

34th Infantry Division Association • 71th Annual Reunion Johnston Iowa Lions Club & Comfort Inn Des Moines October 12-13, 2018 • Johnston, Iowa

Reunion Program

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Sunday, 14 October

3 - 5 P.M.	Registration - Hospitality Table at Lions Club Building, (16 Block Drive North) 6501 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston, IA
3 - 5 P.M.	Individuals Quality Inn Hotel, 4995 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA
5:00 P.M.	Social (Open Bar) Johnston Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Road, (Registration Table) Red Bull Tail Gate Party / BBQ (Free Will Offer Bar, Beer- Wine / Free Soda- Coffee)
6:30 P.M.	Red Bull Inf BBQ Dinner at Johnston Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, IA Welcome & Address by MAJ Jim Avrams
9:00 P.M.	Time? Ending Time: At each Guests desire they can return to Quality Inn
Saturday, 13	3 October
7:30 A.M.	Officer & Trustee Meeting, 34th ID Assn, Lions Club North Room (Invite only)
8:00 A.M.	Late Registrations, Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Road, Johnston IA
9:00 A.M.	34 th Inf Div Assn Business Meeting, Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston (Post the Colors at 9:00 A.M.)
10:30 A.M.	Guest Speaker-BG (Ret) Paul Wieck, "The Unlikely Career of a Cold Warrior"
12:00 A.M.	Lunch at Area Restaurants (Individual Pay) Bennigan's Restaurant, 4800 Merle Hay Rd, Perkins Restaurant, 4601 Merle Hay Rd
1:00 P.M.	Lead Car Departs from front of Lions Club for Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Ave
1:30 P.M.	Tour of Iowa Gold Star Military Museum & 34 th Infantry Division Exhibit. Visit of the 34 th Infantry Division Memorial Monument at Camp Dodge
3:00 P.M.	Ice Cream Social at Cp Dodge Museum.
3:30 -5:30 PM	M Social Period at Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Road, Johnston (Open Free Will Beer & Wine / Free Soda- Coffee)
5:30 P.M.	Posting of the Colors 1-113 th Cavalry Squadron
5:35 P.M.	Iowa Infantry Association Scholarships & Awards, Lions Club, MAJ James Avrams
6:00 P.M.	34th Infantry Division Association Memorial Service, CHP CPT Nate Perry
6:30 P.M.	34th Inf Div Assn Reunion Banquet, Lions Club, 6501 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston, IA
7:00 P.M.	Guest Speaker, LTC Jason Merchant, XO, 2 nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 34 th ID
7:30 P.M.	Recognize Veterans & Members / Raffle Drawings
7:40 P.M.	Closing Address, MAJ James F. Avrams, 34th ID Assn Assn. President
7:45 P.M.	UTC Social/Clean Up

No Activities - Thank You- Travel Safe.

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LTC Jason Merchant Iowa LTC Merchant will be our guest speaker for the Saturday Banquet of the 71st Annual Reunion of the 34th ID Assn. He originally served in the 1-133rd Inf Bn and currently serves as Executive Officer for the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division. LTC Merchant has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.



CSM Willie Adams, Des Moines Chapter President, 34th Infantry Division Association. Host of the 71st Annual Reunion. He was past CSM for the 1-168th Inf Bn and 2nd IBCT (Inf Brigade Combat Team), 34th Infantry Division. He has served in Afghanistan with the 34th Infantry Division.



MAJ James Avrams is the current Vice President of the 34th Infantry Division Association. He will preside as the president at the 71st Annual Reunion, on 12-13 October, 2018 at the Johnston Lions Club, Johnston, IA. MAJ Avrams has served two tours in Afghanistan with the 34th Inf Div and and now serves as the S3, 2nd IBCT, 34th ID.

