

The Thoroughbred

2nd CAV RETURNS TO GERMANY



Photo by Rick Pomerance

VILSECK, Germany (Army News Service, Sept. 18, 2006)

Another piece of U.S. Army Europe's ongoing transformation fell into place Sept. 15 during ceremonies welcoming USAREUR's newest warriors, the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. Guests of honor – including Gen. David D. McKiernan, USAREUR's commanding general; William R. Timken Jr., U.S. ambassador to Germany; and Dr. Edmund Stoiber, Bavarian Minister-President – joined 3,000 Soldiers from the 2nd SCR as they uncased the unit's colors at Vilseck Army Airfield. The ceremony marked the return of the 2nd Cavalry to Germany after a 14-year absence, and the arrival of the first Stryker unit in Europe.

The 2nd SCR will provide USAREUR with the Army's most mobile and modern combat system, one that also will benefit U.S. European Command and NATO, McKiernan said. Previously, the regiment was based at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Stoiber echoed the general's sentiments: "I believe that joint training and mutual understanding between soldiers of different NATO members are crucial to joint foreign deployments that establish and preserve peace." The welcome home ceremony marked the end of a year-long transition period, said 2nd SCR commander, Col. John RisCassi, who added, "Very shortly, we will be moving out into the training areas." RisCassi also noted his unit's strong ties to Germany, particularly in Bavaria. "The 2nd SCR has a historical connection to Germany, and this regiment has a strong sense of heritage," the colonel said. "That is one of the reasons this regiment was tapped to return here."

Stoiber agreed wholeheartedly, saying, "The U.S. Army and Bavaria have been closely connected for 60 years and cannot be separated."

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2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION
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DEAR FELLOW DRAGOONS:



Congratulations to Colonels Lehr and RisCassi in the training, preparations, and flawless execution that led to the Regiment's recent redeployment to its new home in Vilseck, Germany. Colonel Jon Lehr did a magnificent job of maintaining cavalry traditions and élan in spite of the fact that a reflagging ceremony loomed on the horizon and the Association will always be grateful to him for his unselfish professionalism. I, along with numerous other Association members, was privileged to be a guest at the reflagging and change of command ceremony hosted by the 1st Corps Commander, LTG Jim Dubik on June 1. On September 15, the Regiment was welcomed back to US Army Europe in an equally impressive ceremony hosted by the commander of the 1st Armored Division, MG Fred Robinson. "Putting the 2nd SCR in USAREUR reaffirms our strong commitment to NATO and our European allies," said Gen. David D. McKiernan, commanding general USAREUR and 7th Army. "Positioning the regiment here will help to strengthen our ties with NATO and our other European allies." The Association looks forward to working with Colonel RisCassi and his staff and we are already actively engaged with the Center for Military History to ensure the safe movement of the Reed Museum to Vilseck.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find information about the Association's Scholarship program and I urge each of those eligible to consider applying. This is just one of the benefits of membership. Likewise, our Reunion Chairman, Bill Bewley, has provided information for the November 2007 reunion. The reunion in 2005 was a huge success and we are planning for an even larger event in 2007. The National Capital Region has so much to offer visitors that I urge you to mark your calendars and plan to renew acquaintances with your fellow troopers next November. In 2005 we had representatives from the World War II "Greatest Generation" through troopers just returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bill has negotiated deep discounts at a high quality hotel, so you might want to arrive early and/or stay late to take in all the sights of Washington, DC, and the surrounding area.

One critical item that is still not settled is a replacement for Tom Stewart who has done a great job of revitalizing *The Thoroughbred* as editor for the past several years. Tom has been gracious enough to give us ample warning of his impending retirement but we need someone to step forward soon to learn the ropes and ensure a smooth transition. If you are willing to help, please contact Tom at stewart2cav@comcast.net.

My last item is a request that you not only renew your dues but talk to at least one other 2d Cav vet and get him or her to join our Association. If you are unable to assist the Association by donating your time or talents, consider donating some of your treasure especially if you are a life member not paying annual dues. We are registered with the IRS as a legally recognized tax exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Toujours Pret,

Tom Molino
President and
Chief Operating Officer



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Fort Lewis Reflagging Ceremony, June 1, 2006. The “Old” 2nd Cavalry Regiment Color Guard is on the left and the soon to be “New” 2nd Cavalry Regiment Color Guard is on the right, Photo by Len Dyer

On June 1, 2006, the I Corps and Fort Lewis Commander hosted a reflagging ceremony for the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. The ceremony was conducted at Gray Army Airfield at Ft Lewis in rain that varied from a light mist to a torrential downpour.

After the formation of troops and the standard sequence of events (Invocation, Adjutant’s Call, Presentation of Honors, Inspection of Troops conducted in a Stryker Vehicle, and Honors to the Nation) Commanders and Command Sergeants Major of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (COL John Riscassi, Commander, CSM Victor Martinez, Brigade CSM), and the 2nd Cavalry Regiment (COL Jon Lehr, 73rd Colonel of the Regiment, CSM John Troxell, RCSM) and Color Guards marched to the front of the formation for the reflagging. First, the Colors of the 1st Brigade and its battalions were cased. (Continued on Page 4)

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Fort Lewis Reflagging Ceremony, June 1, 2006. The “New” 2nd Cavalry Regiment’s colors are on the right and the “Old” Regiment, now the 4th Brigade 2nd Infantry Division, colors are on the left. Photo by Len Dyer.

(Continued from page 3) Then, the Colors of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment and its Squadrons were brought forward and officially transferred to COL Riscassi (the 74th Colonel of the Regiment) as the 1st BDE became the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. Finally, the old 2nd Cavalry Regiment uncased the Colors and were officially designated the 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

Lieutenant General James Dubik, the Corps Commanding General, then formally introduced and welcomed guests, discarding his supposedly lengthy prepared remarks (due to the continuing rainfall) on the history of the Army and said: “We run in the sun, we train in the rain, we fight at night. Hooh-ah! Pass in Review.”

Among the members of the 2nd Cavalry Association and alumni of the regiment who attended the ceremony were Tom Molino (67th COL of the Regiment and current association President), Tom Stewart, member of the Board (and surrogate for Beau Bergeron, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment who was unable to attend), Duane Hardesty, Glen Harlow, Ned Devereaux, and Kent Troy (Ft Lewis Protocol Officer) among others.

REPORTS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS IN EUROPE

Rick Pomerance on the Welcome Back to Germany Ceremony:

It was a banner day weather-wise except for the cool wind. About halfway through (the ceremony) a Major figured that out and brought a thermal blanket up to the front row for the wives (and helped get it spread over their legs).

There were a bunch of generals there so all four of the star flags were up behind the reviewing stand. The band belonged to the 1st Armored Division – no Regimental Cav band anymore. Most of the speeches had to do with welcoming the Regiment back to Germany and how lucky they are to be in Bavaria and enjoy their time here, etc. Most everything was translated into both languages.

During the ceremony the new squadron flags were unfurled. After all the talk came the pass in review after about close to an hour. A couple of TV stations were there filming. The local Nurnberg paper had two pictures and a story.

Shortly after the crowd disbursed – the brass and politicians went off to a hangar for more dog and pony stuff – I took off. The city of Vilseck was having a party downtown for the “new” Regiment in the afternoon.

It was definitely interesting to be around all of that stuff and to remember my own excitement as a young trooper. Holy Moly though, you sure can get reminded in a hurry how much we are doing the old soldier thing: fading away. Oh well, we were “there” and now they are “there”.

Patrick Biddy on the Welcome Back to Germany Ceremony:

Upon arrival at the airfield I was walking around and heard a voice. I did an eyes right and there stood my old ISG, now a retired CSM in Vilseck. We got to speak some and then I was able to hook with Merritt Powell who did a fine job on the bagpipes. There were a lot of brass there and of course local dignitaries, the press and our very own 2nd CST. They looked sharp. Also present was the 1st Armored Division Band and they were outstanding. (Ed. Note: CSM Blackwell, former RSCSM, is the 1st AD CSM.)

Patrick Biddy on the Bela, Czech Republic Ceremony:

The following morning I made it to Bela and got to town just as the Military Car Club of Pilsen (MCCP) was making a convoy through the streets and I followed them through the town.

I met up with the Manz family and got the plan for the day. It was amazing the turnout. We had embassy presence there, a Czech military Honor Guard along with a 2nd CAV RGT Honor Guard, a formation of troops and there was a 21 gun salute. Taps was played and Merritt performed “Amazing Grace” on the pipes. We all said our piece and the Manz family gave us a statement. I read, with the assistance of Honza Salzman for the Czech translation, the letter sent to me by Sutton (Evans) family. Then, with the assistance of the Manz family, the monument was unveiled and wreaths were laid.

Afterwards, we all went to the site of the April ceremony, and again laid wreaths. The 2nd CAV’s Honor Guard was there. There was a plaque or sign if you will that gave a history of it as well as the pictures of PFC Manz and Tech 5 Sutton. It was very nice and it will be there for all to see and understand what happened there 61 years ago.

Editor’s Note: Pictures of the various ceremonies can be found on the internet at the following addresses: <http://www.gjt.cz/includes/military/OKUS/OKus.htm> Operation Cowboy presentation; Vilseck [http://s3.photobucket.com/albums/y96/deddygetty/2nd%20Cav/welcome%20back/Bela Nad Radbuzou](http://s3.photobucket.com/albums/y96/deddygetty/2nd%20Cav/welcome%20back/Bela%20Nad%20Radbuzou) <http://s3.photobucket.com/albums/y96/deddygetty/2nd%20Cav/Bela%20memorial/Rosendorf> <http://s3.photobucket.com/albums/y96/deddygetty/2nd%20Cav/Rusov%20memorial/>

REMEMBER YOUR REGIMENT AND FOLLOW YOUR LEADERS

A Memorial to Robert L. Schweitzer by Ned Devereaux

A fall 2000 edition of *The Army Times* contained a short obituary: “**Retired Lt. Gen Robert L. Schweitzer** of Springfield, Va., died Sept 16. He was 72. General Schweitzer retired from the Army in 1986 after 36 years of service. His wife Marie survives General Schweitzer. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.” A lifetime summary, short and sweet. General Schweitzer deserved a lot more than three lines in *The Army Times*.

I had a very personal interest in following General Schweitzer’s career over the years. In 1959 when I was just a young Private E-2, he tried to kick me out of the Army. Later he put me on his tank crew on the advice of the company’s senior Noncommissioned Officers because they thought I could be a good soldier. Just after Thanksgiving he promoted me to PFC in front of the entire company. I can still remember his words at the company formation...”a special congratulations to Private Devereaux and the moment he fired Master Tank Gunner, he could consider himself a PFC.” That was my first promotion, and still the most memorable in my Army career. But what I remember most was General Schweitzer leading Company G (later I Troop) and the lessons learned that were remembered and used throughout my career.

General Schweitzer was a driven man even as a Captain and he drove his Troop to tactical and technical excellence. In August 1959, we road marched from Amberg to Grafenwohr (aka Graf--a very familiar place to Cold War Troopers) where he had volunteered his company to be the aggressor force against the US 4th Armored Division. The first thing Captain Schweitzer did was to scrounge enough gasoline to keep his scout jeeps, tanks, and other equipment moving; he left it to our motor sergeant to obtain enough spare parts from the motor sergeant’s brother-in-law at Vilseck. The second thing Captain Schweitzer did was to move the Troop trains off the Graf reservation—against a direct order—so his rear echelons couldn’t be found.

For a week using his three Cavalry platoons almost as separate Cavalry Regiments, he maneuvered against the enemy. I remember one early morning attack with our seven company tanks through an artillery battalion’s headquarters area; Captain Schweitzer leading us in his jeep like the cavalry of old; all he needed was a saber to wave. That artillery battalion commander was mad as hell as we destroyed all his carefully laid out communications wire. Then we went on against the infantry almost running over infantry asleep in their foxholes. This was fun...although turret watch as the most junior man on a tank crew was very boring. “Welcome to the Army Private” Sergeant First Class Harry P. Argeropoulos said: “Hurry up and wait.”

On the last day it took all three Combat Commands (the Brigade equivalent of those days) of the 4th AD to narrow down the maneuver area and surround Company G. We held our head’s high as we turned our gun tubes to the rear and moved to the tank trail to prepare to move back to Amberg overwhelmed by a superior force but not defeated—we were the Cav.

Following this aggressor duty came a border tour, a short time in garrison and then we tankers left to fire the old individual skills tank tables over Thanksgiving. We rejoined the company in Vilseck where we did more maneuver training. Captain Schweitzer was still driving himself and us hard.

I’ve never forgotten one early morning in the December snows in the Graf maneuver box watching Captain Schweitzer driving his own jeep across a bumpy field, switching radio hand mikes back and forth between three radio sets maneuvering his company and maintaining contact with higher headquarters. His exhausted jeep driver was curled up asleep in the shotgun seat oblivious to the cold and the bumpy ride. I did the same thing years later as a 1SG.(cont on pg 7)

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Captain Schweitzer did not recognize holidays when it came to being combat ready because he wanted to be ready if the Russians were coming. For example Christmas Day 1959 we prepared our vehicles to move out the next morning for the border. While it interfered with the few married NCO's and troopers who had their families with them, for most of us it was just another workday and one of more maintenance of our equipment. We celebrated New Year's at the border; I remember our lounge was kept open an extra two hours so we could celebrate the New Year and then it was closed just in case.

We were promised compensatory time throughout Captain Schweitzer's period of command but spent those days off instead working on our vehicles in the motor pool because we had to be combat ready. At the end of Captain Schweitzer's tour in May, I think I was owed thirty days of comp time earned over a ten-month period. I remembered that lesson when I was a First Sergeant in C Troop twenty years later and we made sure that when we promised a day off, we kept the promise. Did that change my opinion of Captain Schweitzer? No, because he treated us—as I saw it—as individuals and members of his team. And in an Army, even if one was a lowly private, that meant something to be proud of. Our Captain also received a Harvey Award for his leadership from our Regimental Association; something we troopers could all share in with pride because we knew we were good and now we were recognized beyond the narrow confines of the company.

A whole series of other Troop commanders followed over the next three years. Leaders like Bill Wollenberg and Ed Newell were excellent Troop Commanders, but if they were also held up in comparison to Captain Schweitzer we found that Captain Schweitzer was in a class of his own.

After General Schweitzer left the Regiment and was promoted to Major (and as a Lieutenant Colonel), he had six tours in Vietnam including serving as the Deputy Regimental Commander, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. I remember reading somewhere that he served as a staff officer for the 1st Infantry Division as the Division G-5 (Civil-Military Affairs) among his other assignments in Vietnam. Schweitzer got very involved in local pacification efforts (no surprise) and actually turned the staff position into a combat multiplier for the Division. While in Vietnam he was clearly recognized by others who were fighting, including an infantry battalion commander named Alexander M. Haig. This professional friendship would follow the two of them until Schweitzer's death in 2000.

General Schweitzer was always seeking to influence the action on our ground combat actions. As a result his personal decorations included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest award for valor, three Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars for valor, seven Purple Heart medals, and twenty-one Air Medals. Over his career General Schweitzer also received two Distinguished Service Medals, two Legion of Merit, two Army Commendation Medals, and the Defense Superior Service Medal. He also received the Soldiers Medal, a medal that could be given in peace or war. By any measurement General Schweitzer (cont on Pg --)

was a hero and was in a class almost to himself in decorations for heroism on the battlefield.

After Vietnam Schweitzer was sent to Harvard University to the Center for International Affairs. And following his break in academia, in 1972, Colonel Schweitzer took command of the 11th Armored Cavalry—only this time in Germany, where he brought his tactical and technical expertise back to the border. But during this time he also lost his oldest son. Bill Clark, a retired 1SG, was a young Sergeant E-5 assigned as a tank commander in the Company M's 3rd platoon. (Continued on page 8)

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Bill wrote: "During the summer of 1973, then Colonel Schweitzer was asked by his son Michael if he could train as a tank platoon leader during his summer break from college classes and ROTC. The request was granted and Michael was assigned as the acting platoon leader for the 3rd platoon assigned to the platoon sergeant's tank, M-34. During his stay he worked very hard at performing all duties of the platoon leader and was very easy to work with. He did a great job in the motor pool working with his crew, and was very capable already in the field with fire and maneuver training. He also went to the border doing patrols and Observation Post (OP) duties. One area where he really shined was working with the platoon sergeant; he had figured out the NCO Corps was a good ally and teacher.

"After he left us, he was scheduled to have a couple of weeks leave before starting classes again. He never made it; he died in a traffic accident enroute to spend time with his mother in the states.

"And here is when I got to know Colonel Schweitzer first hand. I was Squadron Sergeant of the Guard and I got a call that the Regimental Commander (RCO) and his driver were in our motor pool around 2200. The Staff Duty Officer said that the RCO didn't want to speak to anyone in the chain of command but was on a personal mission. I remember walking to the motor pool area and I could just make out the silhouette of a staff car. As I approached the RCO, I was very quiet, and the wind was blowing in my face; I don't think I was making any kind of noise that the RCO would have heard. I approached the RCO, maybe 20 feet away when I noticed the RCO's head was bowed as if in prayer as he stood by M-34. He softly said "Good evening Sergeant Clark, how are you doing tonight." I was taken aback, me a young buck sergeant in a 4,000+ man regiment and probably one of a thousand NCO's.

"I recall answering and asking if there was anything I could do. The RCO said no, we exchanged salutes, and the RCO then left the Squadron area. I understood his need to be close to something that somehow would be connected to his son. But to this day I still can't understand how, without turning and looking at my name tag, he knew it was me and not the Officer of the Day, or the Squadron Commander?"

He went on to serve as Policy Branch Chief at NATO Headquarters (SHAPE) under now General Alexander Haig. Moe Winter, at one time the Company G/I Troop Executive Officer for Schweitzer recalls that in 1976 he was assigned to the Operations Division at SHAPE.

"I was assigned as a senior staff officer in the Operations Division and on the day I arrived, I received a phone call from the XO of the Plans and Policy Division headed by now Brigadier General Schweitzer, asking to come to see him. General Schweitzer, after we talked about our drive in 1960 to Bremerhaven to drop off his car and pick up mine, said he had tried to get me assigned to his division. Thank God that he couldn't because his team worked like slaves under him for three long years! He had "two shifts," each worked 12 hours a day, and many into the wee hours of the morning. He was a hard man to work for, but he did a great job for Haig and was awarded his second star as we left SHAPE together in July 1979."

At the beginning of the Reagan administration in January 1981, he rejoined the NSC as its Defense Group Director as a Major General. He was the highest-ranking military officer in the NSC—but not for long. In October 1981, he was relieved of that post after giving a highly publicized speech to a convention of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) that Administration officials said was unauthorized and "at some degree of variance" with President Reagan's views. According to *The Washington Post* obituary, "In his remarks, General Schweitzer claimed that Moscow had nuclear superiority over this (continued on page 9)

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country in all three ‘legs’ of the strategic triad of land-based and submarine-based missiles and strategic bombers—views not shared by the administration. He spoke of a ‘drift toward war’ and maintained that the ‘Soviets are on the move; they are going to strike.’” To those of us who were following this in *The Army Times* and other media this became known as “The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming” speech. Heck, this wasn’t news to those of us who knew General Schweitzer, he used to tell us that to get us pumped up for the monthly USAREUR alert, border or Graf tour when we were back in Amberg.

No one in the Administration backed General Schweitzer including the President. It was up to Richard V. Allen, the NSC Chief to find that General Schweitzer had broken the rule that all public remarks by NSC staffers had to be cleared by Allen in advance, and “with great regret” relieved General Schweitzer of his post. President Reagan, in part to soften the blow, called in General Schweitzer and gave him an autographed picture of the President as a memento of his service at the White House.

What General Schweitzer said next, according to *The Washington Post*, was pure Schweitzer. “General Schweitzer took his relief with grace and said that he was looking forward to returning to more traditional Army duties. He made the point that he was not used to political controversy when he told reporters, ‘The last time I had any contact with the political area, I was head of the Army Colonels for McGovern at Harvard, the smallest political constituency on the face of the Earth.’”

Major General Schweitzer was returned to the Pentagon for reassignment, and was promoted to Lieutenant General where he was chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board from 1982 until he retired in 1987. In retirement he served for a time as a national policy director for a foreign policy think tank.

The last time I had seen and talked with Captain Schweitzer was in May 1960 at an organizational day party when we converted from companies to Troops, battalions to Squadrons as he prepared to change command. We had a beer together. Thus it was a pleasure to see him again in 1972 before he went to take command of the 11th Armored Cavalry in Germany. We were both at the Armor Association dinner in Fort Knox when I walked up to him in the bar; he was in uniform and I was in a suit and tie. “Hello Colonel Schweitzer I’m...” I began. He stopped me and said “Hi Sergeant Devereaux, it’s nice to see you again.” When I offered to refill his glass of beer, he first told me no having turned down the offer from a host of fellow officers he had been talking with. Then he thought for a minute, and said yes. You see, as far as I am concerned, he knew that my buying him a beer was recognizing a comradeship of shared values from the early days of our careers. We were just two old professional cavalry troopers; it was right that I got to bring him a beer just like the old days.

It was the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment that brought us together, and it was our Regiment that sustained us throughout our careers. Toujours Pret and many great memories of Captain Schweitzer, as we "Remember our Regiment and follow our officers."

*Ned Devereaux first joined the Regiment in Amberg in 1959, and served in I Troop until March 1962. He returned to the Regiment to serve as C Troop 1SG in Bindlach under the command of then 1LT Doug Lute (later 70th Colonel of the Regiment) in 1979. Ned retired from the Army in 1989 and is currently a Construction Outreach Trainer in Portland Oregon. Ned has volunteered to be a features writer for **The Thoroughbred** focusing on "Remembering Your Regiment" articles. He can be contacted at neddevereaux@comcast.net.*

2007 2CAV Association National Reunion

When: November 8-11, 2007

Where: Vienna, Virginia (Washington DC area)

Address of Reunion site: Tysons Corner Sheraton Premiere Hotel,
8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia 22182

The 2007 National Reunion promises to be a very special event. We will be returning to Washington DC area this year for this event and we hope to build upon the success of our 2005 reunion. We had a great turn-out in 2005 and we hope to do even better this year. Efforts are underway to make this reunion fun and informative for everyone, although the agenda for the event is not yet final. In addition to special events and tours, you will have the opportunity to hear the latest and greatest about our Regiment and their move to Germany this year. We will hear from one of our senior alumni as guest speaker at our dinner on Friday evening, 9 November and there will be ample time provided for visiting old friends and telling CAV stories throughout your reunion experience.

The itinerary for the event will be generally as follows:

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| 8 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arrivals, registration and welcome ice breaker cocktail party at the hotel- Association Board meeting (TBD) |
| 9 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group buffet breakfast and welcome by Tom Molino and Don Holder- First tour for those who want to participate (anticipate Capital Hill or Pentagon tour – White House if possible)- Lunch while on tour- Afternoon will be partially open for visits and CAV story telling in the hotel bar- Reunion dinner at the hotel with special guest speaker (CAV alum speaker)- After dinner drinks and more CAV story telling |
| 10 November | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group buffet breakfast and Reunion business meeting, chaired by Tom Molino- Second tour for those who want to participate (TBD)- Departures and check out for those who desire to leave on this date |

1 November - Breakfast of individual choice
 - Departure and check out

A reunion web site will be available for your review and use in registration early next year. The site will have all reunion details available for your review and planning and all the necessary contact information you will need. A welcome change from past reunions is that you will be able to register your attendance on the site and contact the hotel directly for any special needs you may have during your stay. We urge you to take advantage of this capability. For those of you who are not comfortable using a web page, you may contact Bill Bewley at 703-472-5023 for any questions you may need answered or special needs you may have to make your attendance comfortable.

The total cost for the event is not yet known. The details for all costs will be posted on the web page as the costs elements are defined. We do know the hotel is \$119.00 per night, which is a bit higher than in 2005, but the facility is FAR improved over our last experience and the price is well in line for area hotels. Costs for registration, special events, group meals and registration will be posted on our event web site as soon as possible.

Tour planning is not yet finalized but you may expect an event on the November 9th and 10th as indicated in the itinerary above. We are attempting to organize a White House tour, which has proven difficult due to the size of the group. But, we have not given up on this very special opportunity and will continue to work to make it happen. If the White House tour is not possible, other opportunities include a Pentagon tour, Arlington Cemetery tour, Mount Vernon, a tour of the US Capitol building, and of course the Smithsonian opportunities we have not yet seen. The web site will be used to keep you up to date on our tour planning.

Special needs: If you have ANY special needs, such as wheel chair rental, please let us know.

Contact me if you have any suggestions or questions.

Bill Bewley
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NEWS AND COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

REED MUSEUM:

The 2nd Cavalry has returned to Europe as the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (2SCR) The Museum was packed, shipped, and arrived, but is still in crates. Len Dyer has not yet received orders to move but expects them any day. He did attend the September 15 “Welcome Back” Ceremony and was able to draw up plans for the building to be occupied by the museum.

Len has made good use of his waiting time working for the Fort Lewis Museum, having plenty of time to research 2nd Cavalry information from Ft. Lewis’s holdings and from the internet. He can use some help from anyone who lives near a possible research site, such as Carlyle Barracks, the D.C. area, or a large university. There are many gaps in the history of the Regiment and of the people who served therein – your help in filling those gaps would be greatly appreciated. Contact me if you want to volunteer!

UPDATED REGIMENTAL HISTORY:

For years, I have been attempting to collect information from members of the association about their experiences in the Regiment in Germany in order to update the history last published after WW II. I have been sidetracked, lost interest, and now want to get back to work on it. If you have not already done so, please send me your recollections of life in the Border Cav (1945 -1992) – with favorable support I will try to have something ready by the next reunion.

US ARMY EUROPE TRANSFORMATION:

On page 13 of this issue is a chart showing the placement of units in Germany and how the size of forces and facilities have changed from the Cold War to the future. The chart was provided by Tom Molino.

SUTLER’S STORE:

Earlier this year I volunteered to reopen a Sutler’s Store and offer memorabilia for sale to the Association members. With the Board of Governors’ approval, funds were provided to start stocking some items that must be purchased in bulk. As you can see on pages 15 and 16 of this issue, our current offerings are limited. At this time it is my intent to offer for sale any related memorabilia or clothing items from which a profit can be made, and which **will not** require a significant investment of association funds. After Len Dyer gets to Germany and has the museum operational, there will be an opportunity to greatly expand our offerings (such as it was under Ray Thomas and later when it was consolidated at the museum at Fort Polk under SFC Seeker.) Len has been approached by some interested volunteers in Germany to help make that happen. Let me know what other items you would be interested in purchasing.

EDITORSHIP OF THE THOROUGHBRED:

As pointed out by Tom Molino in his letter, I have resigned my position as editor effective at the next reunion. I have enjoyed doing this project but feel it’s time to give someone else the opportunity to serve the association.

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	Soldiers	Family Members	Civilians	Installations	Communities
Cold War	213K	265K	62K	858	39
Current	55K	75K	28K	234	14
Future	+/-28K	42K	14K	88	5

- Cold War
- Current
- Future



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PURPOSE: To provide funds to the selected recipient to attend any accredited associate degree, bachelor's degree, or master's degree producing school.

ELIGIBILITY: Any 2nd Cavalry Association member and their children, **active soldiers in the 2d Cavalry and their families are eligible to compete for this scholarship.**

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants should write a letter of consideration to:

Col(R) Steve Robinette
2d Cav Scholarship Committee
3211 S. Valleyview
Springfield, MO 65804

The letter of application should include the applicant's name, address, telephone number, and how he/she meets the eligibility requirements. The applicant must also submit a typed three page, double-spaced essay, using standard font size and style, explaining what he/she thinks is the historical significance of the return of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment to Germany. These documents are due by April 1, 2007.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: Second Cavalry Association of the 2d Cavalry Regiment

Please fill ALL blanks applicable to you; print carefully and make no abbreviations.. Our records will now be permanent and available on request to your survivors and descendants should yours not be available to them for any reason.

A. REGIMENTAL BACKGROUND (in the 2d Cavalry Regiment or its forbears):

[] I served in the regiment from _____ to _____ Unit: _____ Grade:
(Year/Month/Day) (Year/Month/Day)

[] Other periods served in the regiment: _____ to _____
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B. TOTAL MILITARY SERVICE:

[] Past extended active duty in US Armed Forces: Service: _____; From _____ to _____; Grade: _____
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Active US service anywhere during one or more war periods listed overleaf qualifying you for the NDSM or an 'I was there' ribbon; explain:

C. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP (Your membership year runs 365 days from the date your application was accepted):

[] Two year membership @ \$25 [] Life membership @ \$150
[] Three year membership @ \$30 [] Life membership by installments; three (3) yearly installments @ \$51 each.
[] Five year membership @ \$50 [] Special category memberships (i.e., Colonels of the Regiment - See other side)

[] Family life membership @ \$75; Check one: my late () father () husband was a Second Cavalryman:

(His Name) (His service number) (His Service Dates, if known)

[] My latest 2d Cavalry Regimental service was prior to 7 December 1941, so I am eligible for a free two (2) year membership or renewal.
Dates of such service: _____; my 2d CAV Unit: _____

D. DONATIONS: I also enclose \$ _____ as a tax deductible contribution earmarked for:

[] Reunion Fund (Costs for next biennial membership meeting);
[] General Fund (Unencumbered fund for normal operating expenses)
[] Scholarship Fund (Annual Grants to qualified regimental or association offspring.
[] Other _____ (Specify)

E. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

(Date of Application) (Printed Full Name) (Jr/Sr/MD -etc) (Signature)

(Home Phone) (Office Phone) (Other Phone)(FAX)(-CELL) (E-mail Address)

Present Street or PO Box: _____ City: _____ State: _____; ZIP _____ -

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I declare that my statements contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that if admitted to membership in the Association, I will abide by the association's Constitution and By-Laws and those of any association Chapter I may join..

Make checks payable to **2d Cavalry Association** and mail with supporting documents to:

Second Cavalry Association, Inc., c/o Tom Wilson, Acting Treasurer
87 Overall Phillips Rd, Elizabethtown KY 42701 Phone: (270) 769-1906
E-Mail address: wilcliff@juno.com

DATE MEMBERSHIP BEGINS: _____ MEMBER NUMBER ASSIGNED: _____

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