Monument Adopted, Phase II Fund-raising Begins

Our 14th Cavalry Regiment Memorial Monument is “ON THE WAY.” Members at this year’s reunion applauded and approved its design, construction schedule, emplacement site, and dedication date.

Features

The entire monument is polished black granite. The center panel is topped with crossed sabers on one side and our Regimental crest on the other. The panel features an engraved brief history of each of the five eras of our Regiment. The other side has on it the names of the awards, decorations and citations presented to the street, shops and other eateries. We envision the program will look something like this:

17 Oct
• Registration, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Supply Room open, Noon-5 p.m. & 7:30-9 p.m.
• Welcome Stable Call & Watering Hole, 6:30-10 p.m.

18 Oct
• Dedication of the 14th Cavalry Regimental Gallery at Armor School & visit other displays, A.M.
• Lunch at Ft. Benning Golf Club, Noon
• Dedication of our Regimental Memorial Monument and visits to nearby monuments

2018 Reunion 17-19 October, Columbus, Ga.

Plan now to attend our 2018 Regimental Reunion. It will feature mementoes for each participant, dedications of our monument and the 14th Cavalry Gallery at the Armor School, and an array of special foods and refreshments at the Welcome Stable Call, Watering Hole and Regimental Banquet.

The modern and central-downtown Columbus Marriott will be our host hotel. Those who attended the 2013 reunion said its guest rooms and facilities, such as its cafe and Houlihan’s restaurant and bar, were topnotch. And the hotel is within walking distance to the riverfront across elements of the Regiment. The panel is 6 in. thick, 4 ft. wide and 8 ft. high.

The five pedestal-guion elements tell the story of each era of our Regiment: Horse, WWII, Constabulary, Cold War and Post 9-11. The histories are told in narratives and graphics etched on one side of each guion and on plaques and graphics on both sides of the pedestals. The guions are 4 in. thick, 20 in. high and 27 in. wide. The pedestals taper from 1-1/2 ft. at bottom to 1 ft. at the top and are 4-1/2 ft. high.

The monument will sit on a 20x20 ft. concrete pad in which personalized “bricks” will be set. The monument will be placed near the proposed National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Museum’s “monument garden” in Patton’s Park adjacent to Ft. Benning, Ga.

Dedication

The monument will be dedicated “To all 4th Cavalry Troopers whose unselfish and dedicated service and personal sacrifice contributed to peace and freedom in our nation and around the world.”

The unveiling ceremony will be held at the monument during the 2018 Regimental Reunion. See article below.

Phase II Fund-Raising Program

Phase II of a campaign to raise $95,000 for the monument was announced at the Reunion.

As was the pledge of an anonymous donor to match the next $10,000 contributed to the fund.

Challenged to earn those matching funds at the reunion, attendees stepped up by contributing $11,200 by the reunion-concluding banquet on Saturday night. Eighty-two percent of those at the reunion contributed to the fund, confirming the observation of LTC Jabari Miller, outgoing commander of 2-14, that “Cavalry is an attitude,” and demonstrating that members of the 14th Cavalry Association have it!

A letter describing the Phase II fund raising program will be sent to all members soon. It will provide for pledges that can be paid in four installments in 12 months, making it easier to honor your service and the selfless dedication that 14th Cavalry Troopers have exemplified since 1901.
Commander’s Hatch

Support YOUR Monument, YOUR Service

Among all the missions you have accomplished in the Army and in civilian life, none will likely have more lasting impact than that of your support to our Regimental Memorial Monument.

Your pledged donation will be a sign of your pride in your service, your loyalty to fellow 14th Cav Troopers, and your dedication to our Regiment and nation. I urge every present and past member of our Regiment to pledge whatever amount he or she can to our Regimental Monument Fund.

We are counting on your financial support. Watch your mail box. Then pledge your commitment to this worthy cause in your honor and that of Troopers past and future.

Volunteers Needed

We seek Active Duty and veteran volunteers to help recruit new members. Say you’ll join-up by sending an e-mail message to Lew Miller, VP (Enlisted Matters) and Honorary SGM of the Regiment, at lew.scout@yahoo.com. And please CC: Gordy Bratz at bratzgr@mac.com

2018 Reunion Set

Our next reunion will take place 17-19 October 2018 in Columbus, Ga., as highlighted on Page 1.

Our intent—based on our expectation that the funds needed to start fabrication of the monument will be in hand in a few months—is to dedicate our Regimental Monument and the 14th Cavalry Gallery at the Armor School on the 19th. Those are sure to be two events you should not miss, to say nothing of joining with your 14th Cav brothers and sisters in arms at our reunion.

The beautiful Columbus Marriott Hotel will be our HQ. Recall that we had our reunion there in 2013. Members said its guest accommodations, Houlihan’s restaurant and bar, café, Watering Hole arrangements, and banquet entrees’ and ambiance were exceptional.

Plan now to rally with us on this objective in 2018.

Accolades & Appeals from Germany

Officials of the Museum of American Troops in the Fulda Area and the Point Alpha Foundation have sent messages of sincere thanks for the Association’s support of their displays and a future exhibit in the U.S. and Germany.

Still, both organizations continue to appeal for additional brief written recollections of your service in the Regiment and associations with German people while stationed in Bad Hersfeld, Bad Kissingen or Fulda. As well, both seek donations of military and personal memorabilia representative of your time in the ACR.

Send your story and/or memorabilia for the museum to: Herr Winfried Jager, Dragonerstrasse 10, Fulda, GE or e-mail: DAFKS@gmx.de; and for the Pt. Alpha Foundation to: Ms. Ricarda Steinhach, Schlossplatz 4, 36419 Geisa, Germany.

The Association recently helped the Foundation do video interviews with members Ray Lebowitz, GEN Crosbie “Butch” Saint and former Regimental CO BG Albin Irzyk for an upcoming exhibit. As well, we created and sent to the museum for display in its 14th Cavalry Gallery an organizational chart of the ACR, circa 1961, a history of the Regiment in Germany, and materials from BG Irzyk (below).

Trooper Down

Longtime member and Medal of Honor recipient, retired Master Sgt. Wilburn K. Ross went to Fiddler’s Green on 9 May. He was 94.

Drafted in 1942, he was a PVT machine gunner in the 3rd Infantry Division and was wounded in Italy by shrapnel in 1943. A year later his unit pushed into eastern France where it encountered elite German alpine troops in the Vosges Mountains. On Oct. 30, 1944, his company took heavy casualties but “he moved some 10 yards beyond the unit’s lines and held his ground in what was essentially a one-man fight against wave after wave of approaching Germans.” He repelled them “with well-aimed fire for five hours,” felling “at least 58” at his position “saving his company from destruction.”

He settled in DuPont, Wash., where the city erected a memorial to him. He and 12 other MOH recipients were featured on postage stamps issued in 2013.

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We welcome news from our Veteran, Active Duty & Family Members.

Thank You & Blessings

A sincere “Thank You” to each of you who came to our 2017 reunion in San Antonio. Dottie and I were especially delighted to meet several members who had not attended a reunion for a long time or not at all. They brought a special spirit to the occasion. As did the presence of LTC Jabari Miller and 1SG James Morgan, 2-14 commander and Headquarters Troop 1st Sgt. respectively. And we also enjoyed being with other members, the majority of whom have attended our reunions year after year.

There are no other events as precious and memorable as reunions such as ours, more precious and memorable as reunions such as ours, particularly among those who share loyalty, respect, friendship and the ethos of service to one’s nation. Those who participate in our Association’s affairs are blessed.
**Friends and Families of the 14th Cavalry Association:** The Soldiers and Leaders of the 1st Squadron hope this finds each of you well.

Since late last year we have completed recovery operations after supporting the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) at the Orchard Combat Training Center (OCTC) in Idaho, officially welcomed the Anti-Tank Company (Hellcat) back home (where they should have remained all along); they are now D Troop!, and we conducted warrior skills training and basic maintenance to get ourselves ready for our coming training window this summer.

As you know, the winter months can be challenging with the holidays and adverse weather, but that didn’t slow us. All troops conducted individual weapons qualification despite an unusual amount of snow. Bronco Troop went to Crystal Mountain, Wash. and conducted some hardcore winter training that included snowshoeing, individual movement techniques and CASEVAC using SKEDCO flexible stretchers.

**Late in January and into February,** the Squadron linked up with the Military Intelligence Company (MiCO) and the Brigade S2 section to conduct a combined CPX. During that exercise, we were able to conduct multiple iterations of an Intelligence Collection Working Group to more effectively link Reconnaissance to Brigade Maneuver decisions—in essence this event set the foundation to re-establish the Squadron as the Brigade Commander’s shaping force.

In March we bid farewell to LTC William “Chris” Cavin and I assumed command.

And a large portion of the Squadron went to the Republic of Korea to replicate the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team in support of 8th Army’s Warplan CPX Key Resolve. Once on the peninsula, members of the staff were able to dive deep into the 2ID warplans and quickly contribute to the exercise while also gaining an opportunity to recon the terrain and culture of the region. Before leaving, we hiked to the top of Soyosan mountain to gain an appreciation of what our Scouts may be called to do in the future.

Unfortunately, we’re back to Red Cycle taskings. In mid-May a 1/3 of the Squadron rail-loaded equipment and debarked for YTC to support 2nd Brigade’s culminating training event before they head to the National Training Center in the fall. And about 1/3 of our combat power will soon fly to Fort Knox, Ky. to assist in ROTC Cadet summer training. Still we have a robust series of Leader Professional Development sessions, Consolidated Sergeant’s Time Training, and progressive Scout Stakes events planned throughout the summer to include another Spur Ride, Spouse Spur and Organizational Day planned for late August. As it stands now, the next time we will have the whole Squadron together to conduct training will be in October.

You may recall that our last SITREP mentioned our annual Warhorse Walk to the local VA to honor our Veterans. Well, the rougher-than-usual winter made that unsafe. But we’ve already started planning this year’s walk for 8 November. I believe we’ll get some good Cavalry weather this time and we invite you to join us.

As always, the Squadron welcomes you at any time. Come meet and speak to the present generation of 14th Cav Troopers! Until then, God Speed…and we’ll see you on the high ground!

**WARHORSE!**

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**1st Squadron “Warhorse” SITREP**

**Crazyhorse Troop prepares its 2nd Platoon for a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.**

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**1-14 commanders and staff on top of Soyosan Mountain, South Korea.**

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**LTC Aaron Dixon talks with Tom and Dottie Cole after assuming command of the 1st Squadron.**

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**Bronco Troop trains at Crystal Mountain.**
Aloha, and greetings from Oahu!
I’m honored to join the past and present Troopers of the 14th Cavalry Regiment’s distinguished lineage.

Just departed commander, LTC Jabari Miller, has left a tremendous mark on the 2nd Squadron, having transformed it from a Stryker Brigade Combat Team Reconnaissance Squadron to an Infantry Brigade Combat Team Squadron. As he reported in the March issue, he and his tough officers and noncommissioned officers recently led the squadron through an outstanding certification at the Joint Readiness Training Center this spring. The rotation added an additional bit of complexity new to rotations of the last 17 years: a brigade-level live fire exercise into Peason Ridge Training Area. And that training culminated a tremendous 27-month run for Jabari.

I am honored as well to come on board to lead and re-establish the Rattlesnake Squadron. We thank you past Strykehorse Leaders and Troopers for the history you wrote, and will continue honoring your service and sacrifice as we move into the future.

With approximately a third of the squadron deployed throughout the summer supporting ROTC Cadet Summer Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, we remain creative with our training plans in order to retain our state of readiness. We expect great things from Ace High and Bounty Hunter at Knox this summer. One side note: throughout the summer, our Troopers will fall under the mission command of the 3rd Cav Regiment there. I only mention this because Bounty Hunter has already represented the 14th Cavalry Regiment well by winning the Brave Rifles Day Football Championship.

Our Scouts in Combat Troop continue honing the art of jungle reconnaissance, with over half of the troop currently completing Jungle School here at Schofield Barracks. The Jungle Operations Training Center teaches members of the joint, multinational force team to conduct small unit operations in the unforgiving terrain of the jungle. Many of those same troopers begin the progression to Ranger School, RSRLC, and the Army Reconnaissance Course later this summer.

During July, elements of the squadron staff and the division will accompany me to Australia to participate in a joint, multinational command post exercise simulating combat in the Pacific Theater. This is a tremendous opportunity for a junior staff to “play up a weight,” so to speak, and get a free repetition of the military decision-making process in a tough environment.

Toward the end of summer, CSM Mark Woodworth, Major Eric Evans (S3), and I will take our newest members of the squadron to Fort Knox to link up with Ace High and Bounty Hunter Troops and certify their platoons in the beautiful Kentucky hills. We will culminate platoon training and move back to Oahu to support our fellow Cavalry Troopers in 3-4 CAV during 3d IBCT’s Lightning Forge CERTEX.

Besides the transition of the squadron from Jabari in May, several other key transitions have occurred: CPT Tom Hood, Commander, Ace High Troop, changed command with CPT Ben Groom in May; he most recently was our Assistant S3. Tom is now the Division G3 XO. CPT Miles Wellein changed command of HHT with CPT Stetson Kornegay, formerly our S4. CPT Jon Neidig changed command of Combat Troop with CPT Luke King. Jon heads to Columbia University to complete his master’s degree before becoming an instructor in the Department of Military Instruction at USMA. Finally, but certainly not least in import, 1SG J. Matt Morgan, whom those at the reunion met, is leaving the squadron to be the senior NCO for the University of Colorado ROTC program. The cadets there will be blessed to have his leadership and experience prepare them for commissioning.

I remain humbled and honored to serve our Troopers. We remain ready to provide the Warrior Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, and the Army with the best Cav Squadron in the Pacific.

TROPIC LIGHTING!

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Tim Peterman
LTC, IN, Commanding
2017 Reunion Wrap-up

The recent reunion on the vibrant River Walk of San Antonio was a smash. The 51 “old timer” and Active Duty Troopers and Family Members in attendance enjoyed great camaraderie during a fascinating tour of historic Fort Clark, home of our Regiment 100 years ago, when partaking of libations aplenty in the Watering Hole, and at a scrumptious concluding banquet.

At the Members’ Meeting Tom Cole and Lew Miller were re-elected President and VP respectively, and Page Barry was elected Treasurer. As well, members approved the Regimental Memorial Monument and related construction aspects, funding goal campaign, and the site and planned dates of the 2018 reunion, and enjoyed an illustrated briefing about the training activities of the 2nd Squadron by LTC Jabari Miller, Squadron Commander, and 1SG James Morgan, HHT 1st Sgt. respectively.