

The Thoroughbred

## 2005 WASHINGTON, D.C. REUNION



COLONELS of the REGIMENT (From left to right) Don Holder (65<sup>th</sup> COL), David M. Maddox (61<sup>st</sup> COL), Thomas M. Molino (67<sup>th</sup> Col.), and Bradley W. May (72<sup>nd</sup> COL).

The Second Cavalry Association' Biennial Reunion was held in the nation's capitol July 28 to July 31, 2005. The planning for the reunion was late getting started but it all came together beautifully, due to the efforts of Bill Bewely. His diligence was rewarded by his election to the Board of Governors and the possibility of his getting to plan and direct the next reunion also.

Throughout the events of the reunion, numerous first-time members attended. For the Friday Dinner, Lieutenant General (promotable) William "Scott" Wallace made a terrific presentation on the state of the Army and he tied the areas currently being stressed by the Army's leadership back to the attendees' time in the Regiment. The attendance was 110 at the dinner, and thirteen new memberships were processed at the reunion. Other high-lights of the reunion are described later in this issue.

One major bombshell was dropped on the Association at the first breakfast. The Army announced that week their new plans for unit designations and stationing. The good news for the Regiment is that it will continue to exist – the bad news for the current Regiment is that it will be re-designated as an Infantry Brigade (Stryker), and another Stryker Brigade will become the Second Cavalry and will be stationed in Germany again!

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**THE NATION'S FIRST and OLDEST UNIT-RELATED VETERAN'S ORGANIZATION**



2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION  
FALL 2005



DEAR FELLOW DRAGOONS:

Thanks to everyone who went out of their way to attend our biennial reunion in July. The feedback has been almost universal that this was the best event in recent memory. It certainly was the best attended and had a wonderful agenda that included guided bus tours of our nation's Capital, terrific guest speakers (such as Lt. Gen. Scott Wallace, former 3d Squadron commander who will soon pin on his fourth star), as well as unscripted time to relax and just share stories with comrades. Bill Bewley did a magnificent job as reunion committee chairman and as 'punishment' he was elected to a term on the Board of Governors. Tom Wilson, our long-serving Secretary-Treasurer, also deserves a lot of credit for ensuring smooth processing of attendees and efficient clearing of our accounts with the hotel and the bus company.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find more information about the reunion and the business conducted at the various board and general membership meetings. There is also information on our scholarship award which we are revitalizing. One critical item that was not settled was 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. Tom has also begun the revitalization of our "Sutler's Store" and has a list of high quality 2d Cavalry logo items available for sale, several of which he previewed at the reunion.

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 a life member not paying annual dues, you might consider a small donation to the general fund. We are now a legally recognized tax exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Toujours Pret,

Tom Molino  
President and  
Chief Operating Officer

2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Association  
Board of Governors and General Membership Meetings



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES, 29 JULY 2005**

1. The board of governors meeting was called to order at 09:00 on 29 July 2005 at McLean, Virginia, by President Tom Molino.

2. The following voting members of the board were present constituting a quorum:

Chairman: L. Don Holder  
President Tom Molino  
Treasurer/Secretary Tom Wilson  
VP (Chapters) William J. Heidner  
VP (Committees) Stephen Robinette  
Governor Tom Stewart

Governor Glen Back gave his proxy to Tom Molino  
Governor Ken Hornby gave his proxy to Tom Wilson

Governor Lou Holz was absent

Also present was: RCSM Troxell

3. The following business was conducted:

- a. The minutes of the last Board Meeting were read and accepted.
- b. The treasurer submitted his report (attached).
- c. The scholarship trust was discussed. Steve Robinette was appointed Scholarship Chairman. The board determined that active soldiers, family members of active soldiers, and children of members are eligible to complete for scholarships. The board approved up to 2 scholarships a year at \$1,000. RCSM Troxel, Tom Wilson and Bill Heidner were appointed to the scholarship committee.
- d. The next reunion was discussed. The board will solicit a sponsor during the general membership meeting.
- e. Vacancies in the board were discussed. Don Holder and Bill Heidner's terms expire. Both were willing to continue on the board. Tom Molino will confer with absent board members about their willingness to continue on the board.
- f. Support to the Regiment

(1) The Regimental awards program was discussed. The board approved \$800 for CY 2006 to supplement the \$250 approved for CY 2005. Tom Molino will solicit sponsorship for Regimental awards such as Soldier of the Year in the next *Thoroughbred*.

(2) The Regiment's 170th birthday on 23 March 2006 was discussed. The board agreed to support the celebration in principle by providing up-front financial support. Tom Stewart was designated as the Association Chairman and will coordinate directly with the RCO and the RCSM to determine specific requirements and Association participation.

g. Support for the Reed Museum was discussed. The Board authorized \$2,000 per annum to purchase historical artifacts for the museum. Any expenditure has to be vetted by Mr. Len Dyer, the museum curator.

h. The Sutler's Store was discussed.

(1) Glen Back was appointed as the Association's Quartermaster, with the specific responsibility of providing continuity to the store operation when, and if the Regiment moves from Fort Lewis to Germany.

(2) Regimental ties were discussed. Six patterns were evaluated and two were selected by the board. Steve Robinette was authorized to purchase the ties with a budget of \$1,500.

i. Tom Stewart announced that he would resign as editor of the *Thoroughbred* in two years.

j. Tom Wilson submitted a budget for the next two years (attached). The board approved the budget with adjustments.

k. The record of the Michigan chapter was discussed. The board decided to recognize the outstanding and consistent service of the chapter in the next *Thoroughbred*.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, 30 JULY 2005**

1. The general membership meeting was called to order at 08:30 on 30 July 2005 at McLean, Virginia, by President Tom Molino.

2. The following business was conducted.

a. Tom Wilson gave the Treasurer's report.

b. Tom Molino discussed the Scholarship fund.

c. Tom Molino requested a volunteer to take Tom Stewart's position as editor.

d. The next reunion was discussed. Bill Bewley offered to host the next reunion in the Washington D.C. area again.

e. The Regimental birthday was discussed. A number of members expressed their intention to attend.

f. Board elections. Ken Hornby graciously resigned from the Board in order to allow the election of someone who would have more time to devote. The following were elected to the Board of governors:

Don Holder  
Bill Heidner  
Bill Bewley

- g. Ray Thomas conducted an auction raising \$265 for the general fund.
- h. Members requested that a list with the name, address and email address of members attending the reunion be provide along with the presentation given by the RCSM on the 28th of July. Tom Wilson agreed to provide those items.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 09:00.

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES, 30 JULY 2005**

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Governor Glen Back  
Governor Bill Bewley

2. The meeting was called to order at 09:00 on 30 July 2005 at McLean, Virginia, by President Tom Molino.

3. Board officers were elected (see attached roster).

4. The meeting was adjourned at 09:15.

### **ATTACHMENT A, TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**19 JULY 2005**

SUBJECT: 2nd Cavalry Association 2005 Treasurer's Report as of 19 July 2005.

1. 2004:

a. The Associations assets net worth on 1 January 2004 totaled \$45,954.56. On 31 December 2005 the Associations net worth totaled \$47,178.62. The total net increase is \$1,224.06.

General fund cash on hand	\$18,670.35
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Scholarship fund cash on hand	28,508.27
Net worth	\$47,178.62
b. Income for the year to date totaled \$2,732.56 from the following:	
Dues	\$1,300.00
Donations	150.00
Interest	542.94
Refund (Postage)	239.62
Reunion (2001)	500.00
c. Expenses for the year to date totaled \$1,508.50. Expenses fall into the following categories:	
Supplies	\$14.34
Corporate Fee	61.25
Printing	1,016.66
Postage	286.25
Ceremony	30.00
Endowment	100.00

## **ATTACHMENT B, BUDGET MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

### 1. Budget for 2006.

Supplies	\$100.00
Memorial	200.00
Corporate Fee	62.25
Web hosting	300.00
Printing	1,000.00
Postage	200.00
Scholarship	2000.00
Sutler's Store	1500.00
Support to the Regiment	800.00
Museum Artifacts	2,000.00
Total	\$8,162.25

### 2. Budget for 2007.

Supplies	\$100.00
Memorial	200.00
Corporate Fee	62.25
Web hosting	300.00
Printing	1,000.00
Postage	200.00
Scholarship	2,000.00
Museum Artifacts	2,000.00
Support to the Regiment	TBD
TOTAL	\$5,862.25

## **DC TOURS BIG HIT WITH MEMBERS**

**Bill Heidner**

The lucky fifty (or more) members of the Association who went touring the sights of DC on Friday and Saturday thoroughly enjoyed the bus trips and scheduled venues provided by tour coordinator Dave Lewis. For what must have been the most reasonable deal in all of DC, association members boarded the luxury tour bus for tours of the Mall on Friday, and the Smithsonian's new addition to the Air and Space Museum on Saturday.

On Friday morning following the multi-course breakfast meal, members boarded the luxury bus, complete with tour guide, for a trip around the Mall. Flexible scheduling allowed the people to choose the venues they wished to spend their time at or to remain on the bus for a drive around tour. With the near record temperatures in the DC area many opted to remain mounted for a window tour and time to chat with friends, old and new alike. Others spent their time at museums of their choice, like the newly opened National Museum of the American Indian, or any number of the Smithsonian's holdings around the mall. Want to see the Hope Diamond? This dazzling blue diamond was on exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History. Many visited the war memorials that now mark the Mall as a place where American's may remember and honor those who fell defending our freedoms. Of particular interest to some was the recent addition of the WWII memorial, as well as the fairly new memorial to FDR.

Saturday's trip had a later SP time as the bus was to leave following the general membership meeting. This trip had a specific destination, the National Air and Space Museum's expanded facility at Dulles airport. The Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy center opened in December of 2003 and has quickly become the destination spot of our National Museum system. As impressive as the Air and Space Museum on the mall is, it only represents but a fraction of the museum's holdings. Where do you put the world speed record holder, the SR-71 Blackbird? How about a Space Shuttle? A B-29 Superfortress? And not just any old B-29, but the Enola Gay, fully restored and reassembled for the first time in 40 years. To see these special aircraft you only have to go to Dulles and the new museum, which is what our Tour Meister had laid on. With a special lunch at reunion coordinator Bill Bewley's Country Club, the day successfully capped the formal events held in conjunction with our reunion.

### **CHAPTERS REPORT**

**Bill Heidner V.P. (Chapters)**

IAW Article XI, section 2D, of the 2d Cavalry Association constitution states that the Vice Chairman of Chapters will render a report regarding the status of the established chapters. This report will serve to meet that requirement as well as to inform our membership regarding the current status of our Chapters. When the Association gained strength from the returning veterans of WWII, those Ghosts of Patton's Army became organized and several geographical regions stood out as organized groupings of troopers. These organized groupings became Chapters. The Delaware Chapter, the East and the

West Carolina chapters, which were organized based on the ease of travel on the east or west side of the mountain range, and the Michigan chapter. In 1997, the Louisiana Chapter was formed in order to support the active duty Regiment at Fort Polk LA.

The formal report of Chapters is to be based on a formal report rendered from the Chapters to the National Board. As of the reunion, only one official report was rendered, so I will start off with reporting on that, the Michigan Chapter. Although Chapter President Will Burdick was unable to attend the reunion, his Michiganders were well represented. In the off years, Will has communicated via emails in order to keep the Board of Directors informed regarding the various activities of the Michigan Chapter. Glen Back carried the “official” report to the Board on behalf of Will, and a phone call helped connect us to Will, who really wished he could have been with us.

The Michigan Chapter continues to serve as the focal point for our veterans who find themselves located in the Wolverine State. With social gatherings and publications, particularly Will’s own book regarding his memoirs of service in the 2d Cavalry, the Chapter continues to uphold the finest traditions of service. Outreach and recruitment are also high on the Chapter’s list of things to do. This period of continuous service, commencing with their initial establishment in 1965, and continuing to the present, is a model for other chapters to follow. The Board of Directors of the 2d Cavalry Association wishes to recognize the Michigan Chapter for their meritorious and continuous service to the Association and our membership.

The Delaware Chapter was again ably represented at the reunion by Ray Thomas, while several members from the dual chapters of the Carolinas were in attendance. Several members of the Louisiana Chapter were in attendance, even though most of them have relocated. Isaac Golding had to remain in LA to keep the home fires going along with his (and other Association members) work at the Army’s Joint Readiness Training Center. While Isaac is not at work supporting crucial training rotations at Fort Polk, he remains active as the Association’s Webmaster.

With the movement of the Regiment to Fort Lewis, a re-assessment will be made of the Louisiana Chapter’s status, though preliminary findings indicate it still meets the criteria as set forth in the Constitution. Among other Chapter matters discussed by the Board was the potential for establishing a Regimental Chapter (rather than an installation or State based Chapter) which could then move as the Regiment does. Other potential new Chapters were discussed, and if any area or grouping wishes to have Chapter status, please contact Mr. Bill Heidner, currently located at the US Army Yuma Proving Ground, 928-328-3394 or email to [william.heidner@yuma.army.mil](mailto:william.heidner@yuma.army.mil).

While no Chapter currently exists in the northwest, there is a considerable number of members who live in this region. We would like to encourage these people to think about establishing a Chapter (Northern California, are you guys still out there?). The upcoming celebration of the Regiment’s 170<sup>th</sup> Birthday next May, to be held at Fort Lewis WA, will be a great opportunity (and party) that our members can go to and support our Regiment.

Always Ready Sir – Bill Heidner

## THE SECOND CAVALRY ASSOCIATION WANTS TO HELP YOU!



### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

The Association is pleased to announce that sufficient funds are available in the Scholarship Trust to provide up to two \$1,000 scholarships for the 2005-2006 school year.

**PURPOSE:** To provide funds to the selected recipient to attend any accredited associate degree, bachelors degree, or masters degree producing school

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Association member and their children, active soldiers in the 2d Cavalry and their families are eligible to complete 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 why he/she would benefit from receiving the scholarship. These documents are due by January 1, 2006.

**EVALUATION AND AWARD:** All applications will be independently and blindly evaluated by the Association's Scholarship Committee. The scholarship funds will be deposited with the institution during the academic year.

## NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

The 2005 Reunion in Washington D.C. was an outstanding success. Bill Bewley and his assistants did a fine job. Thanks, guys, from all members who attended!

Just as the newly flagged 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment became active at Fort Lewis, and as the boxes were beginning to be unpacked at the Reed Museum, the Army decided to re-designate units again to end up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, configured with the Stryker Vehicle, stationed at Vilseck, Germany. As of this writing, I do not know the exact details of the movements, but will hopefully have that information by the publication of the next Thoroughbred. The same is true for details of the Regiment's 170<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration that is being scheduled by the Regiment. If that celebration will occur, I will get the next issue published in time for those of you who might be interested to make arrangements to attend.

Major General (ret) Robert Wagner has resigned as the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, and Colonel (ret) Beau Bergeron was selected by the Regiment to replace him. Thank you very much General Wagner. Your participation as an advisor to the Association's Board of Directors made a significant contribution to both the Association and to the Regiment. And welcome aboard to Beau with whom I served in the Regiment in 1981 and 1982.

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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 (Year/Month/Day) to (Year/Month/Day) Unit: Grade:

[ ] Other periods served in the regiment: (Year/Month/Day) to (Year/Month/Day)

2d CAV Units served in:

B. TOTAL MILITARY SERVICE:

[ ] Past extended active duty in US Armed Forces: Service: From to Grade:
[ ] Present extended active duty SVC in US Forces: Service: From (BPED): Grade:
[ ] Service in Reserves, National Guard: Service: From: To: Grade:

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 -

Occupation Spouse's Name

Home of Record (or permanent if different from above):

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:

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN YOU RECEIVE THIS ISSUE OF THE *THOROUGHbred*:**

Send Tom Molino suggestions on where the next reunion should be held and volunteer to help plan, organize and manage it.

Make a copy of this *Thoroughbred* and give it to a fellow dragoon who is not yet a member of the Association and encourage him/her to apply for membership.

Volunteer or encourage another member to volunteer for the position of *Thoroughbred* Editor.

Send the Editor your memories or anecdotes about your service in the Regiment.

Contact the Association President, Tom Molino, to volunteer your Time, Talent, or Treasure.



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