



The Thoroughbred



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HANDICAP BLACK

“Handicap Black”

Original Art by Jamie Warner, 2d Cavalry Association Artist in Residence

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A Note from the Executive Director/Publisher:

20 January, 2016

My Fellow Dragoons,

We are in a time of transition here at the Second Cavalry Association. With numerous initiatives underway aimed at dramatically increasing our membership, significantly growing our funding and financial base as well as the passing of the leadership torch to a new (and younger) team.

Comments in this edition by our current leadership will add details.

In order to accomplish our leadership change and fulfill our mission, we need to modify the by-laws. Therefore, please accept this message as official notice of the intention of the board of governors to amend the By-laws to increase the size of the board to 21 members. Further, the by-laws will be altered so that the chairman will have the power to fill board vacancies in the interim between our bi-annual general membership meetings. These changes will subsequently be ratified at the Bi-Annual meeting.

If you would like more information on this change or a copy of the by-laws, please contact me at

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Further, please accept my personal apology for the delay in publishing this edition of the Thoroughbred. Our esteemed editor Ned Devereaux provided the content on time, the Publisher, yours truly, was unavailable to complete the process. My Bad!

So belatedly, Merry Christmas and best wishes for a very Happy New Year from all of us here at your 2d Cavalry Association.

Let me also take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible dedication and hard work that Ned Devereaux put into so many editions of this Newsletter. As you will read in his message Ned is retiring from this role (mumbling something about being 75 and a bit tired).

We Need A New Editor For the Newsletter!

So if you have ever aspired to be a journalist this is your opportunity. The job requires good organizational skills, some command of the English language and a modicum of creativity. Contact me or Ned for more info.

A final thought, if you served on the border and never got that border certificate or just lost it, we are offering the opportunity to get a new one. For more information and the opportunity to order one for the modest sum of \$15.00 (shipping included) click on the following (or contact me):

Purchase a border Certificate: [Purchase It Now](#)

Toujours Pret!

Chris

Chris Golden, Executive Director, 2d Cavalry Association

This Editions Cover “Handicap Black”

Our “Artist-in-Residence,” Jamie Warner, at my request did the cover again for this edition as was mentioned in May. If you look closely, a door is open in the fence that separated east from west during our Border mission. “Handicap Black” was chosen as the title because the purpose of the program was to see how long it took for essentially “flash” information to get from the border to decision makers at Army/Theater level. Many thought the first report would be Warsaw Pact armored vehicles heading west. Instead in this cover, the wall is opening so free citizens could come west. An event of enormous effects on our Regiment and Western Europe and a bit of a tenuous tie between the two. Thanks CSM (Ret) Ken Smith for suggesting the title. Thanks Jamie again for this cover.

Pools of Light: Remembering our Border Mission

It was a wet evening in October 2006, and there I was, riding in the middle of the backseat of a car looking out the front window while leaving the Weiden Bahnhof. There was no other vehicular or foot traffic, and I felt alone. Forty-seven years before I was part of 3rd Squadron, and Weiden was one of our Squadron border camps.

It took only a few minutes before the thoughts of being the machine gunner and scout observer in the back of a gun jeep, the trail vehicle of a two jeep patrol coming back into the Weiden border camp, Camp Pitman, was overwhelming. It was the pools of light created by the car headlights, being reflected off the wet streets. Overhead street lights seemed turned down, and most of the windows of the apartments facing the street were dark; we were in a tunnel. In a short while we would see the border warning signs in English at five kilometers and later one kilometer, and then the border.

It was usually dark along the border. It was often unnerving, when under blackout drive; you would get off the dirt path, and head to an observation post (a patrol vantage point, or PVP), stop and park. The patrol leader would carefully get out of the jeep and move to where he could look at the Czechoslovakian side from the woods. On occasion one could hear a growl...the sound of a large German Shepherd. And standing next to the dog, in a dark green (and warm) overcoat and dark cap (and armed) was a member of the Bundesgrenzschutz, or German Border Police. Nods were exchanged and the German Border Policeman and his dog would fade into the woods and out of sight.

After observing the Czech towers and fence without the benefit of night vision devices, we would creep back to our jeeps somewhat hidden behind the hill, quietly load up and drive down and around to the next PVP. Eventually it was back to Camp Pitman or Camp Gates, and as we drove through Marktredwitz or Weiden, we again would see the reflection of our headlights from the damp streets, and the pools of water, pools of light. Pools of light welcomed us back to our border camps.

Ned Devereaux, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – DEC 15

Fellow Dragoons,

This year has been a busy and productive year for our Association. We have completed another very successful reunion at Valley Forge and several special projects in support of our Regiment. The details of the reunion and our special projects are embedded in this edition of *The Thoroughbred*. Additionally, our relationship with the Regiment has never been stronger and the Regiment has never been busier!

I want to take a moment to address a few important points that impact us all. The first is the continued generosity of those who support our Association and by extension Dragoons and Dragoon families. I want to THANK ALL OF YOU who has been so generous and to encourage all of our Association members to support us financially. Without your support, no matter how large or how small, we are not able to do the good things we do each year without your financial support. Secondly, I want to recognize and thank those of who continue to volunteer your time in support of our Association. Nothing happens without the help our volunteers provide. I'm very proud of all we have achieved in 2015 and look forward to an even busier and more successful 2016.

You may have noticed that our communications have increased recently and we intend to continue this trend via our routine email bursts and expanding more into the world of "social media" as we reach out to a much large number of our more alumni who are not yet actively involved with their Association. Please help us by reaching out to Dragoons you know and get them involved. We cannot have too many Dragoons aggressively and actively supporting our Association.

I wish you all the best and a joyous Christmas season upcoming. Please stay in touch and involved!

Toujours Pret!

Bill

"Dragoon for Life"

Editor Notes

It is with great pleasure the Fall 2015 edition is sent to you; it represents six-seven months of information gathering and writing. This edition is focused on the Association side of business, and I will skip our western history until the next edition.

Biennial Reunion: Our biennial reunion took place in Valley Forge with tours, socials, and an inspiring dinner speech from Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster in early October. Behind the scenes, several activist Association members changed jobs, and four new Board members were appointed. The duties and responsibilities are included in this edition in hopes that members will find a need to volunteer to help those than run the Association.

That said, while back east I did some research on the Civil War and one of my favorite noted people from the Confederate side John Singleton Mosby and his relationship with the Regiment. This involved several trips from the DC area to Front Royal and worth the drive.

Help Wanted: We are actively seeking a new *Thoroughbred Editor* effective January 2016. I turned seventy-five last August; it is time to turn over the full spectrum of duties to a younger person.

The duty includes information gathering, story development and writing, and producing two editions a year, one a paper edition of 10-12 pages, and an electronic edition that can run as high as fifty plus pages. The editor should have desktop publishing skills. Ideally the new editor would have a publisher.

You can reach me at neddevereaux@comcast.net or ThoroughbredEditor@gmail.com if you have questions, comments or need any clarifications. Yes, I will still write historical articles for *The Thoroughbred* so the new editor can focus on the Association and our members.

Good reading. Toujours Pret; Dragoon for Life

Ned Devereaux, Editor

Chairman of the Board of Governors Profile

Editor Note: The Chairman of the Board of Governors has in recent times been selected from a group of former Regimental Commanders. The Chairman provides advice, suggests courses of action, and is open to suggestions from the remainder of the Board and others attendees.

On January 15, 2015 Terry A. Wolff became the Chairman of the Board of Governors, 2d Cavalry Association replacing long serving retired General John Tilelli. Retired Lieutenant General Wolff is a 1979 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. His first assignment was with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood before being sent to the 1st Squadron 1st Cavalry Regiment, a part of the 1st Armored Division in Germany 1983-1986. Following staff and schooling assignments, Wolff returned to Germany to serve in a variety of senior staff assignments with the 3d Infantry Division including being the battalion S-3 in 1-37 Armor in Vilseck.

Then Lieutenant Colonel Wolff returned to the cavalry, first as the Deputy Commander 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment (1995-96), where he later commanded a Squadron (1996-98). Following Squadron Command he next served as the G-3 for the 1st Armored Division (1999-2000) before assuming command of the 2d Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk as the 71st Colonel. As the 71st Colonel of the Regiment, he led the Regiment into Iraq in 2003.

Honorary Regimental CSM Roger Blackwood summarized the Regiment in Iraq the first time: “The 71st successfully trained the Regiment, took them to Combat, and later the 72nd continued combat operations and brought the Regiment home. The 71st set the standard of what became a success, and receipt of a Presidential Unit Citation for the Regiments Combat Operations.”

Subsequently then Colonel Wolff served as Assistant Division Commander, 7th Infantry Division Fort Carson before serving at a variety of senior staff positions, focused on Iraq military strategy and policy matters, at the Joint Chiefs of Staff level in Washington DC, before commanding the Coalition Military Assistance Training Team as a one star.

Eventually he joined with the 70th Colonel of the Regiment, LTG Doug Lute, at the White House where Lute was assigned as “the War Czar” for President George W. Bush. There briefing the President was almost a daily occurrence. Then BG Wolff continued to serve with LTG Lute for President Barack Obama.

He was promoted to MG in a ceremony in the Executive Office Building (next door to the White House) by LTG Lute, and then went on to command the 1st Armored Division (2009-11). Following successful command, he was promoted to Lieutenant General, assigned as the J-5 (Plans and Policy) in the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he served from September 2011-December 2013 before retiring in February 2014.

It is almost ironic that the 68th, 70th and 71st Colonel’s of the Regiment served as three and four stars at the Joint Chiefs of Staff level. That alone says something of the quality of the officers selected for command of the Regiment, and how well they handled the challenge of Cavalry command.

“HEADLINES”

For most of 2015 your Association has been busy behind the scenes working on supporting the active Regiment, and has been very involved in special projects. Here are some highlights of some of our efforts from during the year, and currently on-going, that should take only a few minutes to read.

ON-GOING OR COMPLETED PROJECTS

Active Duty Membership

Our current policy is membership is free for serving members of the regiment and that membership will remain in force for life after they leave the regiment. If they DON'T “sign up” while in the active regiment they must pay the dues at the time at the prevailing rate. “A real deal if they will just do it,” observed one Association officer.

In exchange for membership, the Trooper is required to provide their name, address of their home of records, their phone number and email addresses (military and personal).

For other veterans of the Regiment dues have been suspended. Simply providing your personal information will make you an active member of the association.

Membership Registration: [Sign Up Now!](#)

2015 Scholarship Recipient

In early August, after a review of several scholarship applications (“fierce competition” in the words of the Scholarship Chair), Harrison Tamke, a student at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg was selected as the 2015 recipient of \$2,500. He was in the field at ROTC Summer Camp when the award was announced so his father, Eric Tamke, and a member of the Association accepted on his behalf. At the 2015 Reunion, Harrison was one of the guest speakers thanking the Association for his scholarship.

“Dragoon Ride 2015” Commemorative Coins

As part of a Regimental wide effort to increase our efforts of assisting eastern European nations to have a stronger military, the 3d (“Wolfpack”) Squadron was selected to conduct a ground movement of their Stryker’s and other wheeled equipment from the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania), through Poland and the Czech Republic back to Vilseck. Association President Bill Bewley joined them in the Czech Republic and later reported he almost froze during the ride.

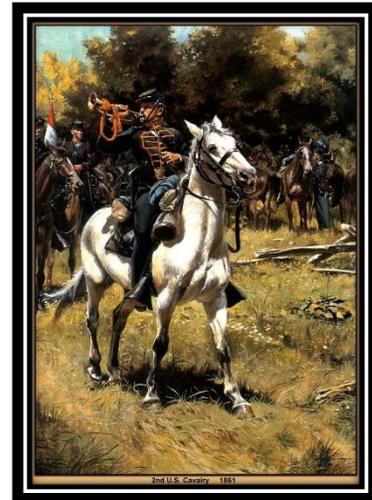
The Regimental Association, in conjunction with 3d Squadron commissioned a commemorative coin to celebrate this historic first. A serial numbered coin was issued to each participant. Unnumbered coins were made available for sale to our members to help defray the costs of the coin. (All our coins have been sold incidentally.)

Regimental Classroom at Fort Benning (More Details on Page 15)

The Association has an agreement with the Armor School to sponsor a classroom in Patton Hall at Fort Benning. An extensive amount of work has been done on a 2d Cavalry classroom at Fort Benning with several Don Stivers and Jamie Warner framed prints already donated. This is an on-going project at Fort Benning and within the Association.

Regimental Classroom Donations

I personally wanted to mention a donation from outside the Regiment and our Association. As we are going to press, a framed and matted copy of Don Stiver's print *First Sergeant* was enroute to Fort Benning. It is being donated by the estate of retired Sergeant Major **Ernest E. Ford**. Ford was a scout legend in the 3rd Squadron 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as a private, a sergeant, and as a first sergeant. He was also a close personal friend and collaborator in helping make Bad Hersfeld where we were stationed a better place. I miss him every day. The donation was made to honor all Cavalry scouts in all units that served along the international border separating NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Thank you **Amber Ford**, **Travis Ford** and fiancé Ms. **Jean Sullivan**, Esquire for your donation.



We are still seeking a framed print of Don Troiani's *2d United States Cavalry, 1861* to complete the Civil War representation of our Regimental history.

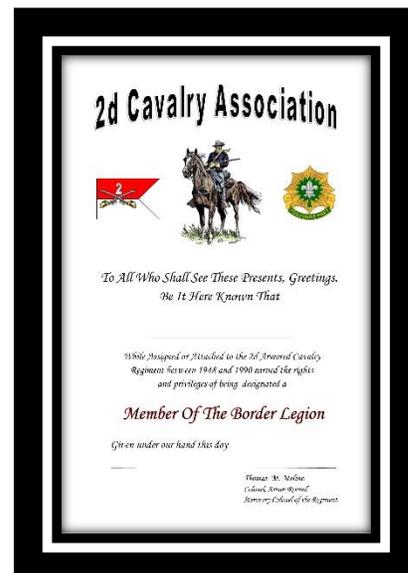
Border Certificates

During the membership meeting at Valley Forge, former 3d Squadron commander, Colonel (Retired) **Joe Krawczyk** raised the topic of border certificates from our border mission in Germany. On more than one occasion he remarked former 2d Cavalry Troopers were not recognized for their border duties when they left the Regiment and he suggested we rectify that for our members with a Certificate.

Three selected criteria for this award are: The Trooper must have served in the Regiment (formally assigned or attached), be a member of the 2d Cavalry Association, and that the certificate be signed by the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

A design for a certificate is completed. Some administrative tasks (shipping and handling costs), non-Association member's costs, and who will actually do the work is still being worked out as we go to press.

Purchase A Borders Certificate: [Purchase It Now](#)



The Gainey Cup Awards

Each member of the team was presented with their individual Association award by Team Leader SSG Kyle Cooper while the Squadron was in Hungary. The Team Coach received his at his new assignment at Fort Campbell. See related story in Regimental Names in the News.

1836 Society

The 1836 Society was established two years ago by the Association. It exists to accept donations (\$1836.00 minimum) for a restricted fund that will be invested in stocks, bonds and other income producing investments for long range funding of Association projects (i.e., Reed Museum and now Fort Benning Classroom).

Tim White, a financial investment advisor was asked to get with the lawyers to insure that the investment account is legal with the IRS before we ask for further funds from our members. Currently three Association members have donated the minimum amount.

2017 Reunion

The membership was briefed on the decision to have the 2017 Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia with so many significant historical sites (e.g., Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, and Yorktown) nearby. The exact dates, hotel or meeting place have not yet been selected.

Just as a reminder, we are a volunteer organization with unpaid members working different projects for the benefit of the group as a whole. Here are some headlines on what the Association volunteers are working on, and a brief summary of the status.

PENDING/WORKING PROJECTS

At the reunion some discussion was made concerning a “**Dragoon Relief Fund**” working in conjunction with the 2d Dragoon Foundation to be able to provide limited amount of financial assistance to Association members with financial difficulties. This is a long term project, is not yet funded, and while a goal of developing this fund is agreed upon, the details have not yet been worked out.

Our **Association Fund Raising** has taken on a new emphasis. It takes between \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year to operate the Association. Additionally, funds are needed to promote our heritage and history of the Regiment, and continue the Association Scholarship helping children and veterans of the Regiment with their higher education. Currently the Association is developing mechanisms to encourage donations for not only The 1836 Society, but other dedicated funds. Further details will be provided during 2016.

2d Cavalry Store

We received the following message from our vendor Finish Line Awards who is under contract with the Association to sell 2d Cavalry Association related items including Stetsons, monogrammed shirts and other cavalry related items both on-line and through snail mail sales. Just before Thanksgiving Owner Barb Brown wrote:

“I was really hoping that our webmaster would have the website up by Thanksgiving and that I could make the big announcement that it was ready to go, but we are just not there yet. We have done a lot of work the last several weeks testing the site. It is beginning to have products on it if you look at it online, but the live shopping cart is not ready to go yet.

I know that it has been quite a long time since we started this project, but the site that we are bringing on line is not just for your group but for all of our groups and it is going to have all the state-of-the-art bells and whistles so to speak! I want to have this done more than you know...give you the heads up that we are very close to having this done but we are just not quite ready to go.”

The other groups Ms. Brown refers to include the 11th and 14th Cavalry Associations among other groups they support.

We will keep the membership informed as to the progress on this and a unique 2d Armored Cavalry baseball cap the store is attempted to obtain.

Regimental Names in the News

The 75th Colonel of the Regiment BG **James R. Blackburn, Jr.**, has completed his current assignment as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 3d Infantry Division at Fort Stewart and is enroute to Texas to become Deputy Commanding General, US Army North (Fifth Army), Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. BG Blackburn will be very involved with the Mexican military as part of his assignment.

On 28 September **Antonio (Tony) A. Aguto Jr.**, former 4th Squadron Commander 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment and later 64th Colonel of the 11th (Blackhorse) Cavalry Regiment was promoted to Brigadier General. He is currently serving as the Assistant Division Commander, 7th Infantry Division Fort Lewis, WA.

The Association wants to thank retired General **John Tilelli** for his service and dedication to the Association as Chairman of the Board of Governors. He turned over the reins of leadership to retired LTG **Terry Wolff** on 15 January 2015.

Further, the Association would like to thank the 66th Colonel **John Eberle** for his service over the past several years as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. We would like to also thank the 67th Colonel **Tom Molino** not only for his chairing the Scholarship programs but now assuming duties as the Honorary Colonel. Colonel (Retired) Molino will have former Regimental CSM **Roger Blackwood** as his RSCM counter-part.

Congratulations to **SGT Ronald S. Gray** from the 2d Squadron for making the cover of the October 2015 edition (Green Book) of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). To quote directly from this edition: “This Month’s Cover: **SGT Ronald S. Gray**...rides in the gunner position of a Stryker armored vehicle during a May 14 parade in Brasov, Romania. The parade was held to welcome the arrival of 300 soldiers and about 100 combat vehicles taking part in Operation Cavalry March...” And while writing about 2d Squadron soldier, we also recognize **SPC Jared Tansley**.

Infantryman **SPC Jared Tansley**, 2nd Squadron was recognized by the United States Army as “The Army’s Best Warrior” after a grueling competition at Fort A.P. Hill on October 12, 2015. Tansley, a native of DeKalb, Illinois, joined the Army in 2013 and was eventually assigned to the Regiment in Vilseck.

“He hopes to attend and complete Ranger School and eventually pass Special Forces selection. Described as the ‘Super Bowl’ of Army competitions, 26 of the Army’s finest warriors, represented commands from across the Army, competed in the 2015 Best Warrior competition...During the four day competition, the elite competitors tested their Army aptitude by conquering urban warfare simulations, board interviews, physical fitness tests, written exams, and warrior tasks and battle drills relevant to

today's operating environment." Tansley enlisted in the Army "...because he wanted a hard challenge in his life."

The Gainey Cup Awards. We are pleased to announce that the winning 2015 team members from 4th (Saber') Squadron and their coach have each received a unique award created just to honor them for the winning efforts. In November 2015 Team Leader Kyle Cooper made awards to SGT Cesar Cavazos, SGT Glen Gianello, SPC Joshua Castro, SPC Justin Cope, and SPC Daniel Casillas while the Squadron was in Hungary. Photos of the Association awards, the recipients and related photos are in the Electronic edition.

Congratulations are in order as well for promotions to three members of the 2015 Gainey Cup competition for best Scout Squad in the international competition earlier this year. **Glen Gianello** to Sergeant, and **Justin Cope** and **Daniel Casillas** to Specialist. We have no doubt other members of the team will do well on promotion boards either.

General Martin Dempsey, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff retired effective 30 September 2015 after a long and distinguished career. Dempsey served in 1st Squadron as a Lieutenant. He is a Life Member of the 2d Cavalry Association.

On 1 September former Regimental CSM under the 76th Colonel **CSM Malcolm D. Parrish** retired from his position as the first CSM US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks. His retirement plans including remaining in Carlisle for at least two years, allowing his daughter to finish her high school, and concurrently work on his civilian education and seek employment locally.

Retired Chemical Corps CSM **Jim Van Patten** and his wife **Carmen** returned to the United States from his fourteen-year assignment in Grafenwohr (summer 2001-summer 2015) to Fort Carson, Colorado. Jim is serving as the Chief, Plans and Operations Division United States Army Garrison. Jim has a long history with the Regiment having served as 1SG of the Regimental Chemical Company, and, in 1991, receiving the Conrad Schmidt/Sergeant's Valor award for his professionalism. Jim has served on the Association Board of Governors for several years and was reappointed following our 2015 biennial reunion.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Tina Young**, wife of former 1st Squadron Commander and later 65th Colonel of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment **Bob Young** on her promotion to become the Director of Cemetery Operations at the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) in Paris, France.

She is essentially responsible for operational oversight (Grounds, facilities, crews, and superintendents of the entire over 26 cemeteries worldwide (22 in Europe and in Tunisia, plus the Pacific in the Philippines and Hawaii, plus cemeteries in Panama and Mexico) as well as the over 400 separate monuments spread all around the world from Iwo Jima to Gibraltar.

Those of us who have visited one of the over 125,000 military war graves, visitor centers, memorials and monuments outside the continental United States know just how a professional organization the ABMC strives to be. Tina herself is a retired Navy Captain with service in Afghanistan among many other assignments.

Colonel (Retired) Bob Young served with the Regiment from 1970 to 1974, and then returned to serve from 1981 to 1990. His grandfather served in France with the Regiment 1917-1919. Truly the Regiment is a family affair.

Announced on 18 November 2015 was the appointment of former Regimental CSM **John W. Troxell**,

(RCSM at Fort Polk and Fort Lewis) to be the senior enlisted advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Troxell, a veteran of five combat tours, and a mixture of ground and airborne assignments is the second former Regimental CSM to be appointed to his position. CSM Troxell will be advising both the Chairman, US Marine Corps GEN Joseph Dunford but the Secretary of Defense as well on all matters involving joint and combined total force integration, health of the force and joint development of enlisted personnel among his other duties.

What makes the appointment of CSM Troxell unique is the fact that there have been only three Senior Enlisted Advisors assigned as the Chairman's enlisted advisor. US Marine General Peter Pace, US Army General Martin Dempsey, and now US Marine General Joe Dunford. That two of two Army nominees were former Regimental CSM's says much about the quality of the CSM's assigned as the Regimental CSM.

Not forgotten on our list are congratulations to the 2d Cavalry Regiment **Sniper Team**. They won at the USAREUR level and competed with several other teams at Fort Benning early this fall in Army wide competition.

Major **Marcus (Marc) H. Melton**, S-3 3d Squadron 16th Cavalry at Fort Benning is mentioned several times in relation to our classroom project at Fort Benning. Major Melton reached the enlisted rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC) when he was commissioned as a 2d Lieutenant. His first duty assignment was with the 2d Cavalry Regiment in Fort Polk. He deployed with the Regiment (OIF -1) to Iraq under the 71st Colonel Terry Wolff. Subsequently he had another tour in Iraq as commander of Palehorse Troop 4th (Saber) Squadron in 2007 deploying from Vilseck. He has also served as an Aide-de-Camp and as the Executive Officer to the Commander, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss.

We are delighted to add Marc to the team working on the classroom project.

Fiddlers Green

"The Old Tiger," **Herwarth Metzger** of Rehau, Germany outside Bindlach/Bayreuth passed away on May 22, 2015 at age 85. Born in what was later East Germany, he was captured by the American forces when he was part of the Hitler Youth, was released, and captured again this time by Soviet troops. He was able to escape and eventually started a porcelain factory in Rehau. There he made friends with many of the soldiers serving in 1st Squadron during our Border years. He is survived by his wife Helga, children and grandchildren. Even in the end, he was supporting our Association and the friends he made.

MG (Ret) John R. Landry passed away on 13 June 2015 from cancer and was buried at Arlington on 9 November 2015. Following his graduation from West Point (ranked 21st in his class), Landry first served in the 1st Squadron 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Bindlach 1963-1966. This assignment was followed by an assignment to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) in Vietnam where he commanded B Troop. In Vietnam he received two awards of the Silver Star and a Bronze Star with "V" device among his other decorations. As typical of the Army educating their own, he went on to advance schooling obtaining his Masters of Arts degree at Harvard, and then spent three years teaching Social Sciences at West Point.

From 1974-76 Landry served as the Executive Officer of 3d Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment. CSM (Ret) Ken Smith, then a platoon sergeant in I Troop, remembers that the Squadron used Shell Oil Maps as regular Army maps were not available. Tough to use on the battlefield, Landry quickly shook the tree and 1:50,000 maps appeared. Landry's attention to small details became quickly noticed by the troops. His Squadron Commander at the time relates that he was an exceptionally strong Executive Officer who directed the Squadron Staff flawlessly in support of a new commander and the units of the Squadron during some very challenging times. Following a short tour as Assistant Executive Officer to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), Landry returned to command the Squadron 1977-79.

Former L Troop commander and Board of Governors member Bob McCorkle wrote: "I found Lieutenant Colonel Landry to be a low-key commander and a very good and easy commander to work for. His style, at least with troop commanders, was more of patient guidance and positive leadership. This style was great for troop commanders. I had the latitude to set my own training and exert my "style" on the lieutenants and senior NCOs who worked for me...Lieutenant Colonel Landry basically let me lead my troopers as I chose, as long as I kept his guidance in mind

Landry's Squadron S-3 for much of his command (October 1977-July 1979) Colonel (Retired) Mike Kush wrote: "... In my 27-year career I did not serve with a more consummate professional soldier and cavalryman! I learned more about leading troops, planning and executing operations and balancing multiple tasks simultaneously from General Landry than I ever thought possible. In 1978-1979 at one point the Squadron was preparing for REFORGER, training for tank gunnery, performing border duty, ramping up a team to participate in the Cavalry Boselager Cup and training to compete in the Canadian Army Cup... MG Landry balanced all of these missions flawlessly. His mentorship to me was instrumental in my development as an officer and later as a squadron commander.

General Landry was a master at mentoring and training his officers and he often allowed them the freedom to make their own tactical and training decisions just to try new ideas. I hated to leave the

Regiment to go to CGSC in Summer 1979. I wanted to stay and serve with Lieutenant Colonel John Landry. I hoped to serve again with him but unfortunately that never happened.”

Following advanced War College studies, Colonel Landry went on to command the 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, and later as Assistant Division Commander, 8th Infantry Division in Germany. Likewise he served in several very high staff positions after becoming a General Officer. When Landry retired, he continued to serve in one of the highest Intelligence positions in our government as the National Intelligence Officer for Military Affairs.

Landry was a Life Member of both the 2d and 11th Cavalry Associations. He is survived by his wife Margie, sons Scott and Sean, and several grandchildren.

LTC (Ret) Don Vartanian of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away on 9 March 2015 after an extended battle with cancer. In an interview, Vartanian let it be known that when he was a Finance Corps Captain, he was assigned to the Regiment’s Merrill Barracks from June 1978 to June 1979.

When asked to briefly discuss his days in the Cav replied: *“LTC Edwards was the XO under COL Wagner, the 60th Commander of the 2d ACR. I was assigned to the 2d ACR to be the Comptroller and worked in a small office with one NCO, SGT Larry Nysveen. I remember the XO had the habit of calling everyone “Dick”; I was the “Comptroller Dick”.*

He later went on to say when asked about what he was doing when interviewed he said: *“I did a lot of volksmarching while in Germany and returned to the States in 1979 to help form a Michigan Club to be a part of the American Volkssport Association. I remained in the Reserves till 1998 when I retired as a LTC with the 21st Theater Support Command. Our unit was activated for Desert Shield, and served with the 22nd Support Command during Desert Storm. I was instrumental in organizing the first volksmarch in Saudi Arabia in May 1991. I still enjoy the sport and continue volksmarching in my retirement.”*

LTC (retired) **George W. Smith**, who served with 3rd Squadron, 2ACR in Amberg from July 1969 to February 1972, passed away on May 31, 2015. Then Lieutenant Smith served first as a Platoon Leader with K Troop as a 2d Lieutenant; Redeye Section Leader and XO with Headquarters Troop and finished his Amberg assignment as the Company Commander with M Company as a Captain.

Howard Smith reported that old friends, then SSG (R) **Otis C. Van Wormer**, “H Troop” in October 1967, who passed away on 10 March 2012 in Saint Helens Michigan. **“Sonny” Van Wormer** was a twenty-two year veteran with service in Vietnam as a tanker with the 2d Battalion 34th Armor earning two Bronze Star medals and a Purple Heart. Following retirement one civilian employment was working campgrounds for the US Forest Service. He was predeceased by his wife Priscilla and survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Likewise, a fellow “H Troop” member **John Martinez** of Smiley, Texas passed away on 2 August 2015 from blood clots in his lungs. He served as a tank commander with Howard in “H” Troop in 1967 in Bamberg. He was survived by his mother, wife of over forty years, a son, daughter, and eight grandchildren. He supervised five chicken barns for a rancher in Texas.

SSG (R) **David Wayne Poteete** of WV passed away suddenly on 15 August 2015. Born at Fort Meade 27 January 1959, Poteete served in the Army for nineteen years before retiring. His last assignment was with Range Control, Fort Campbell KY. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Kathy Ireland Poteete and

two sons, Patrick and Bryan. He and Kathy were looking forward to attending the biennial reunion at Valley Forge.

We received word from former C Troop turret mechanic NCOIC Walter Steen that former C Troop acting First Sergeant **SFC Freddie Gurley** passed away in early October 2015. A Vietnam veteran, he served in-country as a scout earning the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, Army Commendation, and the Purple Heart. He also had several awards of the Good Conduct Medal. SFC Gurley stepped in to serve as the acting 1SG for C Troop Commander 1LT (P) Doug Lute and was part of his winning team for Troop Fight 1979 that C Troop won. No further details are available at this time.

Mary Sealander Higgs sent us the following death notice. "I just wanted to share the passing of my dad, **Edward C. Sealander**, of Havertown, PA on July 15, 2015. Ed was drafted in the army immediately after high school and served in the mechanized cavalry unit during World War II: the Third Army, Second Cavalry regiment, the 42nd squadron, which was stationed near the Siegfried Line. He served in Czechoslovakia and Germany and helped rescue the Lipizzaner stallions...his burial was held on July 25th." Sealander was assigned to Troop E, the artillery unit for the 42d Squadron. Farewell to one more of our World War II hero's.

2d Cavalry Classroom Fort Benning

Why We Are Doing What We Are Doing

A few years ago the Armor School approached Association President Bill Bewley hopeful that the 2d Cavalry Association would take on a project to sponsor a classroom at Patton Hall at Fort Benning. Bill did. He then challenged two artists, Jody Harmon, who works for the Armor School, and Jamie Warner, now "Our Artist in Residence" to come up with a print we could use in the classroom and as a fund raiser. Both did well but Jamie's "Dragoon for Life" was declared the winner. A framed and matted copy was put in a small classroom that would be the Associations to decorate.

In April 2015 George DeSario, Office of the Chief of Armor suggested we up our efforts. And we have. This article is part of an update of where we are and of what we need to accomplish the mission.

Classroom

We, and the 69th Armor Regiment, are sandwiched between the Patton Room and the Patton Hall Auditorium, both on the first floor. It is in a prime location for visitors to see our displays. Other sponsored classrooms are on the second floor.

One of our challenges is the room is about twenty-five hundred square feet total with four long walls with a lot of space. Hanging art is a challenge as special care must be taken to avoid damaging any of the 21st century wiring behind the walls.

The Armor School was kind enough to appoint Major Marc C. Melton, S-3, 3d Squadron, 16th Cavalry and a long serving member of the 2d Cavalry Regiment to represent the Armor School as the classroom is starting to be developed. We began our part with wall art donations.

Wall Art Donations

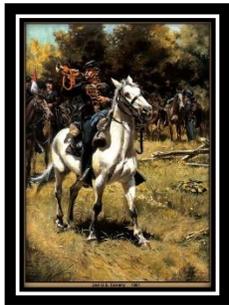
As this article is being written, four major donations have been made to the Armor School for the classroom. We have more materials marshaled pending shipment funding in Oregon.

Donated from the estate of the late life member **Tom Stewart**: Framed print *The Patton Eagle*; and a framed print by Joe Grandee. The *Onward to Mexico City* shows the Dragoons attacking in Mexico City to reflect our Mexican American War heritage. While it is the First Dragoons, it is still a Dragoon art work and reflective of that war.

From the 67th Colonel, SCO 2/2 ACR and former C Troop commander **Tom Molino**: Framed Stivers prints *Never a Complaint*; *Going Into Action*, *Sergeants Valor*, *Saving the Lipizzaners*; a framed copy of *Dragoon for Life*; a hand crafted 2d Cavalry flag that had been flown over Merrill Barracks, the Headquarters at Fort Lewis and eventually Fort Polk; a framed drawing of the Fort Polk Regiment to add a little humor to the classroom, and a framed 2d Armored Cavalry recruiting poster honoring the 67th Colonel.

From the 66th Colonel **John Eberle**, XO 3/2 ACR, CO C&C Squadron 2d ACR, a framed replica of Regimental Colors suitable for hanging, a full sized set of Regimental Colors, and The George Finley – "Train to Freedom" print. The back of the framing has the signature of all the Regiment's CSM's who presented to print to Colonel Eberle.

From the 70th Colonel **Doug Lute** and his former C Troop 1SG **Ned Devereaux** a Stivers print *Top* part of a display area showing off our plains service post-Civil War. A donated and framed Jamie Warner *Cav Country* is part of this display area.



While the Civil War is well represented by Don Stivers works, we are still seeking a donation of **Don Troiani's** *2d United States Cavalry, 1861*. This great piece of art shows off the Regimental dress uniform, still using Dragoon Orange, just after the name conversion in 1861.

The Border Years

Essentially from 1947 to 1990, less a three-year period when the Regiment was back at Fort Meade, we patrolled the East German and Czechoslovakian borders. Another former C Troop NCO, and ten-year veteran of the Regiment, Sergeant Major (Retired) **Ray Anderson** has stepped forward offering four actual border signs for the classroom among his other offerings.

Desert Shield/Desert Storm

In addition, Anderson has stepped forward with a donation of an unframed print *Tawakalna Sunset* by Don Stivers. The Association is aware that in 2016, several members of 2d Squadron 2d ACR will gather in Bamberg to celebrate, especially Eagle Troop under its former commander, now Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster, their service in the Gulf. It is our desire to have each attendee sign the print around the actual print picture, and then have the print framed at Fort Benning and mounted on one of the historical walls.

Global War on Terror

One of the last Don Stivers prints he did before passing was *Always Ready*. This print shows an NCO, Sergeant George Marquis walking alongside his Stryker on 17 September 2007 in Baghdad. When it is framed and hung, Marc Melton will also frame and hang the photo Stivers used to develop his drawing. *Always Ready* print donated by Doug Lute and Ned Devereaux.

Jody Harmon

Jody did a one-time piece of art work honoring the Regiment from the Civil War to the events today as part of the kick off competition. We have asked him to donate this one of a kind print so we may frame, mat and hang this unique piece of art in the classroom.

We would be remiss if we failed to mention that the Training Aid Support Center (TASC) at Fort Benning is planning on creating a large Distinctive Unit Insignia and our Coat of Arms to be mounted in the front of the classroom. Other work will also be done by Fort Benning TASC

Honoring Our Accomplishments

A recent addition to our design plan came from two recent events. First of all, the Gainey Cup, an International Scout Competition was won by a team from the 4th (Saber) Squadron beating out eighteen

other teams including a team from Canada. A group photograph will be enlarged, framed and hung in one part of the classroom.

Association Officers and Responsibilities Assignments

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Board Member (*)	Mark Calvert	Fund Raising Chair and Board Planning
Board Member (*)	Bob McCorkle	Scholarship Chair and "Finish Line Awards" Store Chairman
Board Member (*)	T.J. Linzy	Association Historian and By- Laws

(*) Newly selected for the Board. See next page.

Ex Officio

GEN John Tilelli, USA Retired	Chairman Emeritus
LTG Don Holder, USA Retired	Chairman Emeritus
COL Tom Molino, USA Retired	President Emeritus and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment
Ned Devereaux, USA Retired	Board Recorder and <i>Thoroughbred</i> Editor
COL Jim Robinette	Legal Council

The members of the Board of Governors have four new members.

Mike Wieczorek is a full-time Colonel in the Connecticut Army National Guard, serving as the Chief of Staff to the Connecticut Adjutant General who is overall responsible both the Connecticut Army and Air Force National Guard elements. He is leading our membership efforts as the Membership Committee Chairman.

Mark Calvert is a former C Troop commander in Bindlach; led 1st Squadron into Iraq under the 71st Colonel Terry Wolff from Fort Polk, and later commanded the 11th Cavalry Regiment at the National Training Center. Colonel (Retired) Calvert's last assignment was with the G3/5/7 at Headquarters, Forces Command at Fort Bragg. He is leading our fund raising efforts as Chairman Fund Raising Committee.

T.J. Linzy after having served on active duty with the Regiment left and continued his education. He achieved a PhD in History at Kings College in London, UK. In addition to duties and projects dealing with his Ph.D., he is also providing philanthropic support and advice to the Regimental Association. Both of these efforts are breaking new ground for the Association and reflect a more activist role by the Board as a whole as we seek more and better ways to support Dragoons and Dragoon families.

Bob McCorkle is a Vietnam veteran, advising the South Vietnamese Army (ARVN). He later commanded L Troop 3d Squadron in Amberg under then LTC John Landry. Bob left the service and later retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Senior Special Agent in Charge. Bob will take over the Association Scholarship Award duties as the Scholarship Chairman.

We welcome the four new members of the Board and say farewell to long serving Board Members Bill Barry, Bill Heidner and Mike Davis. We appreciate the many contributions these members provided to our Association and our Regiment.

Editor Note: Immediately prior to the General Membership meeting on Sunday October 4, 2015 the Board of Governors met. This article is an extract from the full minutes.

The 2015-2017 Board of Governors Meeting was called to order at 0730 hours. Board Members Present: LTG (Ret) Terry Wolff, Chairman; Bill Bewley, President; Tim White, Frank Hurd, Treasurer; Chris Golden; Mark Calvert; Bob McCorkle; T.J. Linzy and COL Mike Wieczorek, CTARNG, Membership.

Absent were John Hillen; John Walker; Jim Van Patten; Roger Blackwood and Vic Martinez. Others Attending: COL (Ret) Tom Molino; COL (Ret) Bryan Denny; COL (Ret) Joseph L. Krawczyk; Bill Heidner and Ned Devereaux, Board Recorder.

After greeting the new Board and guests, President Bill Bewley turned the meeting over to the Treasurer Frank Hurd. He reported through the end of September, a total of \$48,149.56 in the Operating Balance. Additionally, in restricted accounts, \$5,508.00 in the 1836 Society Fund; \$1,047.50 in the Reed Museum and Regimental Heritage Center fund, and \$33,518.79 in the Reserve Fund. Grand Total: \$88,223.85. These figures will be updated once all reunion costs and receipts are tallied up.

Duties Update: Bill Bewley announced that he would update the duties and responsibilities of each member of the Board of Governors. (See related article.)

Border Certificates: Joe Krawczyk raised the topic of border certificates from our recent days in Germany. After some discussion on a proposed late recognition, the Board approved moving forward on this topic. See a related article in the "Headlines" article.

Membership: The Board was briefed on the active duty Regiment members being charged no dues for membership in exchange for basic contact information.

The 1836 Society: Tim White, a financial investment advisor was asked to get legal advice to insure that the investment account is legal with the IRS.

2017 Reunion: The new board was briefed on the decision to have the 2017 Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia with so many significant historical sites (e.g., Jamestown, Colonial Williamsburg, and Yorktown) nearby. An After Action Report will be developed once we are adjourned from the reunion.

Chairman of the Board: LTG (Ret) Terry Wolff raised three issues for the next Board Meeting:

A Succession Plan;

How Do We Keep Moving the Organization Forward;

We Need to Merchandize 2d Cavalry Unique Items at Reunions.

The meeting was adjourned so the Board could attend the biennial General Membership Meeting.

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Make donation checks payable to “**2d Cavalry Association**” and mail with this application to:

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