNUAL SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CASINO NIGHT



This year's Casino Night will be unique. For the first time since the inception of the Support Our Troops Casino Night the 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, New Jersey Army National Guard will not be home to celebrate with us. These men and women began serving our nation on deployment to the Middle East and the Horn of Africa early this year. In view of their absence, we hope to continue and even redouble our fundraising efforts. While our primary mission is to support all Veterans and service members serving all branches of the military across our nation, the 102nd Cavalry Squadron holds a special place in our hearts. They are our hometown heroes.



Support Our Troops Casino Night

Saturday, November 23, 2019

7:00 PM

National Guard Armory

500 Rahway Avenue

Westfield, NJ



Ticket Prices

*(all tickets include \$ 60 gaming chips,
buffet dinner, beer and wine)*

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Shown at the left of each name is the last issue and year in which your entry will be published.
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 WI-26 CHARLES ANGELLOS.R.
 SP-26 BOB & LORRAINE APGAR
 WI-19 COL (Ret) KEVIN AUSTIN 5-117 CAV
 SU-19 JAMIE AYALA
 SU-32 ED BARRY (mem. of) BILL BARR TROOP D
 (AIR) 5-117th CAV
 FA-21 RALPH BOCKINO (mem. of) by wife CATHERINE
 WI-19 CRAIG BOYLAN
 SU-19 MSG TOM BULLOCK (mem) SGT RON MANNING FA-
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 WI-22 MIRIAM FISHER (mem.of husb.) WILLIAM E.
 FISHER FA-19 BOB FOLEY (HHT Ret)
 WI- 72 JOHN FRANTZ, LT A Troop 5-117th CAV WI-19 BILL &
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 Troop C
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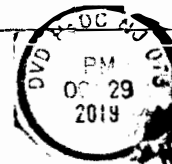
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